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**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[IC99-716-000, FERC-716]

**Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments**

July 23, 1999.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed information collection and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is soliciting public comments on the specific aspects of the information collection described below.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to comments submitted on or before September 27, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and written comments may be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Attn: Michael Miller, Office of the Chief Information Officer, CI-1, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208-1415, by fax at (202) 208-2425 and by e-mail at mike.miller@ferc.fed.us.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Abstract:* The information collected under the requirements of FERC-716 (OMB No. 1902-0170) "Good Faith Request for Transmission Service and Response by Transmitting Utility under

Sections 211(a) and 213(a) of the Federal Power Act" (Policy Statement) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of Sections 211 and 213 of the Federal Power Act (FPA) as amended and added by the Energy Policy Act of 1992. The information is not filed with the Commission, however, the request and response may be analyzed as part of a Section 211 proceeding. This collection of information covers the information that must be contained in the request and the response. The Energy Policy Act of 1992 amended Section 211 of the FPA and expanded the Commission's authority to order transmission service. Under the revised Section 211, the Commission may order transmission services if it finds that such action would be in the public interest, would not unreasonably impair the continued reliability of electric systems affected by the order, and would meet the requirements of amended section 211 of the FPA.

*Action:* The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection of data.

*Burden Statement:* Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated as:

Number of respondents annually	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total annual burden hours
(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)×(2)×(3)
10	1	100	1,000

Estimated total cost burden to respondents: 1,000 hours/2,080 hours per year×\$109,889 per year=\$52,832. The cost per respondent is equal to \$2,642.

The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide the information including: (1) reviewing instructions; (2) developing, acquiring, installing, and utilizing technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, verifying, processing, maintaining, disclosing and providing information; (3) adjusting the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; (4) training personnel to respond to a collection of information; (5) searching data sources; (6) completing and reviewing the collection of information; and (7) transmitting, or otherwise disclosing the information.

The estimate of cost for respondents is based upon salaries for professional and clerical support, as well as direct

and indirect overhead costs. Direct costs include all costs directly attributable to providing this information, such as administrative costs and the cost for information technology. Indirect or overhead costs are cost incurred by an organization in support of its mission. These costs apply to activities which benefit the whole organization rather than any one particular function or activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated,

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**Aquila Energy Marketing Corporation v. Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, Niagara Mohawk Energy Marketing Corporation; Filing**

July 23, 1999.

Take notice that on July 20, 1999, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (Niagara Mohawk), tendered for filing its Second Compliance Report in the