The estimated total cost to respondents is $3,028,143 [44,240 hours/2,080 hours 1 per year, times $142,372 2 equals $3,028,143]. The cost per respondent annually is $27,037. This is a decrease from 134 to currently an average of 112 filings annually. The Commission considers this a normal fluctuation due to market activities and filing times chosen. Utilities file periodically; therefore the number of filings is expected to continue to fluctuate from year-to-year.

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, using 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 filing instructions and requirements; (4) training personnel to respond to this collection of information; (5) searching data sources; (6) completing and reviewing the collection of information; and (7) transmitting, or otherwise disclosing the information.

The cost estimate 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.

Dated: June 14, 2011.

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary.

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### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

#### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC11–603–001]

**Commission Information Collection Activities (Ferc–603); Comment Request; Submitted for OMB Review**

**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 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 issued a Notice in the Federal Register (76 FR 18743, 4/5/2011) requesting public comments. FERC received no comments on the FERC–603 and has made this notation in its submission to OMB.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due by July 20, 2011.

**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 Created by OMB should be filed electronically, c/o oira_submission@OMB.eop.gov and include OMB Control Number 1902–0197 for 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. IC11–603–001. 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.asp](http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.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](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.

For paper filings, the comments should be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, and should refer to Docket No. IC11–603–001.

Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in FERC Docket Number IC11–603 may do so through eSubscription at [http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp](http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp). 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 CONTACT:** Ellen Brown may be reached by e-mail at DataClearance@FERC.gov, by telephone at (202) 502–8683, and by fax at (202) 273–0873.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The information collected under

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1 Number of hours an employee works each year.
2 Average annual salary per employee (including overhead).
requirements of FERC–603 “Critical Energy Infrastructure Information” (OMB No. 1902–0197) is used by the Commission to implement procedures for gaining access to critical energy infrastructure information (CEII) that would not otherwise be available under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552). On February 21, 2003, the Commission issued Order No. 630 (66 FR 52917) to address the appropriate treatment of CEII in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and to restrict unrestrained general access due to the ongoing terrorism threat. These steps enable the Commission to keep sensitive infrastructure information out of the public domain, decreasing the likelihood that such information could be used to plan or execute terrorist attacks. The process adopted in Order No. 630 is a more efficient alternative for handling requests for previously public documents than FOIA. The Commission has defined CEII to include information about “existing or proposed critical infrastructure that (i) Relates to the production, generation, transmission, transmission, or distribution of energy; (ii) could be useful to a person planning an attack on critical infrastructure; (iii) is exempt from mandatory disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, and (iv) does not simply give the location of the critical infrastructure. Critical infrastructure means existing and proposed systems and assets, whether physical or virtual, the incapacity or destruction of which would negatively affect security, economic security, public health or safety, or any combination of those matters. A person seeking access to CEII may file a request for that information by providing information about their identity and reason as to the need for the information. Through this process, the Commission is able to review the requester’s need for the information against the sensitivity of the information. The compliance with these requirements is mandatory.

**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:

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1 The number of respondents corresponds to the number of requests received annually while recognizing that some CEII requests are filed by multiple parties.

The estimated total cost to respondents is $4,080. The cost per respondent = $20.40. (60 hours @ $68 hourly rate). 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.

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DATED: June 9, 2011.

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary.

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