

*Abstract:* The information collection plan provides the U.S. Department of Education with the procedure of submitting its discretionary grant information collections through a streamlined Paperwork Reduction Act clearance process which does not fit under the Generic Application (1890-0009). This streamlined clearance process has been in effect for the last eight years. By streamlining the clearance process, the Department has reduced burden on the public. Instead of publishing two separate **Federal Register** notices, the Department limits public responsibilities to only one response period. Public acceptance has been positive.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 3240. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202-4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-245-6623. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Acting Leader, Information Policy and Standards Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 12, 2007.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and

Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Acting Leader, Information Policy and Standards Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: December 8, 2006.

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### Federal Student Aid

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Guaranty Agency Financial Report.

*Frequency:* Monthly, Annually.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs; Businesses or other for-profit.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses:* 612.

*Burden Hours:* 33,660.

*Abstract:* The Guaranty Agency Financial Report is used to request payments from and make payments to the Department of Education under the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL)

Program authorized by Title IV, Part B of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA). The report is also used to monitor the agency's financial activities, including activities concerning its Federal fund; operating fund and the agency's restricted account.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC07-580-000; FERC 580]

### Commission Information Collection Activities, Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension

December 7, 2006.

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(2)(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described below.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due February 16, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of sample filings of the proposed collection of information can be obtained from the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filings/elibrary.asp>) or from the Federal

Energy Regulatory Commission, Attn: Michael Miller, Office of the Executive Director, ED-34, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments may be filed either in paper format or electronically. Those parties filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. For paper filing, the original and 14 copies of such comments should be submitted to the Secretary of the Commission, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 and refer to Docket No. IC07-580-000.

Documents filed electronically via the Internet must be prepared in WordPerfect, MS Word, Portable Document Format, or ASCII format. To file the document, access the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> and click Documents and Filing tab, then choose eFiling from the drop-down menu. Follow the instructions provided. 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.

All comments may be viewed, printed or downloaded remotely via the Internet through the Commission's homepage using the eLibrary link. For user

assistance, contact [FERCOLineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOLineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866) 208-3676 or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 502-8415, by fax at (202) 273-0873, and by e-mail at [michael.miller@ferc.gov](mailto:michael.miller@ferc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The information collected under the requirements of FERC Form No. 580 "Interrogatory on Fuel and Energy Purchase Practices, Docket No. IN79-6"—(OMB No. 1902-0137) is used by the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing the statutory provisions of the Federal Power Act (FPA). The FPA was amended by the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (49 Stat. 851; 16 U.S.C. 824d) to require the Commission to review "not less frequently than every two (2) years \* \* \* of practices \* \* \* to ensure efficient use of resources (including economical purchase and use of fuel and electric energy) \* \* \*" The collection of this information is specifically required by Federal statute (FPA Section 205(f)) and thus the Commission lacks authority to allow waivers for the filing of this

information. In addition, the Commission entertains requests for confidential treatment pursuant to 18 CFR 388.112 for the coal mine price data and coal rail transportation cost data submitted in response to questions 3(i) and 3(1.2), respectively, only when disclosure would violate the terms of a confidentiality clause of a rail transportation contract. No other requests for confidential treatment are considered. The information is used to: (1) Review as mandated by statute, fuel purchase and cost recovery practices to ensure efficient use of resources, including economical purchase and use of fuel and electric energy, under fuel adjustment clauses on file with the Commission; (2) evaluate fuel costs in individual rate filings; (3) supplement periodic utility audits. The information has also been used by the Energy Information Administration under a Congressional mandate to study various aspects of coal, oil, and gas transportation rates.

*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:

Number of respondents annually	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total annual burden hours
(1)	(2)	(3)	(1) × (2) × (3)
114*	57	63.16#	3,600

\*(114 responses every two years).  
# rounded off.

Estimated cost burden to respondents is \$211,391. (3,600 hours/2080 hours per year times \$122,137 per year average per employee = \$ 211,391). The cost per respondent is \$1,854).

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.

The estimate of cost 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.

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
*Secretary.*

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