



## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC24-12-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-582); Comment Request; Extension

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection, FERC-582 (Electric Fees, Annual Charges, Waivers, and Exemptions) (OMB Control Number 1902-0132).

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit your comments (identified by Docket No. IC24-12-000 and FERC-582) by one of the following methods:

Electronic filing through <http://www.ferc.gov>, is preferred.

- Electronic Filing: Documents must be filed in acceptable native applications and print-to-PDF, but not in scanned or picture format.
- For those unable to file electronically, comments may be filed by USPS mail or by hand (including courier) delivery:
  - Mail via U.S. Postal Service Only: Addressed to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426.

- Hand (including courier) delivery: Deliver to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

*Instructions:* All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <http://www.ferc.gov>. 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).

*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>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jean Sonneman may be reached by e-mail at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), telephone at (202) 502-6362.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* FERC-582, Electric Fees, Annual Charges, Waivers, and Exemptions.

*OMB Control No.:* 1902-0132.

*Type of Request:* Three-year extension of the FERC-582 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

*Abstract:* The information required by FERC-582 is contained in 18 CFR parts 381 and 382.

The Commission uses the FERC-582 information to implement the statutory provisions of the Independent Offices Appropriation Act of 1952<sup>1</sup> which authorizes the Commission to establish fees for its services. In addition, the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986<sup>2</sup> authorizes the Commission to assess and collect fees and

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<sup>1</sup> 31 U.S.C. 9701

<sup>2</sup> 42 U.S.C. 7178

annual charges in any fiscal year in amounts equal to all the costs incurred by the Commission in that fiscal year.

To comply with the FERC-582, respondents must submit to the Commission the sum of the megawatt-hours (MWh) of all unbundled transmission (including MWh delivered in wheeling transactions and MWh delivered in exchange transactions) and the megawatt-hours of all bundled wholesale power sales (to the extent the bundled wholesale power sales were not separately reported as unbundled transmission). The data collected in the FERC-582 information collection are drawn directly from the FERC Form 1 (Annual Report of Major Electric Utilities, Licensees and Others)<sup>3</sup> transmission data. The Commission sums the costs of its electric regulatory program and subtracts all electric regulatory program filing fee collections to determine the total collectible electric regulatory program costs. Then, the Commission uses the data submitted under FERC-582 to determine the total megawatt-hours of transmission of electric energy in interstate commerce. Respondents (public utilities and power marketers) subject to these annual charges must submit FERC-582 data to the Commission by April 30 of each year.<sup>4</sup> The Commission issues bills for annual charges to respondents. Then, respondents must pay the charges within 45 days of the Commission's issuance of the bill.

Respondents may file requests for waivers and exemptions of fees and charges<sup>5</sup> based on need. The Commission's staff uses the filer's financial information to evaluate the request for a waiver or exemption of the obligation to pay a fee or an annual charge.

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<sup>3</sup> OMB Control No. 1902-0021, described in 18 CFR 141.1

<sup>4</sup> 18 CFR 382.201

<sup>5</sup> This includes requirements of 18 CFR 381.105 (methods of payment), 381.106 (waiver), 381.108 (exemption), 381.302 (declaratory order), 381.303 (review of DOE remedial order), 381.304 (DOE denial of adjustment), and 381.305 (OGC interpretation).

*Estimate of Annual Burden:* The Commission estimates the burden<sup>6</sup> and cost<sup>7</sup> for this information collection as follows.

<b>FERC-582, Electric Fees, Annual Charges, Waivers, and Exemptions</b>					
<b>No. of Respondents (1)</b>	<b>Annual No. of Responses Per Respondent (2)</b>	<b>Total No. of Responses (1)x(2)=(3)</b>	<b>Average Burden &amp; Cost per Response (4)</b>	<b>Total Annual Burden Hrs. &amp; Cost (3)*(4)=(5)</b>	<b>Cost per Respondent (5)/(1)=(5)</b>
51	1	51	2.39 hrs.; \$239.00	121.89 hrs.; \$12,189.00	\$239.00

*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: February 29, 2024.

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*Acting Secretary.*

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<sup>6</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, refer to 5 CFR part 1320.

<sup>7</sup> The Commission staff estimates that the average respondent for FERC-582 is similarly situated to the Commission, in terms of salary plus benefits. Based on FERC's current annual average of \$207,786 (for salary plus benefits), the average hourly cost is \$100/hour.