Center for Education Statistics (NCES). The data will be published by NCES and will be used by the Secretary in the calculation of allocations for FY 2011 appropriated funds.

DATES: The date on which submissions will first be accepted is March 15, 2010. The mandatory deadline for the final submission of all data, including any revisions to previously submitted data, is September 7, 2010.

ADDRESSES AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION: SEAs may mail ED Form 2447 to: Bureau of the Census, *Attention:* Governments Division, Washington, DC 20233–6800.

SEAs may submit data via the World Wide Web using the interactive survey form at *surveys.nces.ed.gov/ccdnpefs.* If the Web form is used, it includes a digital confirmation page where a pin number may be entered. A successful entry of the pin number serves as a signature by the authorizing official. A certification form also may be printed from the Web site, and signed by the authorizing official and mailed to the Governments Division of the Bureau of the Census, at the address listed in the previous paragraph. This signed form must be mailed within five business days of Web form data submission.

Alternatively, SEAs may hand deliver submissions by 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) to: Governments Division, Bureau of the Census, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, MD, 20746.

If an SEA's submission is received by the Bureau of the Census after September 7, 2010, in order for the submission to be accepted, the SEA must show one of the following as proof that the submission was mailed on or before the mandatory deadline date:

1. A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark.
2. A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service.
3. A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier.
4. Any other proof of mailing acceptable to the Secretary.

If the SEA mails ED Form 2447 through the U.S. Postal Service, the Secretary does not accept either of the following as proof of mailing:

1. A private metered postmark.
2. A mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service.

Note: The U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, an SEA should check with its local post office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Terri Kennerly, Chief, Bureau of the Census, *Attention:* Governments Division, Washington, DC 20233–6800. *Telephone:* (301) 763–1559. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an accessible format (*e.g.,* braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to: Frank Johnson, National Center for Education Statistics, Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC 20208–5651. *Telephone:* (202) 502–7362.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the authority of section 153(a)(1)(I) of the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002, 20 U.S.C. 9543, which authorizes NCES to gather data on the financing of education, NCES collects data annually from SEAs through ED Form 2447. The report from SEAs includes attendance, revenue, and expenditure data from which NCES determines the average State per-pupil expenditure (SPPE) for elementary and secondary education, as defined in section 9101(2) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA) (20 U.S.C. 7801(2)).

In addition to utilizing the SPPE data as general information on the financing of elementary and secondary education, the Secretary uses these data directly in calculating allocations for certain formula grant programs, including, but not limited to, Title I, Part A of the ESEA, Impact Aid, and Indian Education programs. Other programs, such as the Educational Technology State Grants program (Title II, Part D of the ESEA), the Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program under Title VII of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, the Teacher Quality State Grants program (Title II, Part A of the ESEA), and the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities program (Title IV, Part A of the ESEA), make use of SPPE data indirectly because their formulas are based, in whole or in part, on State Title I, Part A allocations.

In February 2010, the Bureau of the Census, acting as the data collection agent for NCES, will e-mail to SEAs ED Form 2447 with instructions and request that SEAs submit data to the Bureau of the Census on March 15, 2010, or as soon as possible thereafter. SEAs are urged to submit accurate and complete data on March 15, or as soon as possible thereafter, to facilitate timely processing. Submissions by SEAs to the Bureau of the Census will be checked for accuracy and returned to each SEA for verification. All data, including any revisions, must be submitted to the Bureau of the Census by an SEA not later than September 7, 2010.

Having accurate and consistent information on time is critical to an efficient and fair allocation process and to the NCES statistical process. To ensure timely distribution of Federal education funds based on the best, most accurate data available, NCES establishes, for allocation purposes, September 7, 2010, as the final date by which the NPEFS Web form or ED Form 2447 must be submitted. If an SEA submits revised data after the final deadline that results in a lower SPPE figure, its allocations may be adjusted downward or the Department may request the SEA to return funds. SEAs should be aware that all of these data are subject to audit and that, if any inaccuracies are discovered in the audit process, the Department may seek recovery of overpayments for the applicable programs. If an SEA submits revised data after September 7, 2010, the data also may be too late to be included in the final NCES published dataset.

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Authority: 20 U.S.C. 9543.

Dated: January 27, 2010.

John Q. Easton,

Director, Institute of Education Sciences.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. IC10–6–000 and IC10–6Q–000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC Form Nos. 6 and 6–Q); Comment Request; Extensions

January 25, 2010.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collections and request for comments.

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 or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collections described below.

DATES: Comments in consideration of the collections of information are due April 5, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be filed either electronically or in paper format, and should refer to Docket Nos. IC10–6–000 and IC10–6Q–000. For comments that only pertain to one of the collections, specify the appropriate collection and related docket number. Documents must be prepared in an acceptable filing format and in compliance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission submission guidelines at *http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp.*

Comments may be filed electronically via the eFiling link on the Commission's Web site at *http://www.ferc.gov.* First time users will have to establish a user name and password (*http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/eregistration.asp*) before eFiling. The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgement to the sender's e-mail address upon receipt of comments through eFiling. Commenters filing electronically should not make a paper filing.

