

engines in the 0.3 to 3.0 MW range are expected to meet a significant portion of the demand for distributed generation by the "Industries of the Future." The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) seeks to establish partnerships with manufacturers, vendors, suppliers, research organizations, universities, regulators, end users and other committed stakeholders that will expand opportunities for gas-fired reciprocating engines. On September 24, 1999 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, an open meeting will be held at: Loews L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, 480 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Washington, DC 2002, 202-484-1000. The purpose of the meeting is to start a roadmap that outlines the mission, goals, technical activities, and priorities of a five-year program (2000-2004). The intent is to develop, test, and demonstrate a new generation of gas-fired reciprocating engine systems that will be cleaner, more fuel efficient, longer lived, more rugged, and lower cost than the existing fleet of products. The roadmap will emphasize the future role of gas-fired reciprocating engines for distributed power generation in the "Industries of the Future." The specifics of this roadmap will result from extensive collaboration with industry and other partners. It is expected that the roadmap will start with preliminary studies that scope and quantify the benefits of specific technologies relative to the existing engine fleet. Subsequent to the completion of developmental activities, the roadmap will culminate with long-term engine demonstrations. Persons planning to attend this meeting are asked to provide prior notification (including name, mailing address, phone and fax number, and electronic mail address) via electronic mail (recips@energetics.com) or fax (410-423-2193). As further information becomes available, it will be posted at the following Internet site [www.ch.doe.gov/business/ACQ.htm](http://www.ch.doe.gov/business/ACQ.htm).

**DATES AND ADDRESSES:** An open meeting will be held on September 24, 1999 from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. (EST). The meeting will be held at Lowes L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, 480 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Washington, DC 2002, (202) 484-1000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephen Waslo at (630) 252-2143 or Joseph Mavec at (630) 252-2323, U.S. Department of Energy, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439-4899, or by electronic mail at [stephen.waslo@ch.doe.gov](mailto:stephen.waslo@ch.doe.gov) or [joseph.mavec@ch.doe.gov](mailto:joseph.mavec@ch.doe.gov)

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*Acquisition and Assistance Group Manager.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Bonneville Power Administration

#### Availability of the Bonneville Purchasing Instructions (BPI)

**AGENCY:** Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), DOE.  
**ACTION:** Notice of document availability.

**SUMMARY:** Copies of the BPI which establishes the procedures BPA uses in the solicitation, award, and administration of its purchases of goods and services, including construction, and the Bonneville Financial Assistance Instructions (BFAI) which establishes the procedures BPA uses in the solicitation, award, and administration of financial assistance instruments (principally grants and cooperative agreements) are available from BPA for \$30 and \$15 each, respectively, or available without charge at the Internet address: <http://www.bpa.gov/Corporate/kgp/bpi/bpi.htm> and <http://www.bpa.gov/corporate/kgp/bfai/bfai.htm>.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the BPI or BFAI may be obtained by sending a check for the proper amount to the Head of the Contracting Activity, Routing KGP, Bonneville Power Administration, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon 97208-3621.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Manager, Corporate Communications, 1-800-622-4519.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** BPA was established in 1937 as a Federal Power Marketing Agency in the Pacific Northwest. BPA operations are financed from power revenues as opposed to annual appropriations. Its purchasing operations are conducted under 16 U.S.C. 832 *et seq.* and related statutes, pursuant to these special authorities, the BPI is promulgated as a statement of purchasing policy and as a body of interpretative regulations governing the conduct of BPA purchasing activities. It is significantly different from the Federal Acquisition Regulation, and reflects BPA's private sector approach to purchasing the goods and services which it requires. BPA's financial assistance operations are conducted under 16 U.S.C. 832 *et seq.*, and 16 U.S.C. 839 *et seq.* The BFAI express BPA's financial assistance policy. The BFAI also comprise BPA's rules

governing implementation of the principles provided in the following OMB circulars:

A-21 Cost principles applicable to grants, contracts, and other agreements within institutions of higher education.

A-87 Cost principles applicable to grants, contracts, and other agreements with State and local governments.

A-102 Uniform administrative requirements for grants in aid to State and local governments, and the common rule.

A-110 Grants and agreements with institutions of higher education, hospitals and other nonprofit organizations.

A-122 Cost principles applicable to grants, contracts, and other agreements with nonprofit organizations.

A-133 Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations. BPA's solicitations include notice of applicability and availability of the BPI and the BFAI, as appropriate, for the information of offerors on particular purchases or financial assistance transactions.

Issued in Portland, Oregon, on September 9, 1999.

**Kenneth R. Berglund,**  
*Manager, Contracts and Property Management.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[IC99-582-001, FERC-582]

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

September 13, 1999.

**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. 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 in response to an

earlier **Federal Register** notice of April 21, 1999 (64 FR 19522) and has responded 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 October 18, 1999.

**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. 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:** Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208-1415, by fax at (202) 273-0873, and by e-mail at [mike.miller@ferc.fed.us](mailto:mike.miller@ferc.fed.us).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Description**

The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review contains:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC-582 "Oil, Gas and Electric Fees and Annual Charges".

2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

3. *Control No.:* OMB No. 1902-0132. 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 change in the reporting burden due an additional 63 entities who are now required to file. These are mandatory information 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 Independent Offices Appropriation Act of 1952 (IOAA) (31 U.S.C. 9701) which authorizes the Commission to establish fees for services. In addition, the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986 (OBRA) (42 U.S.C. 7178) authorizes the Commission "to assess and collect fees and annual charges in any fiscal year in amounts equal to all the costs incurred by the Commission in that fiscal year." In calculating annual charges, the Commission first determines the total costs of its electric regulatory program and subtracts all electric regulatory program filing fee collections to determine total collectible electric regulatory program costs. It then uses the data submitted under FERC information collection requirement

FERC-582 to determine the total volumes of long-term firm sales and transmission, and short-term sales and transmission and exchanges for all public utilities, including power marketers. The Commission divides those volumes into its collectible program costs to determine the unit charge per mega-watt hour for each category of sales. Finally, the Commission multiplies the sales volume in each category for public utility (including each power marketer) by the relevant unit charge per mega-watt hour to determine the annual charges for all public utilities and power marketers. Public utilities and power marketers subject to these annual charges must submit FERC-582 to the Commission's Office of the Secretary by April 30 of each year. The Commission issues bills for annual charges, and public utilities and power marketers then must pay the charges within 45 days of the date on which the Commission issues the bill. In addition, Commission staff uses companies' financial information filed under the waiver provisions to evaluate requests for a waiver or exemption of the obligation to pay a fee for an annual charge. The Commission implements these filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR part 381, sections 381.108 and 381.302 and part 382 section 382.201(b).

5. *Respondent Description:* The respondent universe currently comprises on average, 242 applicants.

6. *Estimated Burden:* 968 total burden hours, 242 respondents, 1 response annually, 4 hours per response (average).

7. *Estimated Cost Burden to Respondents:* 968 hours ÷ 2,080 hours per year × \$109,889 per year = \$51,139, average cost per respondent = \$211.32.

**Statutory Authority:** Section 3401 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986 42 U.S.C. 7178 (1998) and Independent Offices Appropriation Act of 1952 (31 U.S.C. 9701).

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

*Acting Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[IC99-583-001, FERC-583]

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

September 13, 1999.

**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. 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 April 21, 1999 (64 FR 19523) 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 October 18, 1999.

**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. 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.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Description**

The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review contains:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC-583 "Annual Kilowatt Generating Report (Annual Charges)".

2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

3. *Control No.:* OMB No. 1902-0136. 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 no change in the reporting burden. 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