

recommendations on issues including alternatives for the storage, processing, and disposal of civilian and defense spent nuclear fuel and nuclear waste.

The Co-chairs of the Commission requested the Disposal Subcommittee to answer the question: “[h]ow can the U.S. go about establishing one or more disposal sites for high-level nuclear wastes in a manner that is technically, politically and socially acceptable?”

**Purpose of the Meeting:** The meeting will provide the Disposal Subcommittee with valuable perspectives and experiences of a broad range of interested and affected parties related to the disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level waste.

**Tentative Agenda:** The meeting is expected to start at 8 a.m. on July 7 with the presentations from invited parties and end at 3:45 p.m.

**Public Participation:** Subcommittee meetings are not subject to the requirements of the Act; however, the Commission has elected to open the presentation session of the meeting to the public. This meeting is open to the public. Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions may do so at the end of the meeting on Wednesday, July 7, 2010. Approximately 45 minutes will be reserved for public comments. Time allotted per speaker will depend on the number who wish to speak but will not exceed 5 minutes. The Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Those wishing to speak should register to do so beginning at 7:30 a.m. on July 7, 2010.

Those not able to attend the meeting or have insufficient time to address the subcommittee are invited to send a written statement to Timothy A. Frazier, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington DC 20585, e-mail to [CommissionDFO@nuclear.energy.gov](mailto:CommissionDFO@nuclear.energy.gov), or post comments on the Commission website at <http://www.brc.gov>.

Additionally, the meeting will be available via live audio webcast. The link will be available at <http://www.brc.gov>.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting will be available at <http://www.brc.gov> or by contacting Mr. Frazier. He may be reached at the postal address or e-mail address above.

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**Rachel Samuel,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future, Reactor and Fuel Cycle Technologies Subcommittee

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy, Office of Nuclear Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of Open Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces an open meeting of the Reactor and Fuel Cycle Technologies (RFCT) Subcommittee. The RFCT Subcommittee is a subcommittee of the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future (the Commission). The establishment of subcommittees is authorized in the Commission's charter. The Commission was organized pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law No. 94-463, 86 Stat. 770) (the Act). This notice is provided in accordance with the Act.

**DATES:** Monday, July 13, 2010, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Shilo Inn Suites Hotel, 780 Lindsay Boulevard, Idaho Falls, ID 83402, Phone (208) 523-0088.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Timothy A. Frazier, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; telephone (202) 586-4243 or facsimile (202) 586-0544; e-mail

[CommissionDFO@nuclear.energy.gov](mailto:CommissionDFO@nuclear.energy.gov).

Additional information may also be available at <http://www.brc.gov>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Background:** The President directed that the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future (the Commission) be established to conduct a comprehensive review of policies for managing the back end of the nuclear fuel cycle. The Commission will provide advice and make recommendations on issues including alternatives for the storage, processing, and disposal of civilian and defense spent nuclear fuel and nuclear waste.

The Co-chairs of the Commission requested the formation of the RFCT Subcommittee to answer the question: “[d]o technical alternatives to today's once-through fuel cycle offer sufficient promise to warrant serious consideration and R&D investment, and do these technologies hold significant potential to influence the way in which used fuel is stored and disposed?”

**Purpose of the Meeting:** The meeting will primarily focus on the United States research and development (R&D) capabilities and activities in reactor and fuel cycle technologies.

**Tentative Agenda:** The meeting is expected to start at 8:30 a.m. on July 12 with the presentations regarding the Department of Energy's Office of Nuclear Energy's R&D activities and end at 5 p.m.

**Public Participation:** Subcommittee meetings are not subject to the requirements of the Act; however, the Commission has elected to open the presentation sessions of the meeting to the public. The meeting is open to the public. Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions may do so at the end of the meeting on Monday, July 12, 2010. Approximately 45 minutes will be reserved for public comments. Time allotted per speaker will depend on the number who wish to speak but will not exceed 5 minutes. The Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Those wishing to speak should register to do so beginning at 8 a.m. on July 12, 2010.

Those not able to attend the meeting or have insufficient time to address the subcommittee are invited to send a written statement to Timothy A. Frazier, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington DC 20585, e-mail to [CommissionDFO@nuclear.energy.gov](mailto:CommissionDFO@nuclear.energy.gov), or post comments on the Commission website at <http://www.brc.gov>.

Additionally, the meeting will be available via live audio webcast. The link will be available at <http://www.brc.gov>.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting will be available at <http://www.brc.gov> or by contacting Mr. Frazier. He may be reached at the postal address or e-mail address above.

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 15, 2010.

**Rachel Samuel,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC10-725E-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-FERC-725E); Comment Request; Extension

June 15, 2010.

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

**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, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A) (2006), (Pub. L. No. 104-13), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the proposed information collection described below.

