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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC13-6-000]

COMMISSION INFORMATION COLLECTION ACTIVITIES (FERC-606);  
COMMENT REQUEST

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Comment request.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is submitting the information collection, FERC-606 (Notification of Request for Federal Authorization and Requests for Further Information), 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 issued a Notice in the Federal Register (77 FR 76016, 12/26/2012) requesting public comments. FERC received no comments on the FERC-606 and is making this notation in its submittal to OMB.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due by [ INSERT 30 days after publication of this Notice in the Federal Register].

**ADDRESSES:** Comments filed with OMB (identified by the OMB Control No. 1902-0241) should be sent via email to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs:

[oir\\_submission@omb.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.gov). Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. The Desk Officer may also be reached via telephone at 202-395-4718.

A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, identified by the Docket No. IC13-6-000, 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 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.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* FERC-606: Notification of Request for Federal Authorization and Requests for Further Information.

*OMB Control No.:* 1902-0241

*Type of Request:* Three-year extension of the FERC-606 information collection requirements with no changes to the reporting requirements.

*Abstract:* The FERC-606 information collection requires agencies (Federal agency or officer, or State agency or officer acting pursuant to delegated Federal authority, responsible for a Federal authorization) responsible for issuing, conditioning, or denying requests for Federal authorizations for a proposed natural gas project to report regarding the status of an authorization request. This reporting requirement is intended to allow agencies to assist the Commission to make better informed decisions in establishing due dates for agencies' decisions. The Commission authorizes the construction and operation of proposed natural gas projects under NGA Sections 3 and 7. However, the Commission does not have jurisdiction over every aspect of each natural gas project. For a natural gas project to progress the Commission must approve and several different agencies must typically reach favorable findings regarding other aspects of the project. To coordinate better the activities of the separate agencies with varying responsibilities over proposed natural gas projects, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAc 2005) modified FERC's role. Section 313 of EPAc 2005<sup>1</sup> directs FERC to establish a schedule for agencies to review requests for federal authorizations required for a project.

*Type of Respondents:* Government agencies responsible for issuing authorizations for proposed natural gas projects

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<sup>1</sup> Amended 15 USC 717n (Section 15)

*Estimate of Annual Burden*<sup>2</sup>: The Commission estimates the total Public Reporting Burden for this information collection as:

<b>FERC-606: Notification of Request for Federal Authorization and Requests for Further Information</b>				
<b>Number of Respondents (A)</b>	<b>Number of Responses Per Respondent (B)</b>	<b>Total Number of Responses (A)x(B)=(C)</b>	<b>Average Burden Hours per Response (D)</b>	<b>Estimated Total Annual Burden (C)x(D)</b>
1	1	1	4	4

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$276 [4 hours ÷ 2080 hours/year<sup>3</sup> \* \$143,540/year<sup>4</sup> = \$276]

*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: March 11, 2013

Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.

<sup>2</sup> Burden is defined 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>3</sup> 2080 hours = 52 weeks \* 40 hours per week (i.e. 1 year of full-time employment)

<sup>4</sup> Average salary plus benefits per full-time equivalent employee

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