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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Secretary of Energy Advisory Board; Notice of Open Teleconference Meeting

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a teleconference of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**. The purpose of the teleconference is for the Board to discuss their findings and recommendations related to the Department's policies and practices for foreign visitors.

**DATES:** Wednesday, May 12, 1999, 11:00 AM-12:30 PM, EST.

**ADDRESSES:** Members of the public can participate by dialing 1-301-903-7073. Public participation is welcomed, however, the number of teleconference lines is limited and available on a first come basis.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bruce Bornfleth, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (AB-1), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-4040 or (202) 586-6279 (fax).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Purpose of the Board

The Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (Board) reports directly to the Secretary of Energy and is chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The Board provides the Secretary of Energy with essential independent advice and recommendations on issues of national importance. On May 12, the Board will conduct a teleconference to discuss the Board's findings and recommendations on the Department's policies and practices related to foreign visitors.

##### Purpose of the SEAB Review of the Foreign Visitors Program

In March 1999, the Secretary of Energy directed the Board to review and provide advice, information, and recommendations on the Department's policies and practices related to foreign visitors.

## Tentative Agenda

*Wednesday, May 12, 1999*

11:00 AM-11:10 AM

Welcome and Opening Remarks—  
SEAB Chairman Andrew Athy

11:10 AM-11:30 AM

Overview of findings and  
recommendations—Dr. John  
McTague

11:30 AM-12:00 PM

Public Comment Period

12:00 PM-12:30 PM

Board review, comments and action—  
SEAB Chairman Andrew Athy

12:30 PM

Adjourn

This tentative agenda is subject to change.

## Public Participation

The Chairman of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board is empowered to conduct the teleconference in a way that will, in the Chairman's judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. During its teleconference, the Board welcomes public comment. Members of the public will be heard during the public comment period. The Board will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. Written comments may be submitted to Skila Harris, Executive Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board, AB-1, US Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585.

## Minutes

Minutes and a transcript of the teleconference will be available for public review and copying approximately 30 days following the meeting at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190 Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. Information on the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board may also be found at the Board's web site, located at <http://www.hr.doe.gov/seab>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC99-582-000; FERC-582]

### Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

April 15, 1999.

**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)(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 by June 21, 1999.

**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, Office of the Chief Information Officer, CI-1, 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) 208-2425, and by e-mail at [mike.miller@ferc.fed.us](mailto:mike.miller@ferc.fed.us).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Abstract:** The information collected under the requirements of FERC-582 "Electric Annual Charges" (OMB No. 1902-0132) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986, (Pub. L. 99-509) Title III, Subtitle E, Section 3401. Congress directed the Commission "to assess and collect fees and annual charges in any fiscal year in amount equal to all of the costs incurred by the Commission in that fiscal year." The Commission implements a program of annual charges to be assessed against power marketing agencies, electric utilities and electric cooperatives. The Commission computes annual charges based on information of adjusted sales for resale and adjusted coordination of sales data. In calculating annual charges, the Commission first determines the total costs of its electric regulatory program and subtracts all electric regulatory filing fee collections to determine total collectible electric regulatory program costs. The Commission then uses the data submitted under FERC-582 to determine the total volume 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 these volumes into its collectible program costs to determine the unit charge per megawatt-hour for each category of sales. Finally, the Commission multiplies the sales volume in each category for each public utility by the relevant unit charge per

megawatt-hour to determine the annual charges for public utilities, including power marketers. In addition the Commission uses company financial information filed under the waiver provisions to evaluate a company's request 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).

**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	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response hours	Total annual burden hours
(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)×(2)×(3)
242 .....	1	2	484

Estimated cost burden to respondents: 484 hours / 2,080 hours per year × \$109,889 per year = \$25,570. The cost per respondent = \$106.

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 of 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 technologies collection techniques or other forms of information technology e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC99-583-000; FERC-583]

#### Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

April 15, 1999.

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

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

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(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 within 60 days of the publication of this notice.

**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, Office of the Chief Information Officer, CI-1, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Abstract:** The information collected under the requirements of FERC-583 "Annual Kilowatt Generating Report (Annual Charges)" (OMB No. 1902-0136) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of Section 10(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), Part I, 16 USC 803(e) which requires the Commission to collect annual charges from hydropower licensees for, among other things, the cost of administering Part I of the FPA and for the use of United States dams. In addition, the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986 (OBRA) authorizes the Commission to "assess and collect fees and annual charges in any fiscal year in amounts equal to all of the costs incurred by the Commission in that fiscal year." The information is collected annually and used to determine the amount of annual charges to be assessed licensees for reimbursable government administrative costs and for use of government dams. The Commission implements these filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR sections Part 11. **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: