

The record retention period of five years is necessary due to the importance of records related to any investigation of possible wrongdoing and related to assuring compliance with the codes of conduct and the integrity of the market. The requirement is necessary to ensure consistency with the rule prohibiting market manipulation (regulations adopted in Order No. 670, implementing the EAct 2005 anti-

manipulation provisions²⁾ and the generally applicable five-year statute of limitations where the Commission seeks civil penalties for violations of the anti-manipulation rules or other rules, regulations, or orders to which the price data may be relevant.

Failure to have this information available would mean the Commission is unable to perform its regulatory functions and to monitor and evaluate

transactions and operations of interstate pipelines and blanket marketing certificate holders.

Action: The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date for the FERC-916, with no changes to the requirements.

Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated at:

FERC requirements	Number of respondents annually	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total annual burden hours
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1) × (2) × (3)
FERC-916	222	1	1	222

The estimated total annual cost to respondents includes hours for labor (222 hrs. at \$17 per hour, for a labor cost of \$3,774) and record storage costs (using an estimated 12,548 cu. ft of records in off-site storage, for a total record storage cost of \$81,051). The total annual cost (labor plus off-site record storage) is \$84,825; the total annual cost per respondent is \$382.

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 retaining these records, such as administrative costs, off-site records storage, 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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC09-914-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-914); Comment Request; Extension

March 30, 2009.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection 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 collection described below.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due June 1, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be filed either electronically or in paper format, and should refer to Docket No. IC09-914-000. Documents must be prepared in an acceptable filing format and in compliance with Commission submission guidelines at <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp>.

Comments may be eFiled. The eFiling option, under the Documents & Filings tab on the Commission's home Web page (<http://www.ferc.gov>), directs users to the eFiling Web page. First-time users follow the eRegister instructions on the eFiling Web page to establish a user name and password before eFiling. Filers will receive an e-mailed confirmation of their filed comments. Commenters filing electronically should not make a paper filing. If electronic filing is not possible, deliver original and 14 paper copies of the filing to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

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² 18 CFR 1c.1 and 1c.2, 71 FR 4244 (2006).

Filed comments and FERC issuances may be viewed, printed and downloaded remotely from the Commission's Web site. The eLibrary link found at the top of most of the Commission's Web pages directs users to FERC's eLibrary. From the eLibrary Web page, choose General Search, and in the Docket Number space provided, enter IC09–914 then click the Submit button at the bottom of the page. For help with any of the Commission's electronic submission or retrieval systems, e-mail FERC Online Support: ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or telephone toll-free: (866) 208–3676 (TTY (202) 502–8659).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FERC is requesting comments on the FERC–914,¹ “Cogeneration and Small Power Production—Tariff Filings”, OMB Control No. 1902–0231. The information filed in FERC–914 enables the Commission to exercise its wholesale electric rate and electric power transmission oversight and enforcement responsibilities in accordance with the Federal Power Act, the Department of Energy Organization Act (DOE Act) and EPAAct 2005.

In Orders 671 and 671–A,² the Commission revised its regulations that 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 new exemption requirements of 18 CFR Part 292.

Section 205(c) of the FPA requires that every public utility have all of its jurisdictional rates and tariffs on file with the Commission and make them available for public inspection, within such time and in such form as the Commission may designate. Section 205(d) of the FPA requires that every public utility must provide notice to FERC and the public of any changes to its jurisdictional rates and tariffs, file such changes with FERC, and make them available for public inspection, in such manner as directed by the Commission. In addition, FPA section 206 requires FERC, upon complaint or its own motion, to modify existing rates or services that are found to be unjust, unreasonable, unduly discriminatory or preferential. FPA section 207 further requires the Commission upon complaint by a state commission and a finding of insufficient interstate service, to order the rendering of adequate interstate service by public utilities, the rates for which would be filed in accordance with FPA sections 205 and 206.

