

govern qualifying small power production and cogeneration facilities. Among other things, the Commission eliminated certain exemptions from rate regulation that were previously available to qualifying facilities (QFs). New qualifying facilities may need to make tariff filings if they do not meet the exemption requirements.

FERC implemented the Congressional mandate of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct 2005) to establish criteria for new qualifying cogeneration facilities by: (1) Amending the exemptions available to qualifying facilities from the FPA and from Public Utility Holding Company Act (PUHCA)

[resulting in the burden imposed by FERC-914, the subject of this notice]; (2) ensuring that these facilities are using their thermal output in a productive and beneficial manner; that the electrical, thermal, chemical and mechanical output of new qualifying cogeneration facilities is used fundamentally for industrial, commercial, residential or industrial purposes; and there is continuing progress in the development of efficient electric energy generating technology; (3) amending the FERC Form 556<sup>2</sup> to reflect the criteria for new qualifying cogeneration facilities; and (4) eliminating ownership limitations for qualifying cogeneration and small

power production facilities. The Commission satisfied the statutory mandate and its continuing obligation to review its policies encouraging cogeneration and small power production, energy conservation, efficient use of facilities and resources by electric utilities, and equitable rates for energy customers.

*Type of Respondents:* New qualifying facilities and small power producers that do not meet Commission exemption criteria

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*<sup>3</sup> The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden for the information collection as:

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	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden & cost per response (\$) <sup>4</sup>	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost (\$)	Cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
FPA Section 205 Filings.	35	1	35	183 hrs.; \$14,457 ..	6,405 hrs.; \$505,995	\$14,457
Electric Quarterly Reports (initial).	0	0	0	230 hrs.; \$18,170 ..	0 hrs.; \$0 .....	0
Electric Quarterly Reports (later).	35	4	140	6 hrs.; \$474 .....	840 hrs.; \$66,360 .....	1,896
Change of Status .....	10	1	10	3 hrs.; \$237 .....	30 hrs.; \$2,370 .....	237
Total .....	.....	.....	185	.....	7,275 hrs.; \$574,725	.....

*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.

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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671, 71 FR 7852 (2/15/2006), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,203 (2006); and *Revised Regulations Governing Small Power Production and Cogeneration Facilities*, Order 671-A, 71 FR 30585 (5/30/2006), in Docket No. RM05-36.

<sup>2</sup> The FERC-556 (Certification of Qualifying Facility (QF) Status for a Small Power Production or Cogeneration Facility) is cleared separately as

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##### Notice of Citation Change for Commission Rulemakings

Take notice that on January 1, 2019, the Commission will be changing its official citation format for orders in rulemaking proceedings. Because Commission orders in rulemaking proceedings currently are published in a variety of sources (posting on eLibrary and the Commission website, and distribution through LexisNexis, Westlaw, Commerce Clearing House, and the **Federal Register**), adoption of a standard citation format will permit citation uniformity across all sources and simplify the citation of Commission rulemakings.

OMB Control No. 1902-0075 and is not a subject of this notice.

<sup>3</sup> Burden is 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, refer to 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

Accordingly, citations to rulemakings must use the FERC citation assigned by the Commission when issuing orders, e.g., 162 FERC ¶ 61,001, at P 1 (2018). The FERC citation format alone suffices for future rulemaking proceedings, and also for those past rulemaking proceedings in which the paragraphs of the order are individually numbered and can be used for pinpoint citation. If, however, a pinpoint page citation is provided to a past rulemaking proceeding that does not contain individual paragraph numbers, both the FERC citation and a pinpoint citation to FERC Stats. & Regs. (or to the **Federal Register**) should be used.<sup>1</sup>

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*Deputy Secretary.*

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<sup>4</sup> FERC staff estimates that industry costs for salary plus benefits are similar to Commission costs. The cost figure is the FY2018 FERC average annual salary plus benefits (\$164,820/year or \$79/hour).

<sup>1</sup> The Commission encourages participants, wherever possible, to provide in their pleadings pinpoint citations to the relevant paragraphs or pages.