DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–556, FERC–606, and FERC–607): Consolidated Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of information collections 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 requirements and burden of the information collections described below.

DATES: Comments on the collections of information are due January 26, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC16–3–000) by either of the following methods:


• Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please reference the specific collection number and/or title in your comments.

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, 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 Data Clearance@FERC.gov, telephone at (202) 502–8663, and fax at (202) 273–0873.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the information collection

\*1 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.

18 CFR part 292 also exempts QFs from certain corporate, accounting, reporting, and rate regulation requirements of the Federal Power Act,\(^3\) certain state laws and the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005.\(^4\) The type of respondent for FERC-607 requires agencies or officials to submit to the Commission a copy of a decision or action on a request for federal authorization and an accompanying index to the documents and materials relied on in reaching a conclusion. The information collections can neither be discontinued nor collected less frequently because of statutory requirements. The consequences of not collecting this information are that the Commission would be unable to fulfill its statutory mandate under the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to:
- Establish a schedule for agencies to review requests for federal authorizations required for a project, and
- Compile a record of each agency’s decision, together with the record of the Commission’s decision, to serve as a consolidated record for the purpose of appeal or review, including judicial review.

**Type of Respondent:** Facilities that are self-certifying their status as a cogenerator or small power producer or that are submitting an application for FERC certification of their status as a cogenerator or small power producer.

**FERC–556: Certification of Qualifying Facility Status for a Small Power Production or Cogeneration Facility**

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<td>50 hrs; $3,600 ....</td>
<td>62.5 hrs; 4,500</td>
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<td>Small Power Production Facility &gt; 1 MW.</td>
<td>Self-certification</td>
<td>1,787</td>
<td>1.25</td>
<td>2,234</td>
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<td>3,351 hrs; 241,272</td>
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<td>Cogeneration and Small Power Production Facility ≤ 1 MW (Self-Certification)$^7$.</td>
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<td>390</td>
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OMB Control No.: 1902–0241. Abstract: FERC–606 requires agencies and officials responsible for issuing, conditioning, or denying requests for federal authorizations necessary for a proposed natural gas project to report to the Commission 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. FERC–607 requires agencies or officials to submit to the Commission a copy of a decision or action on a request for federal authorization and an accompanying index to the documents and materials relied on in reaching a conclusion. The information collections can neither be discontinued nor collected less frequently because of statutory requirements. The consequences of not collecting this information are that the Commission would be unable to fulfill its statutory mandate under the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to:
- Establish a schedule for agencies to review requests for federal authorizations required for a project, and
- Compile a record of each agency’s decision, together with the record of the Commission’s decision, to serve as a consolidated record for the purpose of appeal or review, including judicial review.

**Type of Respondent:** Agencies with federal authorization responsibilities.

**Estimate of Annual Burden:** The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden for the information collection as follows:

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<td>25 hrs; 1,800 ..........</td>
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\(^3\) 16 U.S.C. 791, et seq.
\(^5\) The burden costs are based on an FERC’s 2015 average annual wage (and benefits) figure for a full-time employee of $149,489 ($72/hour). The Commission staff believes that industry is similarly situated in terms of staff costs and skill sets.
\(^6\) MW = megawatt.
\(^7\) Not required to file.

\(^8\) The cost is based on FERC’s average cost (salary plus benefits) of $72/hour for 2015. The Commission staff believes that the level and skill set (as a reporting agency official, e.g., Environmental Program Manager or Reviewer) is comparable to FERC staff.
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).]

[Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Lead Training, Certification, Accreditation and Authorization Activities]

[AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).]

[ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has submitted the following information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA): “Lead Training, Certification, Accreditation and Authorization Activities” and identified by EPA ICR No. 2507–01 and OMB Control No. 2070–NEW. The ICR, which is available in the docket along with other related materials, provides a detailed explanation of the collection activities and the burden estimate that is only briefly summarized in this document. EPA did not receive any comments in response to the previously provided public review opportunity issued in the Federal Register on December 29, 2014 (79 FR 78084). With this submission, EPA is providing an additional 30 days for public review.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 28, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA–HQ–OPPT–2014–0486; FRL–9933–45–OEI, to both EPA and OMB as follows:

• To EPA online using http://www.regulations.gov (our preferred method) or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460.

• To OMB via email to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov. Address comments to OMB Desk Officer for EPA.

EPA’s policy is that all comments received will be included in the docket without change, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes profanity, threats, information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI), or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colby Lintner, Environmental Assistance Division (7408M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001; telephone number: (202) 554–1404; email address: TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Docket: Supporting documents, including the ICR that explains in detail the information collection activities and the related burden and cost estimates that are summarized in this document, are available in the docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at http://www.regulations.gov or in person at the EPA Docket Center, West William Jefferson Clinton Bldg., Rm. 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC. The telephone number for the Docket Center is (202) 566–1744. For additional information about EPA’s public docket, visit http://www.epa.gov/dockets.

ICR status: This is a new ICR. that seeks to consolidate the information collection activities that are currently covered by the following three ICRs that are currently approved by OMB under the separate OMB control numbers identified:

1. OMB Control No. 2070–0155: EPA ICR No. 1715.14; entitled “TSCA Sections 402 and 404 Training, Certification, Accreditation and Standards for Lead-Based Paint Activities and Renovation, Repair, and Painting”; approved through August 31, 2018.

2. OMB Control No. 2070–0158; EPA ICR No. 1669.07; entitled “Lead-Based Paint Pre-Renovation Information Dissemination—TSCA Sec. 406(b)”; approved through August 31, 2018.

3. OMB Control No. 2070–0181; EPA ICR No. 2381.03; entitled “ICR for the Final Rule entitled “Lead; Clearance and Clearance Testing Requirements for the Renovation, Repair, and Painting Program””; approved through August 31, 2018.

Under PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq., an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers are displayed either by publication in the Federal Register or by other appropriate means, such as on the related collection instrument or form, if applicable. The display of OMB control numbers for certain EPA regulations is consolidated in 40 CFR part 9.

Abstract: This consolidated ICR will cover the information collection activities imposed on entities conducting lead-based paint related activities currently approved in the ICRs listed above. Following approval of this ICR, the previous ICRs will be discontinued.

Respondents/Affected entities: Private entities and state, territorial or Native American agencies who are engaged in or who administer lead-based paint activities or programs.

Respondent’s obligation to respond: Mandatory (see 40 CFR part 745). Respondents may claim all or part of a document confidential. EPA will disclose information that is covered by a claim of confidentiality only to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with, the procedures in TSCA section 14 and 40 CFR part 2.

Estimated total number of potential respondents: 791,805.

Frequency of response: On occasion.

Estimated total burden: 5,746,565 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.3(b).

Estimated total costs: $283,187,555 (per year), includes no annualized capital investment or maintenance and operational costs.

Changes in the estimates: There is an overall decrease of 282,737 hours in the total estimated combined respondent burden that is currently approved by OMB in the three ICRs consolidated in this request. This decrease reflects changes in EPA’s estimates of the number of respondents and burden related activities based on economic conditions in the housing market and related industries. Further, the fact that the 2008 Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) rule and the 2010 Opt-Out rule have been in place for several years allows this ICR to use estimates based on actual certification data instead of making broader assumptions about industry behavior. Further details about these changes are included in the supporting statement for this ICR. This change is an adjustment.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.

Courtney Kerwin,
Acting Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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