

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Agency Information Collection Extension****AGENCY:** Department of Energy.**ACTION:** Submission for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) has submitted an information collection package to the OMB for extension under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The package requests a three-year extension of its collection of information concerning annual applications from the owners of qualified renewable energy generation facilities for the consideration of Renewable Energy Production Incentive (REPI) payments, OMB Control Number 1910-0068. This information collection package covers information necessary to determine if an applicant's facility qualifies for these payments and to determine the amount of net electricity produced that qualifies for these payments and ensures that the government has sufficient information to ensure the proper use of public funds for these incentive payments.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this collection must be received on or before September 3, 2004. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, please advise the OMB Desk Officer of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at 202-395-3122.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to DOE Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102, 735 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Comments should also be addressed to Susan L. Frey, Director, Records Management Division, IM-11/ Germantown Bldg., Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-1290, or e-mail at [susan.frey@im.doe.gov](mailto:susan.frey@im.doe.gov); and to Dan Beckley, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, EE-2K/Forrestal Bldg., U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, or e-mail at [dan.beckley@ee.doe.gov](mailto:dan.beckley@ee.doe.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The DOE persons listed in **ADDRESSEES**.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This package contains: (1) OMB No.: 1910-0068; (2) Package Title: Renewable

Energy Production Incentive; (3) *Purpose:* To provide required information to receive consideration for payment for qualified renewable energy electricity produced in the prior fiscal year; (4) *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 75 (5) *Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 450; (6) *Number of Collections:* The package contains 75 (one per grantee annually) information and/or recordkeeping requirements.

Statutory Authority: Energy Policy Act of 1992, Pub. L. 102-486, 42 U.S.C. 13317.

Issued in Washington, DC, on July 27, 2004.

**Susan L. Frey,**

*Director, Records Management Division, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. IC04-547-001, FERC-547]

**Commission Information Collection Activities, Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Submitted For OMB Review**

July 29, 2004.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and reinstatement of this information collection requirement. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission received no comments in response to an earlier **Federal Register** notice of February 18, 2004 (69 FR 7623-7624) and has made this indication in its submission to OMB.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due by August 30, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Address comments on the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. Comments to OMB should be filed electronically, c/o [Pamela\\_L.\\_Beverly@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Pamela_L._Beverly@omb.eop.gov) and include the OMB Control No. as a point

of reference. The Desk Officer may be reached by telephone at (202) 395-7856. A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Executive Director, ED-30, Attention: Michael Miller, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments may be filed either in paper format or electronically. Those persons filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. For paper filings, such comments should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 and should refer to Docket No. IC04-547-001.

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All comments are available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 502-8415, by fax at (202) 273-0873, and by e-mail at [michael.miller@ferc.gov](mailto:michael.miller@ferc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Description**

The information collection submitted for OMB review contains the following:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC-547 "Gas Pipeline Rates: Refund Requirements."
2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
3. *Control No.:* 1902-0084.

The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve with a three-year extension of the expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection. The information filed with the Commission is mandatory.

4. *Necessity of the Collection of Information:* Submission of the information is necessary to enable the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing the statutory provisions of sections 4, 5 and 16 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA). Sections 4 and 5 authorize the Commission to order a refund, with interest, on any portion of a natural gas company's increased rate or charge that is found to be not just or reasonable. Refunds may also be instituted by a natural gas company as stipulation to a Commission-approved settlement agreement or provisions under the company's tariff. Section 16 authorizes the Commission to prescribe the rules and regulations necessary to administer its refund mandates. The data collected under FERC-547 allows the Commission to monitor the refunds owed by the Natural gas companies and to ensure the flow through of refunds, with applicable interest, to the appropriate customers. The Commission implements the refund and reporting requirements in the Code of Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR 154.501 and 154.502.

5. *Respondent Description:* The respondent universe currently comprises 75 companies (on average per year) subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

6. *Estimated Burden:* 5,625 total hours, 75 respondents (average per year), 1 response per respondent, and 75 hours per response (average).

7. *Estimated Cost Burden to respondents:* 5,625 hours / 2080 hours per years  $\times$  \$107,185 per year = \$289,863. The cost per respondent is equal to \$3,865.

**Authority:** Sections 4, 5, and 16 of the FPA (15 U.S.C. 717c, 717d and 717o).

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC04-588-001, FERC-588]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities, Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Submitted for OMB Review

July 29, 2004.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and reinstatement of this information collection requirement. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission received no comments in response to an earlier **Federal Register** notice of February 17, 2004 (69 FR 7461-7462) and has responded to their comments in its submission to OMB.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due by August 30, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Address comments on the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. Comments to OMB should be filed electronically, c/o *Pamela\_L.\_Beverly@omb.eop.gov* and include the OMB Control No. as a point of reference. The Desk Officer may be reached by telephone at (202) 395-7856. A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Executive Director, ED-30, Attention: Michael Miller, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments may be filed either in paper format or electronically. Those persons filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. For paper filings, such comments should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 and should refer to Docket No. IC04-588-001.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Description

The information collection submitted for OMB review contains the following:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC-588 "Emergency Natural Gas Transportation, Sale and Exchange Transactions."

2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

3. *Control No.:* 1902-0144.

The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve with a three-year extension of the expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection. The information filed with the Commission is mandatory.

4. *Necessity of the Collection of Information:* Submission of the information is necessary to enable the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing the statutory provisions 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (Pub. L. 75-688) (15 U.S.C. 717-717w) and provisions of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA), (15 U.S.C. 3301-3432). Under the NGA, a natural gas company must obtain Commission approval to engage in the transportation, sale or exchange of natural gas in interstate commerce. However, section 7(c) exempts from certificate requirements "temporary acts or operations for which the issuance of a certificate will not be required in the public interest." The NGPA also provides for non-certificated interstate transactions involving intrastate pipelines and local distribution companies.

A temporary operation, or emergency, is defined as any situation in which an actual or expected shortage of gas supply would require an interstate pipeline company, intrastate pipeline or local distribution company, or Hinshaw pipeline to curtail deliveries of gas or provide less than the projected level of service to the customer. The natural gas companies file the necessary information with the Commission so that it may determine if the transaction/operation qualifies for exemption. A