

authorizations approval. The reporting requirements for this information collection are found in 18 CFR part 154 of the Commission's regulations. These reporting requirements are mandatory.

*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 annually (1)	Number of responses per respondent (2)	Average burden hours per response (3)	Total annual burden hours (1)×(2)×(3)
152 .....	12.77	58.38	113,318

Estimated cost burden to respondents is \$5,9142,219. (113,318 hours/2080 hours per year times \$108,558 per year average per employee). The cost per respondent is \$38,909.

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

**Linda Mitry,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC05-603-001, FERC-603]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities, Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Submitted for OMB Review

April 27, 2005.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review of this information collection requirement. Any interested person may file comments 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 March 14, 2005 (70 FR 12461-62) and has made this notation in its submission to OMB.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due by May 28, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Address comments on the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. Comments to OMB should be filed electronically, c/o [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov), and include the OMB Control No. as a point

of reference. The Desk Officer may be reached by telephone at (202) 395-4650. A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Executive Director, ED-33, Attention: Michael Miller, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments may be filed either in paper format or electronically. Those persons filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. For paper filings, such comments should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 and should refer to Docket No. IC05-603-001.

Documents filed electronically via the Internet must be prepared in, MS Word, Portable Document Format, Word Perfect or ASCII format. To file the document, access the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> and click on "Make an e-filing," and then follow the instructions for each screen. First time users will have to establish a user name and password. The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgment to the sender's E-mail address upon receipt of comments. User assistance for electronic filings is available at (202) 502-8258 or by e-mail to [efiling@ferc.gov](mailto:efiling@ferc.gov). Comments should not be submitted to the e-mail address.

All comments are available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 502-8415, by fax at (202) 273-0873, and by e-mail at [michael.miller@ferc.gov](mailto:michael.miller@ferc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Description**

The information collection submitted for OMB review contains the following:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC-603 "Critical Energy Infrastructure Information."

2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

3. *Control No.:* 1902-0197.

The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve with a three-year extension of the expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection. The information filed with the Commission is mandatory.

4. *Necessity of the Collection of Information:* The information is used by the Commission to implement procedures for gaining access to critical energy infrastructure information (CEII) that would not otherwise be available under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. 552). On February 21, 2003, the Commission issued Order No. 630 (68 FR 9857-9873), and then issued subsequent Order Nos. 630-A (68 FR 46456-60), and 649 (69 FR 48386-91) to address the appropriate treatment of CEII in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and to restrict unrestrained general access due to the ongoing terrorism threat. These steps enable the Commission to keep sensitive infrastructure information out of the public domain, decreasing the likelihood that such information could be used to plan or execute terrorist attacks. The process adopted in these orders is a more efficient alternative for handling request for previously public documents than FOIA.

The Commission has defined CEII to include information about existing or proposed critical infrastructure that (i) relates to the production, generation, transportation, transmission, or distribution of energy; (ii) could be useful to a person planning an attack on critical infrastructure, (iii) is exempt from mandatory disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, and (iv) does not simply give the location of the critical infrastructure. Critical infrastructure means existing and proposed systems and assets, whether physical or virtual, the incapacity or destruction of which would negatively affect security, economic security, public health or safety, or any combination of those matters. A person seeking access to CEII may file a request for that information by providing information about their identity and reason for the need for the information. Through this process, the Commission is able to review the requester's need for the information against the sensitivity of the information. The Commission

implements these requirements in 18 CFR 388.113 of its regulations.

5. *Respondent Description:* The respondent universe currently comprises all entities requesting access to CEII information submitted to or issued by the Commission.

6. *Estimated Burden:* 46 total hours, 182 respondents (average per year), 1 response per respondent, and .25 hours per response (average).

7. *Estimated Cost Burden to respondents:* The estimated total cost to respondents is \$2,392. The cost per respondent = \$13. (46 hours @\$52 hourly rate ÷ 182).

**Statutory Authority** 15 U.S.C. 717, *et seq.*, 16 U.S.C. 791a, *et seq.*, section 313(b) of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 824l(b) and section 19(b) of the Natural Gas Act, 15 U.S.C. 717r(b).

**Linda Mitry,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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

[Docket Nos. ER05-718-001]

**California Independent System Operator Corporation; Notice of Filing**

April 29, 2005.

Take notice that on April 22, 2005, the California Independent System Operator Corporation (CAISO) tendered for filing an amendment to the CAISO Tariff, Amendment No. 69, for expedited consideration and acceptance by the Commission. CAISO states that the purpose of Amendment No. 69 is to make certain modifications in order to fully implement the intertie pricing methodology proposed in Amendment No. 66 and approved by the Commission.

The CAISO states that this filing has been served upon the Public Utilities Commission, the California Energy Commission, the California Electricity Oversight Board, all parties with effective Scheduling Coordinator Agreements under the CAISO Tariff, and all parties of record in Docket No. ER05-718-000.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to

the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. eastern time on May 6, 2005.

**Linda Mitry,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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

[Docket No. RP05-227-00]

**El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Compliance Filing**

April 27, 2005.

Take notice that on April 22, 2005, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1-A, Substitute Fifth Revised Sheet No. 2, with an effective date of April 15, 2005.

El Paso states that the filing is being made in compliance with the Commission's order issued April 7, 2005 at Docket No. RP05-227-000.

El Paso states that it is submitting Substitute Fifth Revised Sheet No. 2 to remove a reference to a precedent