

**Information**

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**Certifications**

*Lobbying Restrictions (Department of Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999)*

The contractor or awardee agrees that none of the funds obligated on the award shall be made available for any activity or the publication or distribution of literature that in any way tends to promote public support or opposition to any legislative proposal on which congressional action is not complete. This restriction is in addition to those prescribed elsewhere in statute and regulation.

*Notice Regarding the Purchase of American-Made Equipment and Products—Sense of Congress*

It is the sense of Congress that, to the greatest extent practicable, all equipment and products purchased with funds made available under this award should be American-made.

**Simpson-Craig Amendment**

Applicant organizations which are described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and engage in lobbying activities after December 31, 1995 shall not be eligible for the receipt of Federal funds constituting an award, grant, or loan. Section 501 (c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 covers:

"Civic leagues or organizations not organized for profit but operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare, or local associations of employees, the membership of which and the net earnings of which are devoted exclusively to charitable, educational, or recreational purposes."

As set forth in section 3 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, as amended, (2 U.S.C. 1602), lobbying activities are defined broadly to include among other things, contacts on behalf of an organization with specified employees of the Executive Branch and Congress with regard to Federal legislative regulatory, and program administrative matters. Applicants qualifying as described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 must fill out representation.

Issued in Oakland, California on November 8, 1999.

**Joan Macrusky,**

*Director, Financial Assistance Center.*

**Attachment A—Notice of Intent to Apply**

FAX: (510) 637-2025

TO: Denise Berry, Contract Specialist

Name of Lead Organization/Principal Investigator

Name of Collaborating Organization(s) Intend to submit an application under Solicitation No. \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Scope of Work Element: \_\_\_\_\_

Engineering or fundamental science field, F-\_\_\_\_ (from Attachment B)

**Attachment B—Applicable Fields of Work**

(To designate applicable fields of nuclear engineering and fundamental science to facilitate evaluation of applications)

*Nuclear Engineering:*

F-1 Reactors, reactor systems, components, structures, and reactor-power conversion cycles/concepts

F-2 Instrumentation and control systems

F-3 Reactor-fuel systems to improve proliferation resistance

F-5-1 Materials science

F-5-2 Fundamental chemistry

F-5-3 Computational and engineering science

F-5-4 Nuclear physics

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. IC00-505-000]

**Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments**

November 9, 1999.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**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:** Consideration will be given to comments submitted on or before January 18, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on the proposed collection of information may be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Attn: Michael Miller, Office of the Chief Information Officer, CI-1, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208-1415, by fax at (202) 208-2425 and by E-mail at [mike.miller@ferc.fed.us](mailto:mike.miller@ferc.fed.us).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Abstract.**

The FERC-505, "Application for License for Water projects 5MW or Less Capacity" (OMB No. 1902-0115) consists of the filing requirements as defined in 18 CFR Sections 4.61, 4.71, 4.93, 4.107-108, 4.201-202, 292.203 and 292.208. The information collected under the requirements of FERC-505 is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of part 1 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. Sections 791a *et seq.* and 3301-3432, and Section 408 of the Energy Security Act. (P.L. 96-294, June 30, 1980), as amended by the Electric Consumers Protection Act (ECPA) (P.L. 99-495, 100 Stat. 1243 (1986)). The FPA as amended by ECPA provides the Commission with responsibility of issuing licenses for nonfederal hydropower plants, plus requiring the Commission in its licensing activities to give equal consideration to preserving environmental quality. ECPA also amended sections 10(a) and 10(j) of the FPA to specify the conditions on which hydropower licenses are issued, to direct that the project be adopted in accordance with a comprehensive plan that improves waterways for interstate/foreign commerce and for the protection, enhancement and mitigation of damages to fish and wildlife.

Submission of the information is necessary to fulfill the requirements of Sections 9 and 10(a) of the Act in order for the Commission to make the required finding that the proposal is economically, technically, and environmentally sound, and is best adapted to the comprehensive plan of development of the water resources of the region. Under Section 405(c) of the Public Utilities Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, the Commission may in its discretion (by rule or order) grant an exemption in whole or in part from the requirements of Part I of the FPA to small hydropower projects having a proposed installed capacity of 5,000 kilowatts or less. The information collected in the form of a written application for a license and used by Commission staff to determine the broad impact of a hydropower license application.

**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	Annual responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total annual burden hours
(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)×(2)×(3)
12	1	226	2,712

Estimated cost burden to respondents is \$143,278; (*i.e.*, 2,712 hours divided by 2,080 hours per full time employee per year multiplied by \$109,889 per year equals \$143,278). The cost per respondent is \$11,940.

The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, or 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.

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

*Acting Secretary.*

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Abstract:* The FERC-500, "Application for

License for Water Projects with More than 5 MW Capacity" (OMB No. 1902-0058 consists of the filing requirements as defined in 18 CFR Sections 4.32, 4.38, 4.40-41, 4.50-51, 4.61, 4.71, 4.93, 4.107-108, 4.201-202, 16.1, 16.10, 16.20, 292.203 and 292.208. The information collected under the requirements of FERC-500 is used by the Commission to determine the broad impact of a hydropower license application. In deciding whether to issue a license, the Commission gives equal consideration to full range of licensing purposes related to the potential value of a stream of river. Among these purposes are: hydroelectric development; energy conservation; fish and wildlife resources; including their spawning grounds and habitat; visual resources; cultural resources; recreational opportunities; other aspects of environmental quality; irrigation; flood control and water supply.

Submission of the information is necessary to fulfill the requirements of the Federal Power Act in order for the Commission to make the required finding that the proposal is economically sound, is best adopted to a comprehensive plan for improving/developing a waterway or waterways. Under Part I of the Federal Power Act (FPA), (16 U.S.C. Sections 791a (*et seq.*)), the Commission has the authority to issue licenses for hydroelectric projects on the waters over which Congress has jurisdiction. The Electric Consumers Protection Act (P.L. 99-495, 100 Stat. 1243) provides the Commission with the responsibility of issuing licenses for nonfederal hydroelectric plants. ECPA also amended the language of the FPA concerning environmental issues to ensure environmental quality.

*Action:* The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no charge to the existing collection of data.

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