

MITIGATION ACTION PLAN FOR THE PORT ANGELES-JUAN DE FUCA TRANSMISSION PROJECT—Continued

Mitigation measure	Responsible party	Time of implementation
• Place all transformers inside a bermed area large enough to capture the full potential volume of any oil spills or leaks from the equipment.	Sea Breeze	During design.
• Conduct periodic inspections around all transformers to look for any minor leaks or spills.	Sea Breeze	During operation.
• Install appropriate fire detectors, sprinklers, and other fire safety equipment in the converter station.	Sea Breeze	During design.
• Remove vegetation and tall trees that could pose a danger to overhead transmission lines, converter station equipment, and electrical yards to prevent potential damage during large windstorms or from tree deadfalls.	Sea Breeze BPA	During construction.

Air Quality

• Apply water to exposed soils at construction sites as necessary to control dust.	Sea Breeze BPA	During construction.
• Clean accumulated dirt, as necessary, from roads along the cable construction corridor and near the converter station and substation.	Sea Breeze	During construction.
• Implement dust control measures, as necessary, to limit dust releases from dump trucks (such as wetting dry soil).	Sea Breeze BPA	During construction.
• Seed or plant exposed areas as soon as practicable after construction, or as called for by permit, at the converter station site and Port Angeles Substation to reduce the potential for wind blown erosion. (Mitigation measure also listed in Water Resources, Vegetation and Wetlands, and Geology and Soils sections.)	Sea Breeze BPA	After construction.
• Keep all construction equipment in good running condition to minimize emissions from internal combustion engines and ensure that odor impacts are kept to a minimum.	Sea Breeze BPA	During construction.
• To the degree practical, minimize equipment idling for long periods of time.	Sea Breeze BPA	During construction.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC08-516A-001, FERC-516A]

Commission Information Collection Activities, Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Submitted for OMB Review

June 3, 2008.

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 by July 11, 2008.

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. (1902-0203) as a point of reference. The Desk Officer may be reached by telephone at 202-395-7345. 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, 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. IC08-516A-001. Documents filed electronically via the Internet must be prepared in an acceptable filing format and in compliance with the Federal

Energy Regulatory Commission submission guidelines. Complete filing instructions and acceptable filing formats are available at (<http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide/electronic-media.asp>). To file the document electronically, access the Commission's Web site and click on Documents & Filing, E-Filing (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>), and then follow the instructions for each screen. 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 FERC's homepage using the "eLibrary" link. For user assistance, contact 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collected under the

requirements of FERC-516A “Small Generator Interconnection Agreements” (OMB No. 1902-0203) is used by the Commission to enforce the statutory provisions of sections 205 and 206 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), as amended by Title II, section 211 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA) (16 U.S.C. 825d). FPA sections 205 and 206 require the Commission to remedy undue discriminatory practices within interstate electric utility operations.

The Commission amended its regulations in 2005 with Order No. 2006 to require public utilities that own, control, or operate facilities used for the transmission of electric energy in interstate commerce to amend their Open Access Transmission Tariffs (OATTs) to include a Commission-approved *pro forma* interconnection procedures document and a standard interconnection agreement for the interconnection of generating facilities

having a capacity of no more than 20 MW (Small Generators).¹

Prior to Order No. 2006, the Commission’s policy had been to address interconnection issues on a case-by-case basis. Although a number of transmission providers had filed interconnection procedures as part of their OATTs, many industry participants remained dissatisfied with existing interconnection policies and procedures. With an increasing number of interconnection-related disputes, it became apparent that the case-by-case approach was an inadequate and inefficient means to address interconnection issues. This prompted the Commission to adopt, in Order No. 2006, a single set of procedures for jurisdictional transmission providers and a single uniformly applicable interconnection agreement for transmission providers to use in interconnecting with Small Generators.

With the incorporation of these documents in their OATTs, there is no longer a need for transmitting utilities to file case-by-case interconnection agreements and procedures with the Commission. However, on occasion, circumstances warrant non-conforming agreements or a situation-specific set of procedures. These non-conforming documents must be filed in their entirety with the Commission for review and action.

The information collected is in response to a mandatory requirement. The Commission implements these filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR Part 35, § 35.28(f).

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 (1)	Number of responses per respondent (2)	Average burden hours per response (3)	Total annual burden hours (1) × (2) × (3)
238 (maintenance of documents)	1	1	238
40 (filing of conforming agreements)	1	25	1,000
Totals			1,238

There was a one-time start-up cost to comply with Order No. 2006 requirements that was included when the Commission first sought authorization for this information in 2005. The estimated burden of the continued requirement to maintain the procedures and agreement documents in transmission providers’ OATTs is reflected herein as is the filing of non-conforming interconnection procedures and agreements that occur on occasion.

The estimated total cost to respondents is \$75,222.78. [1,238 hours divided by 2080 hours² per year, times \$126,384³ equals \$75,222.78]. The average cost per respondent is \$316.06.

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.

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Secretary.

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¹ Standardization of Small Generator Interconnection Agreements and Procedures, Order

No. 2006, 70 FR 34189 (May 12, 2005), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,180 (2005).

² Number of hours an employee works each year.

³ Average annual salary per employee.