

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSION

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<p>1. Agency/Subagency originating request Federal Energy Regulatory Commission</p>	<p>2. OMB control number b. <input type="checkbox"/> None a. <u>1</u> <u>9</u> <u>0</u> <u>2</u> - 0 <u>1</u> <u>7</u> <u>3</u></p>																																		
<p>3. Type of information Collection (<i>check one</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> New Collection b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revision of a currently approved collection c. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of a currently approved collection d. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired e. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired f. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Existing collection in use without an OMB control number <i>For b-f, note item A2 of Supporting Statement instructions</i></p>	<p>4. Type of review requested (<i>check one</i>) a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular b. <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency - Approval requested by: <u> / / </u> c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delegated</p> <p>5. Small entities Will this information collection have any significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>																																		
<p>6. Requested expiration date a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three years from approval date b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <u> / / </u></p>																																			
<p>7. Title Standards for Business Practices and Communication Protocols for Public Utilities:</p>																																			
<p>8. Agency form numbers(s) (<i>if applicable</i>) FERC-717</p>																																			
<p>9. Keywords 'public utilities, electric energy, information systems'</p>																																			
<p>10. Abstract The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) proposes to amend its open access regulations governing standards for business practices and electronic communications with interstate natural gas pipelines and public utilities. The FERC is proposing to incorporate by reference certain standards promulgated by the Wholesale Gas Quadrant (WGQ) and the Wholesale Electric Quadrant (WEQ) of the North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB). These standards will establish communication protocols between interstate pipelines and power plant operators and transmission owners and operators. Through this rulemaking, FERC is seeking to improve coordination between the gas and electric industries in order to limit miscommunications about scheduling of gas-fired generators.</p>																																			
<p>11. Affected public (<i>Mark primary with AP@ and all others that apply with AX@</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals or household d. <input type="checkbox"/> Farms b. <input type="checkbox"/> Business or other for-profit e. <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Government c. <input type="checkbox"/> Not-for-profit institutions f. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State, Local or Tribal Government</p>	<p>12. Obligation to respond (<i>Mark primary with AP@ and all others that apply with AX@</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary b. <input type="checkbox"/> Required to obtain or retain benefits c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory</p>																																		
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<p>15. Purpose of information collection (<i>mark primary with AP@ and all others that apply with AX@</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Application for benefits e. <input type="checkbox"/> Program planning or management b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Program evaluation f. <input type="checkbox"/> Research c. <input type="checkbox"/> General purpose statistics g. <input type="checkbox"/> P_ Regulatory or compliance d. <input type="checkbox"/> Audit</p>	<p>16. Frequency of recordkeeping or reporting (<i>check all that apply</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Recordkeeping b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Third party disclosure c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reporting 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On occasion 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-annually 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Annually 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Biennially 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (describe) 30 days after change in status</p>																																		
<p>17. Statistical Methods Does this information collection employ statistical methods? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>18. Agency contact (<i>person who can best answer questions regarding the content of this submission</i>) Name: <u>Kay Morice</u> Phone: <u>(202)502-6507</u></p>																																		

19. Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

On behalf of this Federal agency, I certify that the collection of information encompassed by this request complies with 5 CFR 1320.9.

NOTE: The test of 5 CFR 1320.9, and the related provisions of 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3), appear at the end of the instructions.
The certification is to be made with reference to those regulatory provisions as set forth in the instructions.

The following is a summary of the topics, regarding the proposed collection of information, that the certification covers;

- (a) It is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions;
- (b) It avoids unnecessary duplication;
- (c) It reduces burden on small entities;
- (d) It uses plain, coherent, and unambiguous terminology that is understandable to respondents;
- (e) Its implementations will be consistent and compatible with current reporting and recordkeeping practices;
- (f) It indicates the retention periods for recordkeeping requirements;
- (g) It informs respondents of the information called for under 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3):
 - (i) Why the information is being collected;
 - (ii) Use of information;
 - (iii) Burden estimate;
 - (iv) Nature of response (voluntary, required for a benefit, or mandatory);
 - (v) Nature and extent of confidentiality; and
 - (vi) Need to display currently valid OMB control number.
- (h) It was developed by an office that has planned and allocated for the efficient and effective management and use of the information to be collected (see note in Item 19 of the instructions);
 - (i) It uses effective and efficient statistical survey methodology; and
 - (j) It makes appropriate use of information technology.

If you are unable to certify compliance with any of these provisions, identify the item below and explain the reason in Item 18 of the Supporting Statement.

Item no. 19 (g)(vi) See item no. 17 of Supporting Statement.

Item no. 19 (i). See Item no. 18 of the Supporting Statement

Signature of Senior Official or designee

Michael P. Miller, Information Clearance Officer, FERC

Date