

ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Thomas P. Dickson, Acting Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, USDA Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., STOP 1522, Washington, DC 20250-1522. FAX: (202) 720-8435. Email: [Thomas.Dickson@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:Thomas.Dickson@wdc.usda.gov).

*Title:* Wholesale Contracts for the Purchase and Sale of Electric Power.

*OMB Control Number:* 0572-0089.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* Most RUS financed electric systems are cooperatives and are organized in a two-tiered structure. Retail customers are members of the distribution system that provides electricity to their homes and business. Distribution cooperatives, in turn, are members of power supply cooperatives, also known as generation and transmission cooperatives (G&T's) that generate or purchase power and transmit the power to the distribution systems.

For a distribution system, a lien on the borrower's assets generally represents adequate security. However, since most G&T revenues flow from its distribution members, RUS requires, as a condition of a loan or loan guarantee to a G&T the long-term requirements wholesale power contract to purchase their power from the G&T at rates that cover all the G&T's expenses, including debt service and margins. RUS Form 444 is the standard form of the wholesale power contract. The Form is used by RUS G&T borrowers to enter into agreement with their distribution members for purchase of power from the G&T. Most borrowers adapt this form to meet their specific needs. The contract is prepared and executed by the G&T and each member and by RUS and the information allows RUS to determine credit quality and credit worthiness to determine repayment ability for loans and loan guarantees.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 6 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Small business or other for-profit; not-for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 20.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 120 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Rebecca Hunt, RUS Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, at (202) 205-3660; Facsimile: (202) 720-8435 or Email: [Rebecca.Hunt@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Hunt@wdc.usda.gov).

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 28, 2016.

**Brandon McBride,**

*Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Economic Analysis

[Docket No. 160316249-6249-01]

**XRIN 0691-XC051**

#### **BE-15: Annual Survey of Foreign Direct Investment in the United States**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Economic Analysis, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of reporting requirements.

**SUMMARY:** By this Notice, the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), Department of Commerce, is informing the public that it is conducting the mandatory survey titled Annual Survey of Foreign Direct Investment in the United States (BE-15). This survey is authorized by the International Investment and Trade in Services Survey Act.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This Notice constitutes legal notification to all U.S. persons (defined below) who meet the reporting requirements set forth in this Notice that they must respond to, and comply with, the BE-15. A completed report covering a reporting company's fiscal year ending during the previous calendar year is due by May 31 (or by June 30 for reporting companies that use BEA's eFile system). This notice is being issued in conformance with the rule BEA issued in 2012 (77 FR 24373) establishing guidelines for collecting data on international trade in services and direct investment through notices, rather than through rulemaking. Additional information about BEA's collection of data on international trade in services and direct investment can be found in the 2012 rule, the International Investment and Trade in Services

Survey Act (22 U.S.C. 3101 *et seq.*), and 15 CFR part 801. Survey data on international trade in services and direct investment that are not collected pursuant to the 2012 rule are described separately in 15 CFR part 801. The BE-15 survey forms and instructions are available on the BEA Web site at [www.bea.gov/fdi](http://www.bea.gov/fdi).

#### **Definitions**

(a) *United States*, when used in a geographic sense, means the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and all territories and possessions of the United States.

(b) *Foreign*, when used in a geographic sense, means that which is situated outside the United States or which belongs to or is characteristic of a country other than the United States.

(c) *Person* means any individual, branch, partnership, associated group, association, estate, trust, corporation, or other organization (whether or not organized under the laws of any State), and any government (including a foreign government, the U.S. Government, a State or local government, and any agency, corporation, financial institution, or other entity or instrumentality thereof, including a government-sponsored agency).

(d) *Business enterprise* means any organization, association, branch, or venture that exists for profit-making purposes or to otherwise secure economic advantage, and any ownership of any real estate.

#### **Reporting**

Notice of specific reporting requirements, including who is to report, the information to be reported, the manner of reporting, and the time and place of filing reports, will be mailed to those required to complete this survey.

*Who Must Report:* (a) Reports are required from each U.S. business enterprise in which a foreign person has a direct and/or indirect ownership interest of at least 10 percent of the voting stock in an incorporated business enterprise, or an equivalent interest in an unincorporated business enterprise, and that meets the additional conditions detailed in Form BE-15.

(b) Entities required to report will be contacted individually by BEA. Entities not contacted by BEA have no reporting responsibilities.

*What To Report:* The survey collects information on the operations of U.S. affiliates of foreign companies.

