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Dated: March 2, 2007.

Raymond Simon,

Deputy Secretary for Education, Delegated the Authority to Perform the Functions of the Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[IC06-423-001, FERC 423]

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

February 27, 2007.

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 comments from four entities in response to an earlier **Federal Register** notice of September 22, 2006 (71 FR 55454-55455) and has provided responses to the commenters in its submission to OMB. Copies of the submission were also submitted to the commenters.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due by April 9, 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](mailto:c/o_oir_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. IC06-423-001.

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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:

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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description

The information collection submitted for OMB review contains the following:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC 423 "Monthly Report of Cost and Quality of Fuels for Electric Plants".
2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
3. *Control No.:* 1902-0024.

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 sections 205 (a) and (e); (2) for use in a broad range of fuel cost and purchase practice issues rising from electric utility rate cases; (3) to detect abnormally high fuel costs in utility fuel purchases indicative of affiliate preference at the cost of the consumer; (4) in conjunction with other data, to identify potential out-of-merit plant dispatches carried out by system operators and (5) in conjunction with bid data, provides an indication of market efficiency by providing one of the key components of electricity generation cost.

Other Federal and State agencies, such as the Energy Information Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency, as well as private interest groups, electric utilities and the public use this timely data: (1) To compare each fuel type by quality determinants, in the study of developments in fuel supply which may affect the reliability of electric service, (2) in environmental improvement programs for the different air quality control regions in the United States and (3) for use in analyses of energy and fuel supply impacts on the cost of electric power.

The Commission implements these filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR 141.61.

5. *Respondent Description:* The respondent universe currently comprises 569 companies (on average) subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

6. *Estimated Burden:* 6,828 total hours, 569 respondents (average), 12 responses per respondent, and 1 hour per response (average).

7. *Estimated Cost Burden to respondents:* 6,828 hours/2080 hours per years × \$117,321 per year = \$385,129. The cost per respondent is equal to \$677.

Statutory Authority: Statutory provisions of sections 205 (a) and (e) of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 824d.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC07-547-000 FERC-547]

Commission Collection Activities, Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension and Reinstatement

March 1, 2007.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

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 by May 11, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained from Michael Miller, Office of the Executive Director, ED-34, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments on the proposed collection of information may be filed either in paper format or electronically. Those parties filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. For paper filings, 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 should refer to Docket No. IC07-547-000.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collected under the requirements of FERC-547, "Gas Pipeline Rates: Refund Report Requirements" (OMB No. 1902-0084) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory refund provisions governed by sections 4, 5 and 16 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (15 U.S.C. 717-717w). Sections 4 and 5 authorize the Commission to order a refund, with interest, on any portion of a natural gas company's increased rate or charge that is found to be not just or reasonable. Refunds may also be instituted by a natural gas company as a stipulation to a Commission-approved settlement agreement or provision under the company's tariff. Section 16 authorizes the Commission to prescribe the rules and regulations necessary to administer its refund mandates. The Commission's refund and reporting requirements are set forth in 18 CFR 154.501 and 154.502.

The data collected allows the Commission to monitor the refunds owed by the natural gas companies and to ensure the passage of the refunds, with applicable interest, to the appropriate natural gas customers.

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 information collection is estimated as:

	No. of respondents annually (1)	No. of responses per respondent (2)	Average burden (No. of hours per response) (3)	Total annual burden (total No. of hours) (1) × (2) × (3)
60		1	75	4,500

Estimated cost to respondents: 4,500 hours/2,080 per year × \$122,137 = \$264,238. The cost per respondent = \$4,404 (rounded off). The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide the information including: (1) Reviewing instructions; (2) developing, acquiring, installing, and utilizing technology and systems for the purpose 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