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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Notice of Comment Period Extension Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Enhanced Training in Idaho Proposal Mountain Home Air Force Base, ID

The Air Force and the Bureau of Land Management are extending the public comment period for the Enhanced Training in Idaho DEIS to September 8, 1997. The DEIS prepared by the Air Force in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and its associated regulations for public land withdrawals, was released for public comment on May 9, 1997. The Bureau of Land Management is a cooperating agency for the environmental and land renewal processes associated with the proposed action.

The DEIS analyses three range development alternatives to enhance training for the 366th Wing, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, as well as a No-Action alternative. Development of one of the range alternatives would substantially enhance the realism, quality, and flexibility of local training. Each of the three range development alternatives includes a ground component and an airspace component. The ground component consists of development of a 12,000-acre tactical air-to-ground training range, 5 no-drop targets, 30 electronic emitter sites, and an associated road network, all of which would be located on federal and State of Idaho school endowment lands. For use of the federal lands, the Air Force proposes to initiate a Department of Defense military withdrawal under the Engle Act for the larger portions and to

obtain rights-of-way from the Bureau of Land Management for the smaller portions. For use of the state school endowment lands, the Air Force proposes to enter into lease agreements with the State of Idaho. The airspace component of the three alternatives would involve modification of special use airspace, including establishment of restricted airspace over the tactical training range and reconfiguration and expansion of existing Military Operations Areas (MOAs), under approval of the Federal Aviation Administration.

Written comments on this document should be directed to U.S. Air Force/ Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 329, Boise, ID 83702-0329; for telephone inquiries, please contact Capt. Melissa Miller, Chief 366th Wing Public Affairs, Mountain Home Air Force Base, ID, (208) 828-6800.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[FERC-525]

Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

August 4, 1997.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

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

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2) (2) (a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described below.

DATES: Consideration will be given to comments submitted on or before October 7, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained from and written comments may be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Attn: Michael Miller, Information Services Division, ED-12.4, 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 mmiller@ferc.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collected under the requirements of FERC-525 "Financial Audits" (OMB No. 1902-0092) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of Sections 4(b), 301(b), 302, 307 and 308 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 792-8280, Sections 6, 8(b), 9 and 10 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Sections 19 and 20 of the Interstate Commerce Act, 49 U.S.C. 20. FERC-525 involves field audits of books and records of public utilities and licenses, natural gas companies and oil pipeline carriers.

The Commission periodically performs audits to ensure that companies' financial records conform with the Commission's accounting, financial reporting, and other regulations established under the mandatory provisions of the statutes listed above. Also audits are conducted to assess and evaluate the regulatory implication of certain industry accounting practices and standards. Over time, more of the audit focus will be shifted to the later type of audits. The Commission implements these filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR parts 41, 101, 104, 125, 141, 158, 201, 225, 260, 351, 352, 356, 357.

Action: The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date.

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 (hours) (3)	Total annual burden hours (1) × (2) × (3)
77	1	100	7,700

Estimated cost burden to respondents: 7,700 hours divided by 2087 hours per year times \$110,000 per year equals

\$405,846. The cost per respondent is equal to \$5,271.

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 Commission'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.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[FERC-546]

Information Collection Submitted for Review and Request for Comments

August 5, 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: In compliance with the requirements of Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is submitting a collection of information listed in this notice to OMB for review under the provisions of the Act.

DATES: Comments regarding this collection of information are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained from and written comments may be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Attn: Michael P. Miller, Information Services Division, ED-12.4, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments should also be addressed to: Desk Officer, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of

Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20503.

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:

Abstract: The information collected under the requirements of FERC Form No. 546 "Certificated Rate Filings: Gas Pipeline Rates" (OMB No. 1902-0155) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of Title IV of the Natural Gas Policy Act (NGPA), 15 U.S.C. 3301-3432, Pub. L. 95-621 and Sections 4, 5, and 16, of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (15 U.S.C. 717-717o, Pub. L. 75-688). These statutory provisions require natural gas pipeline companies to obtain Commission authorization for all rates and charges made, demanded, or in connection with the transportation or sale of natural gas in interstate commerce. The Commission is authorized to investigate the rates charged by natural gas pipeline companies subject to its investigation. The data filed in certificated rate filings are used to implement new or revised service proposals for the transportation or sale of natural gas and for compliance with subsequent Commission orders. The distinction between FERC-546 and other rate/tariff data collections is that data collected under FERC-546 involved initial service and tariff revisions due to changes in service rather than changes in existing rates. The Commission implements these filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR 154.202-.206; 154.312; 154.601-.603.

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 (hours) (3)	Total annual burden hours (1) × (2) × (3)
100	4	400	16,000

Estimated cost burden to respondents: 16,000 hours / 2,087 hours per year × \$110,000 per year = \$843,700. The cost per respondent is equal to \$8,437.

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.