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Dated: May 15, 2013.

**James W. Runcie,**

*Chief Operating Officer, Federal Student Aid.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. IC13-16-000]

**Commission Information Collection Activities (Ferc-604); Comment Request; Extension**

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

**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 FERC-604, Cash Management Agreements, an existing collection of information that does not have current OMB approval.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due July 19, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC13-16-000) 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.

*Instructions:* All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp>. For user assistance contact FERC Online Support by email at [ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov](mailto:ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov), or by phone 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-604, Cash Management Agreements.

*OMB Control No.:* To be determined.

*Type of Request:* Three-year approval of the FERC-604 information collection requirements.

*Abstract:* Cash management or "money pool" programs typically concentrate affiliates' cash assets in joint accounts for the purpose of providing financial flexibility and lowering the cost of borrowing.

In a 2001 investigation, FERC staff found that balances in cash management programs affecting FERC-regulated entities totaled approximately \$16 billion. Additionally, other investigations revealed large transfers of funds (amounting to more than \$1 billion) between regulated pipeline affiliates and non-regulated parents whose financial conditions were precarious. The Commission found that these and other fund transfers and the enormous (mostly unregulated) pools of money in cash management programs could detrimentally affect regulated rates.

To protect customers and promote transparency the Commission issued Order 634-A (2003) requiring entities to formalize in writing and file with the Commission their cash management agreements. The Commission obtained OMB clearance for this new reporting requirement under the FERC-555 information collection (OMB Control No. 1902-0098). However, in subsequent extension requests to OMB for the FERC-555 collection the Commission failed to include the cash management agreement reporting burden as part of the estimates. In this proceeding the Commission rectifies the omission by seeking public comment on the reporting requirement in order to update the OMB clearance for cash management agreement filings. The Commission intends to put the reporting requirements under the collection number, "FERC-604" and request a new OMB Control Number.

The Commission implemented these requirements in 18 CFR 141.500, 260.400, and 357.5.

*Type of Respondents:* Public utilities, natural gas companies, and oil pipeline companies.

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

**FERC-604, CASH MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS**

	Number of respondents annually	Number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden hours per response	Estimated total annual burden
	(A)	(B)	(A) × (B) = (C)	(D)	(C) × (D)
Public utilities and licensees, natural gas companies, and oil pipeline companies .....	<sup>2</sup> 25	1	25	1.5	37.5

<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.

*Comments:* Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper

<sup>3</sup> This is a loaded cost (wages plus benefits) for a full-time employee.

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$3,330 [37.5 hours \* \$70 per hour<sup>3</sup> = \$2,625]

*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.

Dated: May 13, 2013.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC13-11-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (Ferc-539); Comment Request

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

**ACTION:** Comment request.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is submitting the information collection FERC-539, Gas Pipeline Certificates: Import & Export Related Applications, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review of the information collection requirements. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission issued a Notice in the **Federal Register** (78 FR 12747, 02/25/2013) requesting

<sup>2</sup> This figure is based on the number of filings received by the Commission for cash management agreements over the last several years.

<sup>3</sup> This is a loaded cost (wages plus benefits) for a full-time employee.

public comments. FERC received no comments on the FERC-539 and is making this notation in its submittal to OMB.<sup>1</sup>

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due by June 19, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments filed with OMB, identified by the OMB Control No. 1902-0062, should be sent via email to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs: [oira\\_submission@omb.gov](mailto:oira_submission@omb.gov). Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. The Desk Officer may also be reached via telephone at 202-395-4718.

A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, identified by the Docket No. IC13-11-000, 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:* Gas Pipeline Certificates: Import & Export Related Applications.

*OMB Control No.:* 1902-0062.

*Type of Request:* Three-year extension of the FERC-539 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

*Abstract:* Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA)<sup>2</sup> provides, in part, that “. . .

<sup>1</sup> The Commission has issued two notices regarding this collection in this docket. Neither notice contained the correct burden estimates. This notice corrects the burden estimates and provides the public with an additional 30 days for public comment.

<sup>2</sup> 15 U.S.C. 717-717w.

no person shall export any natural gas from the United States to a foreign country or import any natural gas from a foreign country without first having secured an order from the Commission authorizing it to do so.” The 1992 amendments to Section 3 of the NGA concern importation or exportation from/to a nation which has a free trade agreement with the United States and requires that such importation or exportation: (1) Shall be deemed to be a “first sale” (i.e. not a sale for a resale) and (2) shall be deemed to be consistent with the public interest. Applications for such importation or exportation should be granted without modification or delay.

The regulatory functions of Section 3 are shared by the Commission and the Secretary of Energy, Department of Energy (DOE). The Commission has the authority to approve or disapprove the construction and operation of particular facilities, the site at which such facilities shall be located, and, with respect to natural gas that involves the construction of new domestic facilities, the place of entry for imports or exit for exports. The DOE approves the importation or exportation of the natural gas commodity.<sup>3</sup>

Additionally, pursuant to the DOE Delegation Order and Executive Order Nos. 10485 and 12038, the Commission has the authority to issue Presidential Permits for natural gas facilities which cross an international border of the United States. Persons seeking Section 3 authorizations or Presidential Permits from the Commission file applications for such requests pursuant to Part 153 of the Commission's Regulations: Part 153, Subpart B and Subpart C.

*Type of Respondents:* The respondents include all jurisdictional natural gas companies seeking authorization from the Commission to import or export natural gas

*Estimate of Annual Burden<sup>4</sup>:* The Commission estimates the total Public Reporting Burden for this information collection as:

<sup>3</sup> Secretary of DOE's current delegation of authority to the Commission relating to import and export facilities was renewed by the Secretary's Delegation Order No. 00-004.00A, effective May 16, 2006.

<sup>4</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.