Commenters that are not able to file electronically must send their comments to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in Docket Number IC10–6 may do so through eSubscription at *http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp.* However, due to a system issue, Docket Number IC10–6Q is not available at this time for eSubscription. In addition, all comments and FERC issuances may be viewed, printed or downloaded remotely through FERC's Web site using the "eLibrary" link and searching on Docket Numbers IC10–6 and IC10–6Q. For user assistance, contact FERC Online Support at: *ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov,* (866) 208–3676 (toll free), or (202) 502–8659 (TTY).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Brown may be reached by telephone at (202) 502–8663, by fax at (202) 273–0873, or by e-mail at *ellen.brown@ferc.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For the purpose of publishing this notice and seeking public comment, FERC requests comments on the following information collections:

- FERC Form 6 ("FERC–6"), "Annual Report of Oil Pipeline Companies," implemented in 18 CFR Sections 357.1, 357.2, and 385.2011; OMB Control No. 1902–0022 and
- FERC Form 6–Q ("FERC–6Q" or "FERC–6–Q"), "Quarterly Financial Report of Oil Pipeline Companies," implemented in 18 CFR Section 357.4; OMB Control No. 1902–0206.

The associated regulations, information collections, burdens, and OMB clearance numbers will continue to remain separate and distinct.

Under the Interstate Commerce Act (ICA), (49 U.S.C. 1, 20, 54 Stat. 916), the Commission is authorized and empowered to make investigations and to collect and record data to the extent FERC may consider to be necessary or useful for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the ICA. FERC must ensure just and reasonable rates for transportation of crude oil and petroleum products by pipelines in interstate commerce.

The information collected by FERC Form Nos. 6 and 6–Q are used by the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing the statutory provisions of the ICA, including the authority to prescribe rules and regulations concerning accounts, records and memoranda, as necessary or appropriate. Financial accounting and reporting provides needed information concerning a company's past performance and its future prospects. Without reliable financial statements prepared in accordance with the Commission's Uniform System of Accounts and related regulations, the Commission would be unable to accurately determine the costs that relate to a particular time period, service or line of business.

FERC uses data from the FERC Form Nos. 6 and 6–Q to assist in: (1) Implementation of its financial audits and programs, (2) continuous review of the financial condition of regulated companies, (3) assessment of energy markets, (4) rate proceedings and economic analyses, and (5) research for use in litigation.

Financial information reported on the annual FERC Form 6 and quarterly FERC Form 6–Q provides FERC, as well as customers, investors and others, an important tool to help identify emerging trends and issues affecting jurisdictional entities within the energy industry. It also provides timely disclosures of the impacts that new accounting standards, or changes in existing standards, have on jurisdictional entities, as well as the economic effects of significant transactions, events, and circumstances. The reporting of this information by jurisdictional entities assists the Commission in its analysis of profitability, efficiency, risk and in its overall monitoring.

Action: The Commission is requesting three-year extensions of the current expiration dates for the FERC–6 and FERC–6Q, with no change to the reporting requirements.

Burden Statement: The estimated annual public reporting burdens and the associated public costs follow.[1 2]

FERC Data Collection	Projected number of respondents (1)	Number of annual responses per respondent (2)	Projected average burden hours per response (3)	Total annual burden hours [1] (1) × (2) × (3)
FERC–6 (Complete form) [2]	142	1	186	26,412
FERC–6 (Pages 1, 301, and 700 only) [2]	1	1	15	15
FERC–6 (Pages 1 and 700 only) [2]	23	1	10	230
FERC–6Q	142	3	150	63,900

The total annual cost to respondents [1] [2] [3] is estimated as follows.

FERC Data Collection	Total annual burden hours (1)	Estimated hourly cost [3] ($) (2)	Estimated total annual cost to respondents ($) [1] (2) × (1)
FERC–6 (Complete form) [2]	26,412	$66.29	$1,750,851
FERC–6 (Pages 1, 301, and 700 only) [2]	15	66.29	994
FERC–6 (Pages 1 and 700 only) [2]	230	66.29	15,247
FERC–6Q	63,900	66.29	4,235,931

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 collections of information are 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 estimates of the burden of the proposed collections 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 collections 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.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC10–729–001]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–729); Comment Request; Submitted for OMB Review

January 22, 2010.

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 or FERC) has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review of the information collection requirements. 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 twenty comments in response to the **Federal Register** notice (74 FR 52796, 10/14/2009). FERC has summarized and addressed the commenters' suggestions below and in its submission to OMB.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due by March 3, 2010.

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 OMB Control Number 1902–0238 as a point of reference. The Desk Officer may be reached by telephone at 202–395–4638. A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and should refer to Docket No. IC10–729–001. Comments may be filed either electronically or in paper format. Those persons filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. 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 (including the required number of copies 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

[1] These figures may not be exact, due to rounding and/or truncating.

[2] Order 620 in Docket No. RM99–10 (issued 12/13/2000, available at *http://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/common/opennat.asp?fileID=8370177*) established filing thresholds. The filing thresholds for filing all or part of the FERC–6 are based on the filer's annual jurisdictional operating revenues, for each of the three previous calendar years:

- File complete Form 6: Revenues $500,000 or more.
- File only Pages 1, 301, and 700: Revenues more than $350,000 but less than $500,000.
- File only Pages 1 and 700: Revenues of $350,000 or less.

See the instructions at *http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/forms/form-6/form-6.pdf* for more information.

The estimated annual totals for all filers completing all or part of the FERC–6 are: 166 filers and 26,657 hours, for a cost of $1,767,092.

[3] Using 2,080 hours/year, the estimated cost for 1 full-time employee is $137,874/year. The estimated hourly cost is $66.29 (or $137,874/2,080).