

DOE/EPSCoR award funds will be provided to the recipient organization within the EPSCoR state for the purpose of supporting activities in the EPSCoR state and may include travel and lodging, faculty or student stipends, materials, services and equipment.

### Applications

To minimize undue effort on the part of applicants and reviewers, interested parties must submit preapplications. Only one application per individual is permitted, and individuals currently receiving DOE EPSCoR funds are not eligible to apply. The preapplications will be evaluated relative to the scope and research needs of the Department of Energy. The brief preapplication must consist of (1) one to two pages of narrative describing the research objectives and methods of accomplishment, (2) a letter from the appropriate state EPSCoR coordinator endorsing the preapplication, and (3) a letter of intent from the DOE National Laboratory researcher confirming willingness to collaborate on the project. The preapplications will be grouped according to programmatic areas of interest to the DOE and will be reviewed by DOE laboratory management to determine the priority of the proposed research. The preapplications will also be reviewed by the relevant programmatic research area program manager. DOE program managers will be asked to rank EPSCoR preapplications by program priority. They will also be asked for their willingness to provide cofunding if a project is selected for approval. Based on this review, DOE/EPSCoR management will recommend formal submission of applications to the Department. A telephone number, facsimile number, and e-mail address are required parts of the preapplication. Instructions regarding the contents of a preapplication and other preapplication guidelines can be found on the SC Grants and Contracts Web site at: <http://www.sc.doe.gov/production/grants/preapp.html>.

In addition to the project description, all preapplications and formal applications must include the following information:

(1) Applications should explain the relevance of the proposed research to the agency's programmatic needs. On the cover page, applicants should specify the relevant DOE technical program office, and if known, the name of the program manager, and telephone number. DOE program descriptions and the contact person information may be accessed via the Web at: <http://www.doe.gov>.

(2) Applications must demonstrate clear evidence of collaborative intent, including a delineation of each partner's role and contribution to the research effort as well as a "Letter-of-Intent" from the participating DOE National Laboratory, facility, or center.

(3) Applications must explain the individual value to both the EPSCoR and the National Laboratory partners. There should be clear objectives, not necessarily the same, for each partner.

Applications will be subjected to scientific merit review (peer review) and will be evaluated against the following evaluation criteria, listed in descending order of importance as codified at 10 CFR part 605.10(d).

1. Scientific and/or Technical Merit of the Project,
2. Appropriateness of the Proposed Method or Approach,
3. Competency of Applicant's Personnel and Adequacy of Proposed Resources,
4. Reasonableness and Appropriateness of the Proposed Budget.

The evaluation will include program policy factors such as the relevance of the proposed research to the terms of the announcement and an agency's programmatic needs and priority. Note: External peer reviewers are selected with regard to both their scientific expertise and the absence of conflict-of-interest issues. Non-federal reviewers will often be used, and submission of an application constitutes agreement that this is acceptable to the investigator(s) and the submitting institution.

Applications received by SC under its current competitive application mechanisms that meet the criteria outlined in this Notice may also be deemed appropriate for consideration under this announcement and may be funded under this program.

General information about the development and submission of preapplications, applications, eligibility, limitations, evaluation, and selection processes, and other policies and procedures are contained in the Application Guide for the Office of Science Financial Assistance Program and 10 CFR part 605. Electronic access to the latest version of SC's Financial Assistance Guide is possible via the Internet at the following Web site address: <http://www.sc.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>.

Additional information regarding format, preparation and specific requirements for this program may be found at the following Web site address: <http://www.sc.doe.gov/production/bes/EPSCoR/APPL11.HTM>.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number for this program is 81.049, and the solicitation control number is ERFAP 10 CFR part 605.

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**John Rodney Clark,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC01-1-001 FERC Form No. 1]

#### Information Collection Submitted for Review and Request for Comments

January 23, 2002.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of submission for review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the energy information collection listed in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under provisions of section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13). Any interested person may file comments on the collection of information directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission received comments from six entities. Of the six, two represented either their subsidiaries or on behalf of a collective group of electric utilities. Information about the electric utilities and individual companies that participated is listed in Appendix D of the submission. The actual comments themselves are included in Attachment A. These entities commented in response to an earlier **Federal Register** notice of August 7, 2001 (66 FR 41217). The Commission has responded to these comments in its submission to OMB.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this collection of information are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification.

**ADDRESSES:** Address comments to Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Desk Officer, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503. The

Desk Officer may also be reached at (202) 395-7318. A copy of the comments should also be sent to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attention: Mr. Michael Miller, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208-1415, by fax at (202) 208-2425, and by e-mail at [mike.miller@ferc.gov](mailto:mike.miller@ferc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Description**

The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review contains:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC Form 1 "Annual Report for Major Electric Utilities, Licensees and Others".

2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

3. *Control No.:* OMB No. 1902-0021. The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with proposed changes to the existing collection. There is a decrease in the reporting burden due to the proposed elimination of eleven schedules and the abolishment of the paper copy filing requirement. There is also an adjustment due to an increase in the number of entities who are now subject to the Commission's jurisdiction and as a result must submit this annual report. This is a mandatory information collection requirement.

4. *Necessity of Collection of Information:* Submission of the information is necessary to enable the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing the provisions of the Federal Power Act (FPA). Under the FPA the Commission may prescribe a system of accounts for jurisdictional companies, and after notice and hearing, may determine the accounts in which particular outlays and receipts will be entered, charged or credited. The FERC Form 1 is designed to collect financial information from privately owned electric utilities and licensees who have generation, transmission, distribution and sales of electric energy, however produced throughout the United States and its possessions, subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

*Respondent Description:* The respondent universe currently comprises on average, 216 companies subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

6. *Estimated Burden:* 226,800 total burden hours, 216 respondents, 1 response annually, 1,050 hours per response (average).

7. *Estimated Cost Burden to Respondents:* 226,800 hours ÷ 2,080 hours per year × \$117,041 per year = \$12,713,112 average cost per respondent = \$58,857.

**Statutory Authority:** Sections 304 and 309 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 825c-825h.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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**[Docket No. IC01-1F-001 FERC Form No. 1-F]**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Description**

The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review contains:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC Form 1-F "Annual Report for Nonmajor Public Utilities and Licensees".

2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

3. *Control No.:* OMB No. 1902-0029. The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with proposed changes to the existing collection. There is an increase in the reporting burden due to an adjustment in the number of entities who are now subject to the Commission's jurisdiction and as a result must submit this annual report. This increase is partially offset by the proposed elimination of two schedules and certain line items on six other schedules. This is a mandatory information collection requirement.

4. *Necessity of Collection of Information:* Submission of the information is necessary to enable the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing the provisions of the Federal Power Act (FPA). Under the FPA the Commission may prescribe a system of accounts for jurisdictional companies, and after notice and hearing, may determine the accounts in which particular outlays and receipts will be entered, charged or credited. The FERC Form 1-F is designed to collect financial information from jurisdictional electric utilities and licensees who have generation, transmission, distribution and/or sell electric energy, within the United States and its possessions.

*Respondent Description:* The respondent universe currently comprises on average, 26 companies subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

6. *Estimated Burden:* 832 total burden hours, 26 respondents, 1 response annually, 32 hours per response (average).

7. *Estimated Cost Burden to Respondents:* 832 hours ÷ 2,080 hours per year × \$117,041 per year = \$46,816 average cost per respondent = \$1,801.