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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC19-18-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (Ferc-740); 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, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection, FERC-740 (Availability of E-Tag Information to Commission Staff).

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due by May 21, 2019.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC19-18-000) by either of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's Website:* <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/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, telephone at (202) 502-8663, and fax at (202) 273-0873.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC-740, Availability of E-Tag Information to Commission Staff.

OMB Control No.: 1902-0254.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-740 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

Abstract: In Order 771,¹ the FERC-740 information collection (providing Commission staff access to e-Tag data) was implemented to provide the Commission, Market Monitoring Units, Regional Transmission Organizations, and Independent System Operators with information that allows them to perform market surveillance and analysis more effectively. The e-Tag information is necessary to understand the use of the interconnected electricity grid, particularly transactions occurring at interchanges. Due to the nature of the electric grid, an individual transaction's impact on an interchange cannot be assessed adequately in all cases without information from all connected systems, which is included in the e-Tags. The details of the physical path of a transaction included in the e-Tags helps the Commission to monitor, in particular, interchange transactions more effectively, detect and prevent price manipulation over interchanges, and improve the efficient and orderly use of the transmission grid. For example, the e-Tag data allows the Commission to identify transmission reservations as they go from one market to another and link the market participants involved in that transaction.

Order No. 771 provided the Commission access to e-Tags by requiring that Purchasing-Selling Entities² (PSEs) and Balancing Authorities (BAs), list the Commission on the "CC" list of e-Tags so that the

¹ Order 771 was issued in Docket No. RM11-12 (77 FR 76367, 12/28/2012).

² A Purchasing-Selling Entity is the entity that purchases or sells, and takes title to, energy, capacity, and Interconnected Operations Services. Purchasing-Selling Entities may be affiliated or unaffiliated merchants and may or may not own generating facilities. Purchasing-Selling Entities are typically E-Tag Authors.

Commission can receive a copy of the e-Tags (the "CC" list requirement"). The Commission accesses the e-Tags by contracting with a commercial vendor, OATI.

In early 2014, the North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) incorporated the "CC" list requirement on e-Tags as part of the tagging process.³ Even before NAESB added the FERC requirement to the tagging standards, the "CC" list requirement had already been programmed into the industry standard tagging software so as to make the inclusion of FERC in the "CC" list automatic, where appropriate.

The Commission expects that PSEs and BAs will continue to use existing, automated procedures to create and validate the e-Tags in a way that provides the Commission with access to them. In the rare event that a new BA would need to alert e-Tag administrators that certain tags it generates qualify for exemption under the Commission's regulations (e.g., transmissions from a new non-U.S. BA into another non-U.S. BA using a path that does not go through a U.S. BA), this administrative function would be expected to require less than an hour of effort total from both the BA and an e-Tag administrator to include the BA on the exemption list. New exempt BAs occur less frequently than every year, but for the purpose of estimation we will conservatively assume one appears each year creating an additional burden and cost associated with the Commission's FERC-740 of one hour and \$65.68.⁴

Type of Respondents: Purchasing-Selling Entities and Balancing Authorities.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*⁵ The Commission estimates the burden and cost for FERC-740 as follows based on the distinct e-Tags submitted to the Commission in 2017 (the most recent full year available).

³ NAESB *Electronic Tagging Functional Specifications, Version 1.8.2*.

⁴ The estimated hourly cost (wages plus benefits) provided in this section is based on the figures for May 2017 posted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the Utilities sector (available at https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics2_22.htm), assuming: 15 minutes legal (code 23-0000), at \$143.68/hour; 45 minutes information and record clerk (code 43-4199), at \$39.68/hour.

⁵ "Burden" is 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, refer to Title 5 Code of Federal Regulations Part 1320.

FERC-740	Number of respondents (1)	Annual number of responses per respondent (2)	Total number of responses (1) * (2) = (3)	Average burden hours & cost per respondent (4)	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost (3) * (4) = (5)	Cost per respondent (\$) (5) ÷ (1)
Purchasing-Selling Entities (e-Tag Authors). Balancing Authorities	355	4,482 (rounded)	1,591,208	Automatic, so 0 burden and cost.	Automatic, so 0 burden and cost.	Automatic, so 0 burden and cost.
New Balancing Authority [as noted above].	81	19,645 (rounded) ..	1,591,208	Automatic, so 0 burden and cost.	Automatic, so 0 burden and cost.	Automatic, so 0 burden and cost.
	1	1	1	1 hr.; \$65.68	1 hr.; \$65.68	\$65.68.
Total					1 hr.; \$65.68	\$65.68.

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 18, 2019.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OAR-2007-1121; FRL-9988-33-OEI]

Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Diesel Fuel Regulations (40 CFR Part 80, Subpart I) (Renewal)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted an information collection request (ICR), Diesel Fuel Regulations (EPA ICR Number 1718.11, OMB Control Number 2060-0308), to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through March 31, 2019. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on September 4, 2018 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public

comments. A fuller description of the ICR is given below, including its estimated burden and cost to the public. An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before April 22, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2007-1121, to (1) EPA online using www.regulations.gov (our preferred method), by email to a-and-r-docket@epa.gov, or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460, and (2) OMB via email to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov. Address comments to OMB Desk Officer for EPA.

EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes profanity, threats, information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James W. Caldwell, Compliance Division, Office of Transportation and Air Quality, 6405A, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 202-343-9303; fax number: 202-343-2802; email address: caldwell.jim@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Supporting documents, which explain in detail the information that the EPA will be collecting, are available in the public docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at www.regulations.gov or in person at the EPA Docket Center, WJC West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC. The telephone number for the Docket Center is 202-566-1744. For additional information about EPA's public docket, visit <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

Abstract: This ICR renewal is related to EPA's diesel fuel regulations under 40 CFR part 80, subpart I, applicable to highway (motor vehicle) diesel fuel and non-road, locomotive and marine diesel fuel (NRLM), Emission Control Area (ECA) marine fuel, and heating oil. Most of the information collected under this ICR is used to evaluate compliance with the requirements of the regulations. Motor vehicle diesel fuel and just about all NRLM diesel fuel now meet a 15 part per million sulfur standard. The activities associated with this ICR include: Registration (new refiners and importers, updates to existing registrations); submission of corrections to prior compliance reports; granting of research and development exemptions; generation and retention of quality assurance records; general recordkeeping; batch testing for sulfur content; and the production of product transfer documents and pump labels.

Form Numbers:

DSF0100 Form: Diesel Fuel Sulfur Credit Banking & Generation Report
DSF0200 Form: Diesel Fuel Sulfur Credit Transfer Report
ECA0300 Form: ECA Marine Fuel Sulfur Precision Demonstration
DSF0302 Form: Diesel Fuel Sulfur Facility Summary Report
DSF0401 Form: Diesel Fuel Sulfur Batch Report
DSF0504 Form: Designate & Track Handoff Report
DSF0601 Form: Designate & Track Total Volume Report
DSF0700 Form: Designate & Track Facility Compliance Calculation Report
DSE0700 Form: Designate & Track Entity Compliance Calculation Report
DSE0900 Form: Motor Vehicle Diesel Fuel Sulfur Pre-Compliance Report
DSF0951 Form: NRLM Diesel Fuel Sulfur Pre-Compliance Report

Respondents/affected entities: Parties involved with diesel fuels.

Respondent's obligation to respond: Mandatory.

Estimated number of respondents: 7,900 (total).

Frequency of response: On occasion.