

www.energy.gov/hubs/eric.htm) issued on February 8, 2010, titled the Energy Efficient Building Systems Regional Innovation Cluster Initiative. A single proposal submitted by a consortium of applicants will be funded at a total of up to \$129.7 million over 5 years to foster a regional innovation cluster focused on innovation in energy efficient building technologies and systems design. The DOE funded Energy Efficient Building Systems Design Hub (the "Hub") will serve as a centerpiece of the regional innovation cluster (the "Energy Regional Innovation Cluster" or "E-RIC") and will work to disseminate new technologies into the local marketplace and share best practices with the public and private sectors. By linking researchers in the Hub with local businesses and supporting specialized workforce education and training in the area, the E-RIC will create an economically dynamic region focused on energy efficient buildings technologies and systems design. The Hub, one of three Energy Innovation Hubs to be created by the DOE in Fiscal Year 2010, will bring together a multidisciplinary team of researchers ideally working under one roof to conduct high-risk, high-reward research that overcomes technology challenges through approaches that span basic research to engineering development to commercialization readiness. The Hub will work with key partners funded by EDA, NIST, SBA, DOL, ED and NSF to foster the Energy Regional Innovation Cluster and leverage the collective resources and expertise of the seven federal agencies involved. At this public meeting, representatives from these agencies will discuss the goals and requirements of the joint FOA and answer any questions. To attend the conference or participate in the webcast, please go to <http://www.energy.gov/hubs/apply.htm> and follow the link to the information session site. Please identify your affiliation and state whether you will attend the in-person conference or participate in the webcast.

DATES: Monday, February 22, 2010, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. (Registration begins at 9 a.m.)

ADDRESSES: Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center Amphitheater (Concourse Level—closest to Pennsylvania Ave entrance), 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Megan Gatten at MGatten@smithbucklin.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Purpose of the Meeting: To communicate the goals and

requirements of the Joint Federal Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for the Energy Efficient Building Systems Regional Innovation Cluster Initiative and to answer questions related to the FOA.

Tentative Agenda (Subject To Change)

- 9 a.m.–10 a.m. Registration
- 10 a.m.–10:15 a.m. Welcome and Overview of RIC Interagency Taskforce
- 10:15 a.m.–11:10 a.m. Overview of Regional Innovation Clusters
- 11:10 a.m.–11:30 a.m. The Need for Energy Efficient Building Innovations
- 11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Overview of the Joint FOA
- 12:15 p.m.–1:15 p.m. Lunch Break
- 1:15 p.m.–4 p.m. Presentations by Participating Agencies
- 4 p.m.–4:30 p.m. Discussion of submission requirements and procedures
- 4:30 p.m.–4:50 p.m. Break
- 4:50 p.m.–5:50 p.m. Questions and Answers
- 5:50 p.m.–6 p.m. Closing Remarks

Public Participation: In keeping with procedures, members of the stakeholder community and the general public are welcome to observe the business of the conference and to submit their questions. To attend the conference or participate in the webcast, please go to <http://www.energy.gov/hubs/apply.htm> and follow the link to the information session site. Please state whether you will attend the in-person conference or participate in the webcast, and what organization you represent (if appropriate).

Reasonable provision will be made to answer all questions during the meeting and webcast. If you would like to file a written question, you may do so at the meeting or during the webcast, or by contacting the appropriate person identified on the E-RIC Web site at http://www.energy.gov/hubs/contact_us.htm.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review at <http://www.energy.gov/hubs/eric.htm>.

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Henry Kelly,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC10-730-001]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-730); Comment Request; Submitted for OMB Review

February 3, 2010.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

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 or FERC) has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review of the information collection requirements. 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 the **Federal Register** notice (74 FR 59146, 11/17/2009) and has noted that in its submission to OMB.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due by March 22, 2010.

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 oira_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:c/o_oir_submission@omb.eop.gov) and include OMB Control Number 1902-0238 as a point of reference. The Desk Officer may be reached by telephone at 202-395-4638. A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and should refer to Docket No. IC10-730-001. Comments may be filed either electronically or in paper format. Those persons filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. Documents filed electronically via the Internet must be prepared in an acceptable filing format and in compliance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission submission guidelines. Complete filing instructions (including the required number of copies and acceptable filing formats) are available at <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide/electronic-media.asp>. To file the document electronically, access the Commission's Web site and click on Documents & Filing, E-Filing (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>),

and then follow the instructions for each screen. First-time users will have to establish a user name and password. The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgement to the sender's e-mail address upon receipt of comments.

All comments may be viewed, printed or downloaded remotely via the Internet through FERC's homepage using the "eLibrary" link. For user assistance, contact ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208-3676 or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Ellen Brown may be reached by telephone at (202) 502-8663, by fax at (202) 273-0873, and by e-mail at ellen.brown@ferc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FERC-730, "Report of Transmission Investment Activity" (OMB Control No. 1902-0239) is filed by public utilities that have been granted incentive rate treatment for specific electric

transmission projects. Filing requirements are specified in 18 CFR 35.35(h). Actual and planned transmission investments, and related project data for the most recent calendar year and the subsequent five years, must be reported annually beginning with the calendar year that the Commission granted the incentive rates.

Congress enacted section 1241 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPA 2005), adding a new section 219 to the Federal Power Act (FPA), to promote the operation, maintenance and enhancement of electric transmission infrastructure. Congress aimed to benefit consumers by ensuring reliability and/or reducing the cost of delivered power through reducing transmission congestion. In response to EPA 2005, in Docket No. RM06-4, the Commission amended its regulations to allow for these incentive-based, (including performance-based), rate treatments.

Through Docket No. RM06-4, the Commission amended its regulations in 18 CFR 35.35 to identify the incentive ratemaking treatments allowed under FPA section 219. Incentives are required to be tailored to the type of transmission investments being made, and each applicant must demonstrate that its proposal meets the requirements of FPA section 219.

The Commission needs the information filed under FERC-730 to provide a basis for determining the effectiveness of the rules and regulations and to provide an accurate assessment of the state of the industry with respect to transmission investment.

Action: The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date for the FERC-730, with no changes.

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

| FERC Information collection | Annual number of respondents | Average number of responses per respondent | Average burden hours per response | Total annual burden hours |
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| FERC-730 | 20 | 1 | 30 | 600 |

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$37,008.75 (600 hours/2080 hours¹ per year, times \$128,297² equals \$37,008.75).

The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, 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 costs 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, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC09-912-001]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-912¹), Supplemental Notice

February 3, 2010.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Supplemental 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 or FERC) has submitted the FERC-912¹ to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review of the information collection requirements.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In response to the Commission's Notice in Docket No. IC09-912-001 requesting public comment (74 FR 63743, 12/4/2009), FERC and OMB received one

¹ FERC-912 ("Cogeneration and Small Power Production, PURPA Section 210(m) Regulations for Termination or Reinstatement of Obligation to Purchase or Sell;" OMB Control No. 1902-0237) covers the reporting requirements in 18 CFR Part 292.

¹ Number of hours an employee works each year.

² Average annual salary per employee.