associated structures, and other 
environmental information) has been 
utilized as the basis for the evaluation 
contained in the Draft ULP PEIS.

For the Draft ULP PEIS, DOE is 
complying with Executive Order (E.O.) 
13175 and with Section 7 of the 
Endangered Species Act by engaging in 
consultation on a government-to-
government basis with Native American 
tribes and with the U. S. Fish and 
Wildlife Service, respectively.

Alternatives

Five alternatives are analyzed in the 
Draft ULP PEIS as follows: (1) 
Alternative 1: DOE would terminate all 
leases, and all operations would be 
reclaimed by lessees. DOE would 
continue to manage the withdrawn 
lands, without leasing, in accordance with 
applicable requirements; (2) 
Alternative 2: Same as Alternative 1, 
except once reclamation was completed by 
lessees, DOE would relinquish the 
lands in accordance with 43 CFR part 
2370. If DOI/BLM determines, in 
accordance with that same part of the 
CPR, the lands were suitable to be 
managed as public domain lands, they 
were issued in 2008. 
Alternative 3: DOE would continue the 
ULP as it existed before July 2007 with 
the 13 then-active leases, for the next 
10-year period or for another reasonable 
period, as the leases were when they 
were issued in 2008. 

DOE’s preferred alternative is 
Alternative 4. That is, DOE would 
continue the ULP with the 31 lease 
tracts for the next 10-year period or for 
another reasonable period. 

Public Hearings and Invitation to 
Comment

DOE will hold four public hearings on 
the Draft ULP PEIS at the following 
locations, dates, and locations:

- Grand Junction, Colorado, April 22, 
2013 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Colorado 
Mesa University, University Center 
Ballroom, 1455 N. 12th St., Grand 
Junction, Co.
- Montrose, Colorado, April 23, 2013 
from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Johnson 
Elementary School, 13820 67.00 Road, 
Montrose, CO.
- Telluride, Colorado, April 24, 2013 
from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Telluride 
Middle/High School, 725 W Colorado 
Avenue, Telluride, Co.
- Naturita, Colorado, April 25, 2013 
from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Naturita 
School, 141 W Main St., Naturita, Co.

The public hearings will begin with 
an open-house format with subject 
matter experts from DOE available to 
answer questions on the ULP and Draft 
ULP PEIS. The public hearing portion of 
the meeting will run from 7 p.m. 
through 9 p.m. Individuals who would 
like to present comments orally at these 
hearings should register upon arrival at 
the hearing or register via the internet at 
http://ulppeis.anl.gov/ before the public 
hearing dates. Members of the general 
public are invited to attend the hearings 
at their convenience any time during 
hearing hours and submit their 
comments in writing, or in person to a 
court reporter. Written comments on the 
Draft ULP PEIS may also be submitted 
to the address shown above under 
ADDRESSES or on the Internet at http:// 
ulppeis.anl.gov/.
No. IC13–7–000, 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.

Docket: Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket or in viewing/download comments and issuances in this docket may do so at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/docs-filing.asp.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:


OMB Control No.: 1902–0240.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC–607 information collection requirements with no changes to the reporting requirements.

Abstract: The FERC–607 information collection requires agencies (Federal agency or officer, or State agency or officer acting pursuant to delegated Federal authority, responsible for a Federal authorization) to submit to the Commission a copy of a decision or action on a request for Federal authorization and an accompanying index to the documents and materials relied on in reaching a conclusion. The Commission authorizes the construction and operation of proposed natural gas projects under Natural Gas Act Sections 3 and 7; however, the Commission does not have jurisdiction over every aspect of each natural gas project. Hence, for a natural gas project to go forward, in addition to Commission approval, several different agencies must typically reach favorable findings regarding other aspects of the project. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct 2005) modified FERC’s role in order to better coordinate the activities of the separate agencies with varying responsibilities over proposed natural gas projects. Section 313 of EPAct 2005 directs FERC to compile a record of each agency’s decision along with the record of the Commission’s decision. The Commission compiles this record in order to serve as a consolidated record for the purpose of appeal or review (including judicial review).

Type of Respondents: Government agencies responsible for issuing authorizations for proposed natural gas projects.

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

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|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Number of respondents | Number of responses per respondent | Total number of responses | Average burden hours per response | Estimated total annual burden |
| (A)                    | (B)              | (A) × (B) = (C)  | (D)              | (C) × (D)        |
| 1                      | 1                | 1                | 6                | 6               |

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is $414 [6 hours × 2080 hours/year × $143,540/year = $414].

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.

Dated: March 11, 2013.

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC13–6–000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–606); Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Comment request.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is submitting the information collection, FERC–606 (Notification of Request for Federal Authorization and Requests for Further Information), 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 (77 FR 76016, 12/26/2012) requesting public comments. FERC received no comments on the FERC–606 and is making this notation in its submittal to OMB.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due by April 15, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Comments filed with OMB (identified by the OMB Control No. 1902–0241) should be sent via email to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs: oira_submission@omb.gov. Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory

1 Amended 15 U.S.C. 717n (Section 15).
2 Burden is defined 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.

3 2080 hours = 52 weeks × 40 hours per week (i.e. 1 year of full-time employment).
4 Average salary plus benefits per full-time equivalent employee.