



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC26-2-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-915) 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, FERC-915 (Public Utility Market-Based Rate Authorization Holders – Records Retention Requirements), will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review. There are no proposed changes to the record retention requirements.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Send written comments on FERC-915 to OMB through https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRA/icrPublicCommentRequest?ref_nbr=202601-1902-007. You can also visit <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain> and use the drop-down under “Currently under Review” to select the “Federal Energy Regulatory Commission” where you can see the open opportunities to provide comments. Comments should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice.

Please submit a copy of your comments to the Commission via email to DataClearance@FERC.gov. You must specify the Docket No. (IC26-2-000) and the FERC Information Collection number (FERC-915) in your email. If you are unable to file

electronically, comments may be filed by USPS mail or by hand (including courier) delivery:

- Mail via U.S. Postal Service Only: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426.
- All other delivery methods: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

Docket: To view comments and issuances in this docket, please visit

<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/search>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kayla Williams, (202) 502-6468.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC-915, Public Utility Market-Based Rate Authorization Holders – Records Retention Requirements

OMB Control No. 1902-0250.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-915 information collection requirements with no changes to the current record retention requirements.

Abstract: In accordance with the Federal Power Act, the Department of Energy Organization Act (DOE Act), and the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPA 2005), the Commission regulates the transmission and wholesale sales of electricity in interstate commerce, monitors and investigates energy markets, uses civil penalties and other means against energy organizations and individuals who violate FERC rules in the energy markets, administers accounting and financial reporting regulations, and oversees the conduct of regulated companies.

The Commission imposes the FERC-915 record retention requirements (18 CFR 35.41(d)) on applicable sellers to retain, for a period of five years, all data and information upon which they bill the prices charged for “electric energy or electric energy products sold pursuant to Seller's market-based rate tariff, and the prices it reported for use in price indices.”

The record retention period of five years is necessary due to the importance of records related to any investigation of possible wrongdoing and related to assuring compliance with the codes of conduct and the integrity of the market. The requirement is also necessary to ensure consistency with the rule prohibiting market manipulation (adopted in Order No. 670¹) and the generally applicable statute of limitations where the Commission seeks civil penalties for violations of the Anti-Manipulation Rules or other rules, regulations, or orders to which the price data may be relevant.

Type of Respondent: Sellers, as that term is defined in 18 CFR 35.36

Estimate of Annual Burden²: The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden and cost³ (rounded) for the information collection as follows:

¹ Prohibition of Energy Market Manipulation, Order No. 670, 71 FR 4244 (Jan. 26, 2006), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,202 (2006)

² 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 1320.3.

³ The estimated hourly cost (for wages plus benefits) provided in this section are based on the figures posted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) for the Utilities section available (at https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics2_22.htm) – April 2025. The hourly estimates for salary plus benefits are:

File Clerk (Occupation code: 43-4071), \$35.94 an hour, rounded to an hourly cost to \$36.

FERC Requirement	Number of Respondents (1)	Annual Number of Responses per Respondent (2)	Total Number of Responses (1)*(2)=(3)	Average Burden & Cost Per Response (4)	Total Annual Burden Hours & Cost (3)*(4)=(5)	Annual Cost per Respondent (\$) (5)÷(1)
FERC-915	2,510	1	2,510	1 hr.; \$36	2,510 hrs.; \$90,360	\$36
Total:			2,510		2,510 hrs.; \$90,360	

In addition, there are records storage costs. For all respondents, we estimate a total of 65,000 cu. ft. of records in off-site storage. Based on an approximate storage cost of \$0.24 per cubic foot, we estimate total annual storage cost to be \$15,600.00 (or \$6.22 annually per respondent). The total annual cost for all respondents (burden cost plus off-site storage) is \$100,940.00 (or \$85,340 + \$15,600); the average total annual cost per respondent is \$40.22 (\$6.22 + \$34.00).⁴

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

⁴ Given that the Commission has found (1) that Sellers use standard computer-based methods to store the retained information automatically on electronic media and (2) that storage space needed costs pennies per Gigabyte, estimating burden and storage assuming use of traditional paper records provides an extreme boundary on the estimated costs.

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: March 5, 2026.

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Deputy Secretary.

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