FERC implemented the Congressional mandate of EPAAct 2005 to establish

criteria for new qualifying cogeneration facilities by: (1) Amending the exemptions available to qualifying facilities from the FPA and from 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 a continuing progress in the development of efficient electric energy generating technology; (3) amending the FERC Form 556³ to reflect the criteria for new qualifying cogeneration facilities; and (4) eliminating ownership limitations for qualifying cogeneration and small power production facilities. FERC 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.

Action: The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date for the FERC–914,¹ with no changes to the reporting requirements.

Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated at:

FERC data collection—FERC–914	Number of respondents annually	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total annual burden hours
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1) × (2) × (3)
FPA Section 205 filings	100	1	183	18,300
Electric quarterly reports (initial)	100	1	230	23,000
Electric quarterly reports (later)	100	3	6	1,800
Change of status	100	1	3	300
Total				43,400

The estimated total annual cost to respondents is \$2,676,966.10 [43,400 hours divided by 2,080 hours⁴ per year, times \$128,297⁵ equals \$2,676,966.10]. The cost per respondent is \$26,769.66. The estimated burden covers the qualifying facilities required to file

electric quarterly reports, change of status filings, and tariff filings to comply with section 205 of the Federal Power Act (FPA).

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;

¹ Normally, these requirements and burden would be included in FERC–516, “Electric Rate Schedule Filings” (OMB Control No. 1902–0096). However, FERC–516 is currently the subject of OMB review, so the Commission will continue to track these requirements (and the related burden hours) separately under FERC–914 [formerly labeled “FERC–914(516)”. FERC–914 covers the tariff filing requirements under 18 CFR Part 35 for those

qualifying facilities that do not meet the exemption requirements in 18 CFR Part 292.

In the future, FERC plans to incorporate the FERC–914 reporting requirements and related burden into the FERC–516.

² *Revised Regulations Governing Small Power Production and Cogeneration Facilities*, Order No. 671, 71 FR 7852 (Feb. 15, 2006), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,203 (2006); and *Revised Regulations Governing*

Small Power Production and Cogeneration Facilities, Order 671–A, 71 FR 30585 (May 30, 2006), in Docket No. RM05–36.

³ The FERC–556 is cleared separately as OMB Control No. 1902–0075 and is not a subject of this Notice.

⁴ Number of hours an employee works each year.

⁵ Average annual salary per employee.

(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.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-915); Comment Request; Extension

March 30, 2009.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection 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 collection described below.

DATES: Comments in consideration of the collection of information are due June 1, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be filed either electronically or in paper format, and should refer to Docket No. IC09-915-000. 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>.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FERC is requesting comments on the record retention requirement FERC-915,¹ "Public Utility Market-Based Rate Authorization Holders—Records Retention Requirement," OMB Control No. 1902-0223.

In accordance with the Federal Power Act, the Department of Energy Organization Act (DOE Act), and the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct 2005), the Commission regulates the transmission and wholesale sales of electricity in interstate commerce, monitors and investigates energy markets, uses civil penalties and other means against energy organizations and individuals who violate FERC rules in the energy markets, and administers accounting and financial reporting regulations and oversees conduct of regulated companies.

The Commission imposes the FERC-915 record retention requirement, in 18 CFR 35.41(d), on applicable sellers to retain, for a period of five years, all data and information upon which they bill the prices charged for "electric energy or electric energy products it sold pursuant to Seller's market-based rate tariff, and the prices it reported for use in price indices."

The record retention period of five years is necessary due to the importance of records related to any investigation of possible wrongdoing and related to assuring compliance with the codes of conduct and the integrity of the market. The requirement is necessary to ensure consistency with the rule prohibiting market manipulation (adopted in Order No. 670) and the generally applicable five-year statute of limitations where the Commission seeks civil penalties for violations of the anti-manipulation rules or other rules, regulations, or orders to which the price data may be relevant.

Action: The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date for the FERC-915,¹ with no changes to the requirements.

¹ The FERC-915 requirements (formerly labeled "FERC-915(516)") are contained in 18 CFR 35.41(d)).