

all FFEL Program guaranty agency responsibilities, including the added responsibilities assigned to it under the VFA. This oversight will include, at a minimum, requirements that the guaranty agency submit operational status reports, financial reports, and performance metrics on the portfolio assigned to it under the VFA.

#### Schedule of Revenues and Fees

The Secretary expects that the increased number of defaulted loans on which a VFA participating guaranty agency will collect will result in financial savings from economies of scale and increased efficiencies. In addition, the VFA participating guaranty agencies will earn increased revenues from Account Maintenance Fees (AMF) and Default Aversion Fees (DAF) on the increased number of non-defaulted loans for which the agency has assumed guarantor responsibility.

As noted in the *Voluntary Flexible Agreements* section of this notice, a VFA may provide that a guaranty agency will earn revenues and fees differently than it would under agreements pursuant to section 428(b) and (c) of the HEA. Therefore, VFAs developed as a result of this notice will include a revised schedule of revenues and fees that will apply to loans transferred to the VFA participating guaranty agency pursuant to the VFA. The revised schedule, which will be common to all VFA participating guaranty agencies, will result in lower costs to the Secretary.

Under the revised schedule, the VFA participating guaranty agency will receive the regular AMF rate calculated under 34 CFR 682.404(i) and DAF calculated under 34 CFR 682.404(k)(2). The schedule will provide that the agency will retain 100 percent of collection costs paid by borrowers on defaulted loans, capped at current regulatory limits. However, the revised schedule will provide that, except on loans which have been rehabilitated under 34 CFR 682.405, the Secretary's share of total collections of principal and interest is 100 percent. For loans that have been rehabilitated, the Secretary's share will be 93 percent.

#### Letters of Request for a VFA

Guaranty agencies with agreements with the Secretary under section 428(b) and (c) of the HEA that wish to enter into a VFA under the terms outlined in this notice must submit a written "Request for a VFA" by the deadline in the **DATES** section of this notice and in the format described in the *Instructions for Submitting a Request for a VFA* section of this notice.

#### Information to Be Included With the Request for a VFA

A Request for a VFA must include information addressing the guaranty agency's capacity to perform each of the activities discussed in the *Agency Demonstrated Performance* section of this notice. The information should be submitted as an attachment to the agency's Request for a VFA letter and be in the form of a bulleted narrative that totals no more than 10 pages. The Secretary may request that the agency provide supporting or other documentation to assist the Secretary in making a decision regarding the agency's possible participation in a VFA.

#### Availability of Letters of Request for Consideration

Requests for a VFA submitted to the Secretary in response to this notice will generally be considered public documents.

#### Selection

The Secretary will review and evaluate an agency's Request for a VFA letter, the accompanying supporting documentation, and other relevant information (e.g., financial information, audit and program review results, and any relevant public information about the agency and its management) that is available to the Secretary. The guaranty agencies that will be offered the opportunity to enter into a VFA as described in this notice will be those that the Secretary determines best demonstrate their capability to perform the responsibilities under the VFA.

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your search to documents published by the Department.

**Program Authority:** 20 U.S.C. 1070a, 1070a-1, 1070b-1070b-4, 1070c-1070c-4, 1070g, 1071-1087-2, 1087a-1087j, and 1087aa-1087ii; 42 U.S.C. 2751-2756b.

Dated: August 9, 2013.

**Brenda Dann-Messier,**

*Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education, delegated the authority to perform the functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC13-20-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-515); Comment Request; Extension

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

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection, FERC-515 (Rules of Practice and Procedure: Declaration of Intention).

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due October 15, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC13-20-000) by either of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's Web site:* <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>

- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

**Instructions:** All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp>. For user assistance contact FERC Online Support by email at [ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov](mailto:ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov), or by phone at: (866) 208-3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502-8659 for TTY.

**Docket:** Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket or in viewing/downloading comments and issuances in this docket may do so at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/docs-filing.asp>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ellen Brown may be reached by email at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), telephone at (202) 502-8663, and fax at (202) 273-0873.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Rules of Practice and Procedure: Declaration of Intention.

*OMB Control No.:* 1902-0079.

*Type of Request:* Three-year extension of the FERC-515 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

*Abstract:* The Commission uses the information collected under the requirements of FERC-515 to implement the statutory provisions of Section 23(b) of the Federal Power Act (FPA).<sup>1</sup> Section 23(b) authorized the Commission to make a determination as to whether it has jurisdiction over a

proposed water project<sup>2</sup> not affecting navigable waters<sup>3</sup> but across, along, over, or in waters over which Congress has jurisdiction under its authority to regulate commerce with foreign nations and among the several States. Section 23(b) requires that any person intending to construct project works on such waters must file a declaration of their intention with the Commission. If the Commission finds the proposed project will have an impact on interstate or foreign commerce, then the entity intending to construct the project must obtain a Commission license or exemption before starting construction.<sup>4</sup> The information is collected in the form of a written application, containing sufficient details to allow the Commission staff to research the

jurisdictional aspects of the project. This research includes examining maps and land ownership records to establish whether or not there is Federal jurisdiction over the lands and waters affected by the project. A finding of non-jurisdictional by the Commission eliminates a substantial paperwork burden for the applicant who might otherwise have to file for a license or exemption application. The Commission implements these filing requirements under 18 CFR part 24.

*Type of Respondents:* Persons intending to construct project works on certain waters described above.

*Estimate of Annual Burden*<sup>5</sup>: The Commission estimates the total Public Reporting Burden for this information collection as:

**FERC-515: RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE: DECLARATION OF INTENTION**

Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden hours per response	Estimated total annual burden
(A)	(B)	(A) × (B)=(C)	(D)	(C) × (D)
10	1	10	80	800

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$56,000 [800 hours \* \$70/hour<sup>6</sup> = \$56,000].

*Comments:* Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the 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 and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: August 7, 2013.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. IC13-19-000]

**Commission Information Collection Activities (Ferc-511); Comment Request; Extension**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection, FERC-511 (Transfer of Electric License).

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due October 15, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC13-19-000) by either of the following methods:

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Transfer of Electric License.

*OMB Control No.:* 1902-0069.

<sup>1</sup> 16 U.S.C. 817.

<sup>2</sup> Dams or other project works (see 16 U.S.C. 817).

<sup>3</sup> See 16 U.S.C. 796(8) for the definition of "Navigable Waters".

<sup>4</sup> Upon a finding of non-jurisdictional by the Commission, and if no public lands or reservations

are affected, permission is granted upon compliance with State laws.

<sup>5</sup> The Commission defines burden as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. For

further explanation of what is included in the information collection burden, reference 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

<sup>6</sup> FY2013 Estimated Average Hourly Cost per FTE, including salary + benefits.