Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated as:

Number of respondents (1)	Annual responses per respondent (2)	Average burden hours per response (3)	Total annual burden hours (1)×(2)×(3)
12	1	226	2,712

Estimated cost burden to respondents is $143,278; (*i.e.*, 2,712 hours divided by 2,080 hours per full time employee per year multiplied by $109,889 per year equals $143,278). The cost per respondent is $11,940.

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

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC00–500–000]

Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

November 9, 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 on or before January 18, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the proposed collection of information may be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Attn: Michael Miller, Office of the Chief Information Officer, CIN–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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Abstract:* The FERC–500, ''Application for License for Water Projects with More than 5 MW Capacity'' (OMB) No. 1902–0058 consists of the filing requirements as defined in 18 CFR Sections 4.32, 4.38, 4.40–41, 4.50–51, 4.61, 4.71, 4.93, 4.107–108, 4.201–.202, 16.1, 16.10, 16.20, 292.203 and 292.208. The information collected under the requirements of FERC–500 is used by the Commission to determine the broad impact of a hydropower license application. In deciding whether to issue a license, the Commission gives equal consideration to full range of licensing purposes related to the potential value of a stream of river. Among these purposes are: hydroelectric development; energy conservation; fish and wildlife resources; including their spawning grounds and habitat; visual resources; cultural resources; recreational opportunities; other aspects of environmental quality; irrigation; flood control and water supply.

Submission of the information is necessary to fulfill the requirements of the Federal Power Act in order for the Commission to make the required finding that the proposal is economically sound, is best adopted to a comprehensive plan for improving/developing a waterway or waterways. Under Part I of the Federal Power Act (FPA), (16 U.S.C. Sections 791a (*et seq*,), the Commission has the authority to issue licenses for hydroelectric projects on the waters over which Congress has jurisdiction. The Electric Consumers Protection Act (P.L. 99–495, 100 Stat. 1243) provides the Commission with the responsibility of issuing licenses for nonfederal hydroelectric plants. ECPA also amended the language of the FPA concerning environmental issues to ensure environmental quality.

Action: The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no charge to the existing collection of data.

Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated as:

Number of respondents (1)	Anual responses per respondent (2)	Average burden hours per response (3)	Total annual burden hours (1)×(2)×(3)
9	1	899	8,091

Estimated cost burden to respondents is $427,458 (*i.e.,* 8,091 hours divided by 2,080 hours per full time employee per year multipiled by $109,889 per year equals $427,458). The cost per respondent is $47,495.

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

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00–61–000]

El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Tariff Filing

November 9, 1999.

Take notice that on November 4, 1999, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, the following tariff sheets, with an effective date of January 1, 2000.

El Paso states that the tariff sheets are being made in compliance with the Commission's order issued September 29, 1999 at Docket No. RP99–323–000.

Second Revised Volume No. 1–A

Sixteenth Revised Sheet No. 20
Tenth Revised Sheet No. 22
Sixteenth Revised Sheet No. 23
Twentieth Revised Sheet No. 24
Sixteenth Revised Sheet No. 26
Sixteenth Revised Sheet No. 27
Thirteenth Revised Sheet No. 28
Third Revised Sheet No. 37
Third Revised Sheet No. 38
Sixth Revised Sheet No. 256
Sixth Revised Sheet No. 257

Third Revised Volume No. 2

Forty-fifth Revised Sheet No. 1–D.2
Thirty-Ninth Revised Sheet No. 1–D.3

El Paso states that the tariff sheets are being filed to revise the Gas Research Institute surcharges and to update the identification of low and high load factor shippers.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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 proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm (call 202–208–2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98–18–003]

Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

November 9, 1999

Take notice that on November 4, 1999, Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P. tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No., 1, First Revised Sheet No. 6 and Original Sheet Nos. 7 and 8. Iroquois requests that the Commission approve the tariff sheets effective November 4, 1999.

Iroquois states that the revised tariff sheets reflect a negotiated rate between Iroquois and Duke Energy Trading and Marketing, LLC for transportation under Rate Schedule RTS beginning on November 4, 1999 through March 31, 2000.

Iroquois states that copies of its filing were served on all jurisdictional customers and interested state regulatory agencies and all parties to the proceeding.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to