

Submission Period Began: Wednesday May 21, 2014 at 11:59 a.m. ET.  
Submission Period Ends: Friday June 20, 2014 at 11:59 p.m. ET.

**Step 2: The Business Innovation Contest** is designed to help teams form and explore business solutions to the most compelling problems in increasing solar energy generation, especially problems and challenges expressed by the public during Step 1, the Ideation Contest. Anyone can participate in this Contest by submitting a business plan package online featuring a five minute video describing the proposed business plan. Winners of Step 2 will be given the opportunity to participate in the next contest, Prototyping (Step 3). DOE will grant access to \$25,000 worth of online software development capabilities for every winner of Step 2. Winners will be selected based on the degree to which their business plan addresses a time-sensitive market problem in the solar industry. Up to 20 winners will be given the opportunity to work directly with a crowd-centric performance-based software development platform (PSDP) for 60 days to develop the product proposed in their business plan and complete minimum viable products (MVPs).  
Submission Period Begins: Thursday July 24, 2014 at 11:59 a.m. ET.  
Submission Period Ends: Wednesday August 13, 2014 at 11:59 p.m. ET.

**Step 3: The Prototyping stage** is designed to help the selected winners from the Business Innovation Contest (Step 2) rapidly complete the development of minimum viable products (MVPs) using a crowd-centric, performance-based software development platform. DOE will match winners of stage 2 with a DOE provided software developer. The software developer will work with the winners to provide the technology solutions to support their business plan.

**Step 4: The Incubation Contest** is designed to help teams with minimum viable products (MVPs) completed during a prior Step 3 (Prototyping) start their businesses and accelerate offering new products and services in the solar marketplace. To win cash awards, teams have to participate in a publically held event, Demonstration (Demo) Day, managed by DOE to showcase their MVPs, market entry execution strategy, and a 6-month growth plan. During Demo Day, Teams will be evaluated by judges selected in accordance with America COMPETES. The top five winners may receive a maximum total of \$100,000 in cash prizes, per winning team. Funds will be distributed in two tranches as a seed round and a progress round. The first tranche seed round of

\$30,000 will be given to the five top teams that participate in Demo Day. Winners will be selected based on the degree to which their minimum viable product addresses a time-sensitive market problem in the solar industry. Those teams will be eligible for a second tranche progress round of \$70,000 as a follow-on cash award based on the Team's success in meeting its targets and goals as identified in its 6-month growth plan. Demo Date: January 19–February 09, 2015. Seed Round 1st Tranche Cash Awards Announcement Date: Monday February 09, 2015. 6-month Assessment Period Ends: Monday August 10, 2015 at 11:59 p.m. ET. Progress Round Awards and 2nd Tranche Cash Prizes Announcement Date: September 10–20, 2015.

All dates are subject to change. For more details please visit [catalyst.energy.gov](http://catalyst.energy.gov).

Dated: May 20, 2014.

**Steven G. Chalk,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC14–14–000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–519); 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, Application under Federal Power Act Section 203.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due July 28, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC14–14–000) 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](mailto: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/downloading 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](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), telephone at (202) 502–8663, and fax at (202) 273–0873.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* FERC–519, Application under Federal Power Act Section 203.

*OMB Control No.:* 1902–0082.

*Type of Request:* Three-year extension of the FERC–519 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

*Abstract:* The FERC–519, “Application under Federal Power Act Section 203,” is necessary to enable the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing the statutory provisions of Section 203 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 824b. Section 203 authorizes the Commission to grant approval of transactions in which a public utility disposes of jurisdictional facilities, merges such facilities with the facilities owned by another person or acquires the securities of another public utility. Under this statute, the Commission must find that the proposed transaction will be consistent with the public interest.

Under section 203 of the FPA, FERC must review proposed mergers, acquisitions and dispositions of jurisdictional facilities by public utilities, if the value of the facilities exceeds \$10 million, and must approve these transactions if they are consistent with the public interest. One of FERC's overarching goals is to promote competition in wholesale power markets, having determined that effective competition, as opposed to traditional forms of price regulation, can best protect the interests of ratepayers. Market power, however, can be exercised to the detriment of effective competition and customers, making it necessary for FERC to review and approve or disapprove all jurisdictional mergers, dispositions and acquisitions. The Commission implements these filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR part 33.

*Type of Respondents:* Public utilities subject to the FPA.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*<sup>1</sup> The Commission estimates the total Public

Reporting Burden for this information collection as:

### FERC-519

[Application under Federal Power Act Section 203]

	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden & cost per response <sup>2</sup>	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost	Cost per respondent (\$)
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*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: May 19, 2014.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC14-12-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-523); Comment Request; Extension

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

**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, FERC-523, Applications for

Authorization for Issuance of Securities or the Assumption of Liabilities.

**Note:** This 60-day notice is correcting an erroneous burden estimate that was published in the **Federal Register** on 5/14/2014 (79 FR 27589). That published notice contained data concerning two other FERC collections: FERC Form 2 (OMB Control No. 1902-0028) and FERC Form 2A (OMB Control No. 1902-0030). These collections are also being renewed, but they are completely unrelated to the FERC-523. The burden estimations for the FERC Form 2 and Form 2A are *unaffected* by this notice. Please see the Estimate of Annual Burden section below for the corrected burden estimate for FERC-523. Comments for all three collections will be due by the date listed in this notice.

**DATES:** Comments on the collections of information are due July 28, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC14-12-000) 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.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Applications for Authorization for Issuance of Securities or the Assumption of Liabilities

**OMB Control No.:** 1902-0082.

**Type of Request:** Three-year extension of the FERC-523 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

**Abstract:** Under Federal Power Act (FPA) section 204, 16 U.S.C. 824c, no public utility or licensee shall issue any security, or assume any obligation or liability as guarantor, endorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person, until the public utility applies for and receives Commission approval by order authorizing the issue or assumption of the liability. The Commission issues an order if it finds that such issue or assumption (a) is for lawful object, within the corporate purposes of the applicant and compatible with the public interest, which is necessary or appropriate for or consistent with the proper performance by the applicant as a public utility, and which will not impair its ability to perform that service, and (b) is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission uses the information contained in filings to determine its acceptance and/or rejection of applications for authorization to either issue securities or to assume an obligation or liability by the public utilities and their licensees who submit these applications.

The specific application requirements and filing format are found at 18 CFR Part 34; and 18 CFR 131.43 and 131.50. The information is filed electronically.

**Type of Respondents:** Public utilities subject to the FPA.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> The estimates for cost per response are derived using the following formula: Average Burden Hours

per Response \* \$70.50 per Hour = Average Cost per Response. The hourly cost figure of \$70.50 is the average FERC employee wage plus benefits. We assume that respondents earn at a similar rate.