For the Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC12–16–000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–715); Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of information collection and request for comments.


DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due November 5, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC12–16–000) by either of the following methods:
• eFiling at Commission’s Web Site: http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp.
• Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Instructions: All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp. For user assistance contact FERC Online Support by email at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or by phone at: (866) 208–3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502–8659 for TTY.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Brown may be reached by email at DataClearance@FERC.gov, telephone at (202) 502–8663, and fax at (202) 273–0873.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:


OMB Control No.: 1902–0171.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC–715 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

Abstract: Acting under FPA Section 213, FERC requires each transmitting utility that operates integrated transmission system facilities rated at or above 100 kilovolts (kV) to submit annually:
• Contact information for the FERC–715;
• Base case power flow data (if it does not participate in the development and use of regional power flow data);
• Transmission system maps and diagrams used by the respondent for transmission planning;
• A detailed description of the transmission planning reliability criteria used to evaluate system performance for time frames and planning horizons used in regional and corporate planning;
• A detailed description of the respondent’s transmission planning assessment practices (including, but not limited to, how reliability criteria are applied and the steps taken in performing transmission planning studies); and
• A detailed evaluation of the respondent’s anticipated system performance as measured against its stated reliability criteria using its stated assessment practices.

The FERC–715 enables the Commission to use the information as part of their regulatory oversight functions which includes:
• The review of rates and charges;
• The disposition of jurisdictional facilities;
• The consolidation and mergers;
• The adequacy of supply and;
• Reliability of nation’s transmission grid.

The FERC–715 enables the Commission to facilitate and resolve transmission disputes. Additionally, the Office of Electric Reliability (OER) uses the FERC–715 data to help protect and improve the reliability and security of the nation’s bulk power system. OER oversees the development and review of mandatory reliability and security standards and ensures compliance with the approved standards by the users, owners, and operators of the bulk power system. OER also monitors and addresses issues concerning the nation’s bulk power system including assessments of resource adequacy and reliability.

Without the FERC–715 data, the Commission would be unable to evaluate planned projects or requests related to transmission.

Type of Respondents: Integrated transmission system facilities rated at or above 100 kilovolts (kV).

Estimate of Annual Burden:

The Commission estimates the total Public Reporting Burden for this information collection as:

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|-------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Number of respondents (A)                      | Number of responses per respondent (B) | Total number of responses (A) × (B) = (C) | Average burden hours per response (D) | Estimated total annual burden (C) × (D) |
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The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is $1,214,569.23 [17,600 hours ÷ 2080 hours per year = 8.46153 × $143,540/year = $1,214,569.23].

Comments: Comments are invited on:
(1) Whether the 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 and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
(3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection;
(4) the impact of the burden on the respondent’s operations cost.

The Commission defines burden as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. For further explanation of what is included in the information collection burden, reference 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.
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Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–714); Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 USC 3506(c)(2)(A), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection, Annual Electric Balancing Authority Area and Planning Area Report.

The Commission estimates the total Public Reporting Burden for this information collection as:

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The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is $1,314,839.32 [19,053 hours + 2080 hours/year \( \times 2 = 9.16009 \times $143,540/year \times 3 = $1,314,839.32]

Comments: Comments are invited on:
(1) Whether the 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 and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
(3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and
(4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.


Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary.

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[Project No. 14447–000]

L.S. Starrett Company; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission and Soliciting Additional Study Requests

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. Type of Application: Exemption from Licensing.

Further explanation of what is included in the information collection burden, reference 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.