

electric generating unit information for 1998–2000 objected to the public release of that information.

## II. Discussion of Comments

Five companies objected to the release of the 1998–2000 information on planned electric generating units but none specifically addressed how public release of the information would cause substantial competitive harm to the company.

## III. Current Actions

The information at issue is planned electric generating unit data for 1998, 1999 and 2000. As of October 2006, that information is over six years old. Planned electric generating unit information collected after 2000 is currently treated as non-confidential and is publicly available. Each survey respondent was provided with an opportunity to provide specific details on why its information for 1998–2000 on planned electric generating units was sensitive and proprietary and how public release of the information would cause substantial competitive harm to the company. Based on the fact that most of the responding companies support this change and the fact that the small number of companies who objected provided no details to show that releasing this historical information would cause substantial competitive harm, EIA's policy regarding the planned electric generating unit information for the period 1998–2000 will be considered as non-confidential and the planned electric generating unit information for the 1998–2000 time period will be made publicly available.

*Statutory Authority:* Section 52 of the Federal Energy Administration Act (Pub. L. 93–275, 15 U.S.C. 790a).

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**Jay H. Casselberry,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[IC06–715–001, FERC 715]

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

December 8, 2006.

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and extension of this information collection requirement. 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 received no comments in response to an earlier **Federal Register** notice of August 30, 2006 (71 FR 51589–51590) and has made this notation in its submission to OMB.

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

**ADDRESSES:** Address comments on the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. Comments to OMB should be filed electronically, *c/o oira\_submission@omb.eop.gov* and include the OMB Control No. as a point of reference. The Desk Officer may be reached by telephone at 202–395–4650. A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Executive Director, ED–34, Attention: Michael Miller, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments may be filed either in paper format or electronically. Those persons filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. For paper filings an 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 should refer to Docket No. IC07–715–001.

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All comments may be viewed, printed or downloaded remotely via the Internet through FERC's homepage using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For user assistance, contact *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or toll-free at (866) 208–3676 or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Description

The information collection submitted for OMB review contains the following:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC 715 "Annual Transmission Planning and Evaluation Report"
2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
3. *Control No.:* 1902–0171

The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve and extend the expiration date for an additional three years with no changes to the existing collection. The information filed with the Commission is mandatory.

4. *Necessity of the Collection of Information:* Submission of the information is necessary for the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing the statutory provisions of section 213(b) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), as amended by the Energy Policy Act of 1992. Through Section 213(b) Congress requires the Commission to collect annually from transmitting utilities, certain transmission system information and make it available to potential transmission providers, customers and state regulatory authorities. This information collection also supports the Commission's responsibilities under Sections 202, 207, 210–213, 304, 309 and 311 of the FPA, as amended (49 Stat. 838; 16 U.S.C. 791a–825r). The Commission's FERC–715 filing requirements are published in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), 18 CFR 141.300.

Through the FERC–715, the Commission gathers basic electric transmission system information. The Commission staff use the FERC–715 information to evaluate available transmission capacity and assess transmission reliability. Electrical transmission customers and transmission dependent utilities use the information, in conjunction with other

information sources, to assess transmission availability. Federal and private agencies use the information in transmission simulations to test the impact of changes to the transmission system, necessary to improve system functioning. FERC-715 filing instructions are provided on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filings/elibrary.asp>.

Some or all of the information collected on the FERC-715 may be treated as Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (CEII) (see Order 630, OMB Control No. 1902-0197). CEII is information concerning proposed or existing critical infrastructure (physical or virtual) that:

1. Relates to the production, generation, transmission or distribution of energy;
2. Could be useful to a person planning an attack on critical infrastructure;
3. Is exempt from mandatory disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act; and
4. Gives strategic information beyond the location of the critical infrastructure.

CEII is not available to the public. The Commission has established procedures for gaining access to CEII that would otherwise not be available under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests. These actions are necessary to keep highly sensitive infrastructure information out of the public domain thus decreasing the likelihood that such information could be used to plan and execute terrorist attacks.

5. *Respondent Description:* The respondent universe currently comprises 85 companies (on average) subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

6. *Estimated Burden:* 9,913 total hours, 85 respondents (average), 1 response per respondent, and 117 hours per response (average)

7. *Estimated Cost Burden to respondents:* 9,913 hours/2080 hours per years × \$117,321 per year = \$ 559,136. The cost per respondent is equal to \$6,578.

*Statutory Authority:* Statutory provisions of sections 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 14, 16, and 20 of the Natural Gas Act (NPA) 15 U.S.C. 717-717w and Title II, section 311 and sections 501 and 504 of the Natural Gas Policy Act (Pub. L. 95-621).

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC07-6-000; FERC Form 6]

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

December 8, 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. 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. IC07-6-000.

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(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 6 "Annual Report of Oil Pipeline Companies" (OMB No. 1902-0022) is used by the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing the statutory provisions of the Interstate Commerce Act (ICA), (49 U.S.C.). The ICA authorizes the Commission to make investigations and to collect and record data and to prescribe rules and regulations concerning accounts, records and memoranda as necessary or appropriate for purposes of administering the ICA. The Commission may prescribe a system of accounts for jurisdictional companies and, after notice and opportunity for hearing may determine the accounts in which particular outlays and receipts will be entered, charged or credited. Every pipeline carrier subject to the provisions of Section 20 of the ICA must electronically file with the Commission through Commission-provided software.

The Commission's Office of Enforcement uses the FERC Form 6 data collected to assist in the implementation of its financial audits and investigation programs, in the continuous review of the financial condition of regulated companies and in the assessment of energy markets. The Office of Energy Markets and Reliability (OEMR) uses the data collected for its various rate proceedings and economic analyses. The Office of Administrative Litigation (OAL) uses the data collected for background research for use in litigation. The Office of General Counsel uses the data in its programs relating to the administration of the ICA. Additionally, the Office of the Executive Director (OED) uses the data contained on certain schedules of the FERC Form 6 to compute annual charges which are then assessed against oil pipeline companies to recover the Commission's annual costs. These annual charges are required by Section 3401 of the Budget Act.

Most notably, the ICA mandates the collection of information needed by the Commission to perform its regulatory responsibilities in the setting of the just and reasonable rates. The Commission could be held in violation of the ICA if the information was not collected.

The Commission implements these filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR Section 357.1 and 357.2.

*Action:* The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current