**DATES:** Comments in consideration of the collection of information are due 60 days after publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be filed either electronically (eFiled) or in paper format, and should refer to Docket No. IC10-725E-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>. eFiling instructions are available at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. First time users must follow eRegister instructions at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/eregistration.asp>, to establish a user name and password before eFiling. The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgement to the sender's e-mail address upon receipt of eFiled comments. Commenters making an eFiling should not make a paper filing. Commenters that are not able to file electronically must send an original and two (2) paper copies of their comments to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket may do so through eSubscription at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp>. In addition, all comments and FERC issuances may be viewed, printed or downloaded remotely through FERC's eLibrary at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>, by searching on Docket No. IC10-725E-000. For user assistance, contact FERC Online Support by e-mail at [ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov](mailto:ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov), or by phone at: (866) 208-3676 (toll-free) or (202) 502-8659 for TTY.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Miller may be reached by e-mail at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), telephone at (202) 502-8415, and fax at (202) 273-0873.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The information collected by the FERC-725E (OMB Control No. 1902-0246) is

required to implement the statutory provisions of section 215 of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. 824o). Section 215 of the FPA buttresses the Commission's efforts to strengthen the reliability of the interstate grid through the grant of new authority by providing for a system of mandatory Reliability Standards developed by the Electric Reliability Organization. Reliability Standards that the ERO proposes to the Commission may include Reliability Standards that are proposed to the ERO by a Regional Entity.<sup>1</sup> A Regional Entity is an entity that has been approved by the Commission to enforce Reliability Standards under delegated authority from the ERO.<sup>2</sup> On June 8, 2008 in an adjudicatory order, the Commission approved eight regional Reliability Standards submitted by the ERO that were proposed by the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC).<sup>3</sup>

WECC is responsible for coordinating and promoting electric system reliability. In addition to promoting a reliable electric power system in the Western Interconnection, WECC supports efficient competitive power markets, ensures open and non-discriminatory transmission access among members, and provides a forum for resolving transmission access disputes plus the coordination of operating and planning activities of its members. WECC and the eight other regional reliability councils were formed due to national concern regarding the reliability of the interconnected bulk power systems, the ability to operate these systems without widespread failures in electric service and the need to foster the preservation of reliability through a formal organization. The eight regional Reliability Standards are translations of existing reliability criteria and are now binding on the applicable subset of users, owners and operators of the Bulk Power System in the United States portion of the Western Interconnection. The Commission's reporting requirements are found in 18 CFR Part 40.

The eight proposed Reliability Standards do not require responsible entities to file information with the Commission. However, the standards do require responsible entities to file periodic reports with WECC and to develop and maintain certain information for a specified period of time, subject to inspection by WECC. WECC-BAL-STD-002-0 requires balancing authorities and reserve

sharing groups to submit to WECC quarterly reports on operating reserves as well as reports after any instance of non-compliance. WECC-IRO-STD-006-0 requires transmission operators, balancing authorities and load-serving entities to document and report to WECC actions taken in response to direction to mitigate unscheduled flow. The standard also requires transmission operators to document required actions that are and are not taken by responsible entities. WECC-PRC-STD-001-1 requires certain transmission operators to submit to WECC annual certifications of protective equipment. WECC-PRC-STD-003-1 requires certain transmission operators to report to WECC any misoperation of relays and remedial action schemes. WECC-PRC-STD-005-1 requires certain transmission operators to maintain, in stated form, maintenance and inspection records pertaining to their transmission facilities. The standard also requires operators to certify to WECC that the operator is maintaining the required records. WECC-TOP-STD-007-0 requires certain transmission operators to submit to WECC quarterly reports on transfer capability data and compliance as well as reports after an instance of non-compliance. WECC-VAR-STD-002a-1 and WECC-VAR-STD-002b-1 require certain generators to submit quarterly reports to WECC on automatic voltage control and power system stabilizers. All of the foregoing regional Reliability Standards require the reporting entity to retain relevant data in electronic form for one year or for a longer period if the data is relevant to a dispute or potential penalty, except that WECC-PRC-STD-005-1 requires retention of maintenance and inspection records for five years and retention of other data for four years.

The Commission uses the data to participate in North American Electric Reliability Council's (NERC's) Reliability readiness reviews of balancing authorities, transmission operators and reliability coordinators in North America to determine their readiness to maintain safe and reliable operations. In addition, FERC's Office of Electric Reliability uses the data to engage in studies and other activities to assess the longer-term and strategic needs and issues related to power grid reliability.

**Action:** The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the FERC-725E reporting requirements, with no changes.

**Burden Statement:** The estimated annual burden follows.

<sup>1</sup> 16 U.S.C. 824o(e)(4).

<sup>2</sup> 16 U.S.C. 824o(a)(7) and (e)(4).

<sup>3</sup> 72 FR 33462, June 18, 2007.

FERC Data collection	Number of respondents	Average number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1) x (2) x (3)
FERC-725E Reporting:				
Balancing Authorities .....	32	1	20	640
Generator Operators .....	196	1	10	1960
Load-Serving Entities .....	140	1	10	1490
Transmission Operators/Owners .....	83	1-7 each (total of 83)	40	3320
Record-keeping .....				
		Balancing Authorities .....		64
		Generator Operators .....		196
		Load-Serving Entities .....		140
		Transmission Owners/Operators .....		332
		Totals .....		732

7,410 Total Annual hours for the Information Collection: 7,410 reporting hours + 732 recordkeeping = 8,142 hours.

The Commission is seeking comments on the costs to comply with these requirements. It has projected the average annualized cost to be \$918,480 as shown below:

Reporting = 7,410 hours @ \$120/hour = \$889,200, Recordkeeping = 732 hours @ \$40/hour = \$29,280  
Total Costs = Reporting (\$889,200) + Recordkeeping (\$29,280) = \$918,480

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 Nos. IC10-580-001]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC Form No. 580); Request; Submitted for OMB Review June 15, 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 collections 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 issued a Notice in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 66114, 12/14/2009) requesting public comments. FERC received comments from Edison Electric Institute (EEI), American Electric Power Company (AEP), MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) and Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) and has made this notation in its submission to OMB.

**DATES:** Comments on the collections of information are due by July 21, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Address comments on the collections 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 [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov) and include the appropriate OMB Control Number(s) and collection number(s) 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. IC10-580-001. 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 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>),