

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

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 \$84,739 (rounded). [1,238 hours divided by 2,080 hours<sup>2</sup> per year, times \$142,372<sup>3</sup> equals \$84,739]. The average cost per respondent is \$305 (rounded).

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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**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC11-588-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-588), Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension

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

**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) 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 July 26, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be filed either electronically (eFiled) or in paper format, and should refer to Docket No. IC11-588-000. 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>. eFiling instructions are available at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. First time users must follow eRegister instructions at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/eregistration.asp>, to establish a username and password before eFiling.

<sup>2</sup> Number of hours an employee works each year.

<sup>3</sup> Average annual salary, benefits, and overhead per employee.

The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgement to the sender's e-mail address upon receipt of eFiled comments. Commenters making an eFiling should not make a paper filing. Commenters that are not able to file electronically must send an original of 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 this docket may do so through eSubscription at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp>. In addition, all comments and FERC issuances may be viewed, printed or downloaded remotely through FERC's eLibrary at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>, by searching on Docket No. IC11-588. For user assistance, contact FERC Online Support by e-mail at [ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov](mailto:ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov), or by phone at: (866) 208-3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502-8659 for TTY.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Ellen Brown may be reached by e-mail at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), telephone at (202) 502-8663, and fax at (202) 273-0873.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The information collected under the requirements of FERC-588, "Emergency Natural Gas Transportation, Sale and Exchange Transactions" (OMB No. 1902-0144), is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of Sections 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (Pub. L. 75-688) (15 U.S.C. 717-717w) and provisions of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA), 15 U.S.C. 3301-3432. Under the NGA, a natural gas company must obtain Commission approval to engage in the transportation, sale or exchange of natural gas in interstate commerce. However, section 7(c) exempts from certificate requirements "temporary acts or operations for which the issuance of a certificate will not be required in the public interest." The NGPA also provides for non-certificated interstate transactions involving intrastate pipelines and local distribution companies.

A temporary operation, or emergency, is defined as any situation in which an actual or expected shortage of gas supply would require an interstate pipeline company, intrastate pipeline, or local distribution company, or Hinshaw pipeline to curtail deliveries of gas or provide less than the projected

level of service to the customer. The natural gas companies which provide the temporary assistance to the companies which are having the "emergency" must file the necessary information described in Part 284, Subpart I of the Commission's Regulations with the Commission so that it may determine if their assisting transaction/operation qualifies for exemption. The assisting company may or may not be under the Commission's jurisdiction and if their assisting actions qualify for the exemption, they will not become subject to the Commission's jurisdiction for such actions.

A report within forty-eight hours of the commencement of the transportation, sale or exchange, a request to extend the sixty-day term of the emergency transportation, if needed, and a termination report are required. The data required to be filed for the forty-eight hour report is specified by 18 CFR 284.270.

**Action:** The Commission is requesting a three-year approval of the collection of data with no changes to the collection requirements.

**Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated as follows:

Data collection	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-583 .....	8	1	10	80

The estimated total cost to respondents is \$5,476 (80 hours divided by 2,080 hours per employee per year times \$142,372 per year average salary per employee = \$5,476 (rounded)). The estimated annual cost per respondent is \$685 (rounded).

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