

Data Collection	Number of Respondents	Number of Responses Per Respondent	Hours Per Respondent	Total Annual Hours
FERC-555 .....	448	1	2	896
Totals .....				896

The total annual hours for documentation requirements = 896 hours.

#### 70. Reporting Requirements:

Data Collection	Number of Respondents	Number of Responses Per Respondent	Hours Per Response	Total Annual Hours
FERC-604 (new) (cash management agreement) .....	602*	1	1.5	903
(Notification) .....	34	2	.75	51
Totals .....				954

\*(The number of respondents as identified in the NOPR that will be subject to submitting documents describing their cash management agreements.)

The total annual hours for reporting requirements is 954.

71. *Information Collection Costs:* The Commission estimates the costs associated with converting verbal cash management agreements into writing to comply with the requirements of this interim rule to be \$50,418.<sup>34</sup> The Commission estimates the costs associated with submitting cash management program documents and notifying the Commission when a FERC-regulated entity's proprietary capital ratio falls below 30 percent and when its proprietary capital ratio subsequently returns to or exceeds 30 percent to be \$53,681.<sup>35</sup>

72. The Commission has assured itself, by means of its internal review that there is specific, objective support for the burden estimates associated with the information requirements.

*Title:* FERC-555 "Records Retention Requirements"; FERC-604 "Cash Management Programs and Financial Reporting Requirements".

*Action:* Proposed information collection requirements.

*OMB Control No.:* 1902-0098 and to be determined.

*Respondents:* Public utilities and licensees; natural gas companies; oil pipeline companies (Business or other for profit, including small businesses.)

*Frequency of the information:* On occasion.

*Necessity of the information:* The interim rule amends the Commission's regulations to revise parts 101, 141, 201, 260, and 352, the Commission's Uniform Systems of Accounts, to provide information collection requirements for cash management

activities and to require that cash management agreements be in writing.

73. The implementation of these requirements will help the Commission carry out its responsibilities under the FPA, the NGA and the ICA to protect ratepaying customers of FERC-regulated entities by providing greater transparency of cash management activities.

74. Interested persons may obtain information on the reporting requirements by contacting the following: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 [Attention: Michael Miller, Office of the Executive Director, ED-30, (202) 502-8415, or [michael.miller@ferc.gov](mailto:michael.miller@ferc.gov)] or by sending comments on the collections of information to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503. The Desk Officer can also be reached by phone at (202) 395-7856, or fax: (202) 395-7285.

#### VII. Comment Procedures

75. The Commission invites all interested persons to submit comments on the new reporting requirements included in this interim rule, including any related matters or alternative proposals that commenters may wish to discuss. Comments are due August 7, 2003. Comments must refer to Docket No. RM02-14-000, and must include the commenter's name, the organization he or she represents, if applicable, and the commenter's address in the comments. Comments may be filed either in electronic or paper format.

76. Comments may be filed electronically via the eFiling link on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>. The Commission accepts most standard word processing formats and commenters may attach additional files with supporting information in certain file formats. Commenters filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. Commenters that are not able to file comments electronically must send an original and 14 copies of their comments to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Secretary, 888 First Street NE., Washington DC 20426.

77. All comments will be placed in the Commission's public files and may be viewed, printed, or downloaded remotely as described in the Document Availability Section below. Commenters on this rule are not required to serve copies of their comments on other commenters.

#### VIII. Document Availability

78. In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the Internet through FERC's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov>) and in FERC's Public Reference Room during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time) at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426.

79. From FERC's Home page on the Internet, this information is available in the Federal Energy Regulatory Records Information System (FERRIS). The full text of this document is available on FERRIS in PDF and WordPerfect format for viewing, printing, and/or

<sup>34</sup> (896 hours for collection+2,080 hours) × \$117,041 = \$50,418.

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