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**Jean A. Webb,**

*Secretary to the Commission.*

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Public Information Collection Requirement

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to Renew Information Collection #3038-0035—Rules Relating to the Offer and Sale of Foreign Futures and Foreign Options.

**SUMMARY:** The Commodity Futures Trading Commission is planning to renew information collection 3038-

0035, Rules Relating to the Offer and Sale of Foreign Futures and Foreign Options which is due to expire on February 28, 1998. The information collected pursuant to this rule is intended to detect fraud in the offer and sale of foreign futures and foreign options to people located in the United States. In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Commission solicits comments to:

(1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (2) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) enhance the equality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) minimize the burden of the collection of the 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, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before December 9, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Persons wishing to comment on this information collection should contact the CFTC Clearance Officer, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581, (202) 418-5160.

**Title:** Rules Relating to the Offer and Sale of Foreign Futures and Foreign Options.

**Control Number:** 3038-0035.

**Action:** Extension.

**Respondents:** FCMs, IBs, CPOs, CTAs and APs.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 3186 hours.

Respondents	Regulation (17 CFR)	Estimated number of respondents	Annual responses	Est. avg. hours per response
FCMs, IBs, CPOs, CTAs, and APs .....	30.4	560	560	1.00
	30.5	136	136	1.00
	30.6	440	440	.50
	30.7	120	120	.50
	30.8	120	1,440	1.00
	30.10	120	120	4.00

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

### Meeting of the Task Force on Defense Reform

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Task Force on Defense Reform (the Task Force). The meeting will be open to the public. One purpose of the meeting is to meet with the labor unions representing federal employees in DoD. In addition, time will be set aside for anyone who wishes to address the Task Force with ideas about streamlining, restructuring, and reengineering OSD and other components or elements of the Department of Defense.

The Task Force on Defense Reform was established to make recommendations to the Secretary of Defense and Deputy Secretary of

Defense on alternatives for organizational reforms, reductions in management overhead, and streamlined business practices in the Department of Defense, with emphasis on the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Defense Agencies and the DoD Field Activities, and the Military Departments.

**DATES:** Tuesday, October 21, 1997, at 3:30 P.M.

**ADDRESSES:** Room 3E869, the Pentagon, Washington, DC. Seating is limited. Must call Ms. Lynn Cline at the number listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** section below to arrange for access to Pentagon.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Ms. Lynn Cline, Task Force on Defense Reform, Room 3C965, Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301. Telephone: (703) 614-7522. Interested parties should call Ms. Cline before 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 21, 1997.

Dated: October 6, 1997.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[FERC-500]

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

October 3, 1997.

**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 (Pub. L. No. 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 no comments in response to an earlier **Federal Register** notice of May

28, 1997 (62 FR 28842) and has made this notation 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, 726 Jackson Place, NW., Washington, D.C. 20503. A copy of the comments should also be sent to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Division of Information Services, Attention: Mr. Michael Miller, 888 First Street NE., Washington, D.C. 20426.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael P. Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208-1415, by fax at (202) 273-0873, and by e-mail at mmiller@ferc.fed.us.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Description

The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review contains:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC-500, "Application for License for Water Projects With More Than 5MW Capacity".

2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

3. *Control No.:* OMB No. 1902-0058. The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection. There is a decrease in the reporting burden due to a decrease in the number of applicants filing with the Commission. These are mandatory collection requirements.

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). The information reported under Commission identifier FERC-500 is filed in accordance with Sections 4(e), 9, 14, 15 of the FPA. The FPA as amended by the Electric Consumers Protection Act (ECPA) (Pub. L. 99-495, 100 Stat. 1243, Oct. 16, 1986) authorizes the Commission to issue licenses for hydroelectric projects on the waters over which Congress has jurisdiction and for non-federal hydroelectric power plants as amended by the Act. ECPA also revised the language of the FPA concerning environmental issues and requires the Commission in its licensing activities to give equal consideration to preserving environmental quality. The

information is collected in the form of a written application for a license and is used by the Commission staff to determine the broad impact of the license application.

5. *Respondent Description:* The respondent universe currently comprises on average, 6 applicants for a hydro electric license.

6. *Estimated Burden:* 4,992 total burden hours, 6 respondents, 1 response annually, 832 hours per response (average).

7. *Estimated Cost Burden to Respondents:* 4,992 hours  $\times$  2,087 hours per year  $\times$  \$110,000 per year = \$263,115.

**Statutory Authority:** Sections 4(e), 9, 14, and 15 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16, U.S.C. 791a *et seq.*

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

##### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

##### Information Collection Submitted for Review and Request for Comments (FERC-505)

October 3, 1997.

**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 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under provisions of Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 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 no comments in response to an earlier **Federal Register** notice of May 28, 1997 (62 FR 28843) and has made this notation in its submission to OMB.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this collection of information are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before November 10, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Address comments to Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Desk Officer, 726 Jackson

Place, NW., Washington, DC 20503. A copy of the comments should also be sent to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Division of Information Services, Attention: Mr. Michael Miller, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Description

The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review contains:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC-505 "Application for License for Water Projects 5MW capacity or Less".

2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

3. *Control No.:* OMB No. 1902-0115. The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection. There is a decrease in the reporting burden due to a decrease in the number of applicants filing with the Commission. These are mandatory collection requirements.

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). The information reported under Commission identifier FERC-505 is filed in accordance with Sections 4(e), 9, 14, 15 (FPA). Authority for the application and license process is made in accordance with the Commission's defined role as mandated under provisions of the Federal Power Act and the Energy Security Act of 1980. Submission of the data is necessary to fulfill the requirements of Sections 9 and 10(a) of the FPA 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. Further Congress has authorized the Commission to exempt certain small hydroelectric projects from the licensing requirements imposed by this provision. Under Section 405(d) of the Public Utilities Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, the Commission in its discretion (by rule or order) grant an exemption in whole or in part from the requirement (including the licensing requirements) of Part I of the Federal Power Act to small hydroelectric power