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For the Department of Energy.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC12-16-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-715); Comment Request; Extension

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory  
Commission.

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

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the  
requirements of the Paperwork  
Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C.  
3506(c)(2)(A), the Federal Energy  
Regulatory Commission (Commission or  
FERC) is soliciting public comment on  
the currently approved information  
collection, Annual Transmission  
Planning and Evaluation Report.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of  
information are due November 5, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments  
(identified by Docket No. IC12-16-000)  
by either of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's Web Site:*  
[http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/  
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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,  
Secretary of the Commission, 888 First  
Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

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at: (866) 208-3676 (toll-free), or (202)  
502-8659 for TTY.

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#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen Brown may be reached by email  
at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), telephone  
at (202) 502-8663, and fax at (202) 273-  
0873.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** FERC-715: Annual  
Transmission Planning and Evaluation  
Report.

**OMB Control No.:** 1902-0171.

**Type of Request:** Three-year extension  
of the FERC-715 information collection  
requirements with no changes to the  
current reporting requirements.

**Abstract:** Acting under FPA Section  
213,<sup>1</sup> FERC requires each transmitting  
utility that operates integrated  
transmission system facilities rated  
above 100 kilovolts (kV) to submit  
annually:

- Contact information for the FERC-  
715;
- Base case power flow data (if it does  
not participate in the development and  
use of regional power flow data);
- Transmission system maps and  
diagrams used by the respondent for  
transmission planning;
- A detailed description of the  
transmission planning reliability criteria  
used to evaluate system performance for  
time frames and planning horizons used  
in regional and corporate planning;
- A detailed description of the  
respondent's transmission planning  
assessment practices (including, but not

limited to, how reliability criteria are  
applied and the steps taken in  
performing transmission planning  
studies); and

- A detailed evaluation of the  
respondent's anticipated system  
performance as measured against its  
stated reliability criteria using its stated  
assessment practices.

The FERC-715 enables the  
Commission to use the information as  
part of their regulatory oversight  
functions which includes:

- The review of rates and charges;
- The disposition of jurisdictional  
facilities;
- The consolidation and mergers;
- The adequacy of supply and;
- Reliability of nation's transmission  
grid.

The FERC-715 enables the  
Commission to facilitate and resolve  
transmission disputes. Additionally, the  
Office of Electric Reliability (OER) uses  
the FERC-715 data to help protect and  
improve the reliability and security of  
the nation's bulk power system. OER  
oversees the development and review of  
mandatory reliability and security  
standards and ensures compliance with  
the approved standards by the users,  
owners, and operators of the bulk power  
system. OER also monitors and  
addresses issues concerning the nation's  
bulk power system including  
assessments of resource adequacy and  
reliability.

Without the FERC-715 data, the  
Commission would be unable to  
evaluate planned projects or requests  
related to transmission.

**Type of Respondents:** Integrated  
transmission system facilities rated at or  
above 100 kilovolts (kV).

**Estimate of Annual Burden<sup>2</sup>:** The  
Commission estimates the total Public  
Reporting Burden for this information  
collection as:

#### FERC-715—(IC12-16-000)—ANNUAL TRANSMISSION PLANNING AND EVALUATION REPORT

Number of respondents (A)	Number of responses per respondent (B)	Total number of responses (A) × (B) = (C)	Average burden hours per response (D)	Estimated total annual burden (C) × (D)
110 .....	1	110	160	17,600

The total estimated annual cost  
burden to respondents is \$1,214,569.23  
[17,600 hours ÷ 2080 hours per year =  
8.46153 \* \$143,540/year =  
\$1,214,569.23]

**Comments:** Comments are invited on:  
(1) Whether the 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 and cost of the collection  
of information, including the validity of  
the methodology and assumptions used;  
(3) ways to enhance the quality, utility  
and clarity of the information collection;

<sup>1</sup> 16 U.S.C. 824l.

<sup>2</sup> The Commission defines burden as the total  
time, effort, or financial resources expended by

persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or  
provide information to or for a Federal agency. For  
further explanation of what is included in the

information collection burden, reference 5 Code of  
Federal Regulations 1320.3.

and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC12-17-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-714); Comment Request; Extension

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

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

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 USC 3506(c)(2)(A), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection, Annual Electric Balancing Authority Area and Planning Area Report.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due November 5, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. [IC12-17-000]) by either of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's Web Site:* <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>.
- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** FERC-714: Annual Electric Balancing Authority Area and Planning Area Report.

**OMB Control No.:** 1902-0140.

**Type of Request:** Three-year extension of the FERC-714 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

**Abstract:** The Federal Power Act authorizes the Commission to collect information from electric utility balancing authorities and planning areas in the United States. 18 CFR 141.51 mandates the data collection.

The Commission uses the collected data to analyze power system operations along with its regulatory functions. These analyses estimate the effect of changes in power system operations resulting from the installation of a new generating unit or plant, transmission facilities, energy transfers between systems, and/or new points of interconnections. Also, these analyses serve to correlate rates and charges, assess reliability and other operating attributes in regulatory proceedings, monitor market trends and behaviors, and determine the competitive impacts of proposed mergers, acquisitions, and dispositions.

**Type of Respondents:** Electric utilities operating balancing authority areas and planning areas with annual peak demand over 200 MW.

**Estimate of Annual Burden<sup>1</sup>:** The Commission estimates the total Public Reporting Burden for this information collection as:

#### FERC-714 (IC12-17-000)—ANNUAL ELECTRIC BALANCING AUTHORITY AREA AND PLANNING AREA REPORT

Number of respondents (A)	Number of responses per respondent (B)	Total number of responses (A) × (B) = (C)	Average burden hours per response (D)	Estimated total annual burden (C) × (D)
219 .....	1	219	87	19,053

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$1,314,839.32 [19,053 hours ÷ 2080 hours/year<sup>2</sup> = 9.16009 \* \$143,540/year<sup>3</sup> = \$1,314,839.32]

**Comments:** Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the 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 and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility

and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14447-000]

#### L.S. Starrett Company; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission and Soliciting Additional Study Requests

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* Exemption from Licensing.

<sup>1</sup> The Commission defines burden as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. For

further explanation of what is included in the information collection burden, reference 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

<sup>2</sup> 2080 hours = 52 weeks \* 40 hours per week (i.e. 1 year of full-time employment).

<sup>3</sup> Average salary plus benefits per full-time equivalent employee.