

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Technical Workshop in Support of DOE 2009 Congestion Study**

**AGENCY:** Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of Technical Workshop.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE) will conduct a Technical Workshop to receive input from subject matter experts on the historical transmission data in the Western and Eastern Interconnections and on studies of future transmission projections within the two Interconnections. The input received will be used by DOE in preparing the 2009 Congestion Study which will be submitted to Congress by August 8, 2009. Specific issues to be addressed at the Technical Workshop include: Region-specific interpretation of congestion data; congestion metrics; and experiences and issues associated with region-wide planning. No fee is required to attend the Technical Workshop; however, pre-registration is requested for meeting planning purposes. Additional information, including a registration link, is available at <http://www.congestion09.anl.gov/>.

**DATES:** The technical workshop will be held on March 25, 2009, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and March 26, 2009, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

*Location:* Crowne Plaza Chicago O'Hare Hotel & Conference Center, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, Illinois, 60018, Phone: 847-671-6350.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Technical Workshop will consist of five sessions as follows: March 25, Session 1, Historic Congestion in the Western Interconnection; Session 2, Historic Congestion in the Eastern Interconnection; Session 3, Studies of Future Congestion in the Western Interconnection; March 26, Session 4, Studies of Future Congestion in the Eastern Interconnection; and Session 5, Status Report on the 2009 Congestion Study.

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

[Docket No. IC09-556-000]

**Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-556); Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension**

February 11, 2009.

**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 comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described below.

**DATES:** Comments in consideration of the collection of information are due April 17, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be filed either electronically or in paper format, and should refer to Docket No. IC09-556-000. Documents must be prepared in an acceptable filing format and in compliance with Commission submission guidelines at <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp>.

Comments may be eFiled. The eFiling option under the Documents & Filings tab on the Commission's home web page (<http://www.ferc.gov>) directs users to the eFiling Web site. First-time users follow the eRegister instructions on the eFiling web page to establish a user name and password before eFiling. Filers will receive an e-mailed confirmation of their eFiled comments. Commenters filing electronically should not make a paper filing. If unable to make a filing electronically, deliver an original and 14 paper copies of the filing to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

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under the Documents & Filings tab on the Commission's home web page directs users to the eSubscription web page. Users submit the docket numbers of the filings they wish to track and will subsequently receive an e-mail notification each time a filing is made under the submitted docket numbers. First-time users will need to establish a user name and password before eSubscribing.

Filed comments and FERC issuances may be viewed, printed and downloaded remotely from the Commission's Web site. The red eLibrary link found at the top of most of the Commission's web pages directs users to FERC's eLibrary. From the eLibrary web page, choose General Search, and in the Docket Number space provided, enter IC09-556; then click the Submit button at the bottom of the page.

For help with any of the Commission's electronic submission or retrieval systems, contact FERC Online Support (e-mail at [ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov](mailto:ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov), or telephone toll-free (866) 208-3676 (TTY (202) 502-8659)).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Commission uses the FERC Form No. 556, Cogeneration and Small Power Production, OMB Control Number 1902-0075, to implement the statutory provisions in Federal Power Act (FPA) section 3 (16 U.S.C. 792-828c) and sections 201 and 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA) of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2601). These statutes authorize the Commission to encourage cogeneration and small power production and to prescribe such rules as necessary in order to carry out these statutory directives. Commission regulations pertaining to FERC Form No. 556 can be found in 18 CFR 131.80 and 18 CFR Part 292.

A primary objective of PURPA, as indicated in section 2 of the FPA is the conservation of energy through efficient use of energy resources and facilities by electric utilities. One means of achieving this goal is to encourage production of electric power by cogeneration facilities which make use of reject heat associated with commercial or industrial processes, and by small power production facilities which use other wastes and renewable resources as fuel. Congress, through PURPA, established various regulatory benefits to encourage the development of small power production facilities and