*How To Report:* Reports can be filed using BEA's electronic reporting system

at [www.bea.gov/efile](http://www.bea.gov/efile). Copies of the survey forms and instructions, which contain complete information on reporting procedures and definitions, can be downloaded from the BEA Web site given above. Form BE-15 inquiries can be made by phone to (202) 606-5615 or by sending an email to [be12/15@bea.gov](mailto:be12/15@bea.gov).

*When To Report:* A completed report covering a reporting company's fiscal year ending during the previous calendar year is due by May 31 (or by June 30 for reporting companies that use BEA's eFile system).

#### Paperwork Reduction Act Notice

This data collection has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act and assigned control number 0608-0034.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid control number assigned by OMB. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 18.2 hours per response. Additional information regarding this burden estimate may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov); under the Information Collection Review tab, click on "Search" and use the above OMB control number to search for the current survey instrument. Send comments regarding this burden estimate to Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BE-1), U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230; and to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project 0608-0034, Washington, DC 20503.

**Authority:** 22 U.S.C. 3101-3108.

**Brian C. Moyer,**

*Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Economic Analysis

[Docket No. 160303194-6194-01]

**XRIN: 0691-XC043**

#### **BE-37: Quarterly Survey of U.S. Airline Operators' Foreign Revenues and Expenses**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Economic Analysis, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of reporting requirements.

**SUMMARY:** By this Notice, the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), Department

of Commerce, is informing the public that it is conducting the mandatory survey titled Quarterly Survey of U.S. Airline Operators' Foreign Revenues and Expenses (BE-37). This survey is authorized by the International Investment and Trade in Services Survey Act.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This Notice constitutes legal notification to all U.S. persons (defined below) who meet the reporting requirements set forth in this Notice that they must respond to, and comply with, the BE-37. Reports are due 45 days after the end of each calendar quarter. This notice is being issued in conformance with the rule BEA issued in 2012 (77 FR 24373) establishing guidelines for collecting data on international trade in services and direct investment through notices, rather than through rulemaking. Additional information about BEA's collection of data on international trade in services and direct investment can be found in the 2012 rule, the International Investment and Trade in Services Survey Act (22 U.S.C. 3101 *et seq.*), and 15 CFR part 801. Survey data on international trade in services and direct investment that are not collected pursuant to the 2012 rule are described separately in 15 CFR part 801. The BE-37 survey form and instructions are available on the BEA Web site at [www.bea.gov/ssb](http://www.bea.gov/ssb).

#### Definitions

(a) *Person* means any individual, branch, partnership, associated group, association, estate, trust, corporation, or other organization (whether or not organized under the laws of any State), and any government (including a foreign government, the U.S. Government, a State or local government, and any agency, corporation, financial institution, or other entity or instrumentality thereof, including a government-sponsored agency).

(b) *U.S. person* means any person resident in the United States or subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

(c) *United States*, when used in a geographic sense, means the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and all territories and possessions of the United States.

(d) *Foreign person* means any person resident outside the United States or subject to the jurisdiction of a country other than the United States.

#### Reporting

Notice of specific reporting requirements, including who is to report, the information to be reported,

the manner of reporting, and the time and place of filing reports, will be mailed to those required to complete this survey.

*Who Must Report:* (a) Reports are required from each U.S. person whose total covered revenues or total covered expenses were \$500,000 or more during the previous year, or are expected to be \$500,000 or more during the current year.

(b) Entities required to report will be contacted individually by BEA. Entities not contacted by BEA have no reporting responsibilities.

*What To Report:* The survey collects information on U.S. airline operators' foreign revenues and expenses.

*How To Report:* Reports can be filed using BEA's electronic reporting system at [www.bea.gov/efile](http://www.bea.gov/efile). Copies of the survey forms and instructions, which contain complete information on reporting procedures and definitions, can be downloaded from the BEA Web site given above. Form BE-37 inquiries can be made by phone to BEA at (202) 606-5588 or by sending an email to [be37help@bea.gov](mailto:be37help@bea.gov).

*When To Report:* Reports are due to BEA 45 days after the end of each calendar quarter.

#### Paperwork Reduction Act Notice

This data collection has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act and assigned control number 0608-0011. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid control number assigned by OMB. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 4 hours per response. Additional information regarding this burden estimate may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov); under the Information Collection Review tab, click on "Search" and use the above OMB control number to search for the current survey instrument. Send comments regarding this burden estimate to Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BE-1), U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230; and to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project 0608-0011, Washington DC 20503.

**Authority:** 22 U.S.C. 3101-3108.

**Brian C. Moyer,**

*Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis.*

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