

98. *Article 9. Signatures*—Proposed Article 9 provides for signatures of the Interconnection Customer, Transmission Provider and, if applicable, the Transmission Owner.

99. *Appendices*—The proposed SGIA includes the following additional information: (1) Description and costs of the Generating Facility, Interconnection Facilities, and metering equipment, (2) a one-line diagram depicting the Generating Facility, Interconnection Facilities, metering equipment, and Upgrades, (3) Milestones, (4) additional operating requirements for the Transmission Provider's Transmission

System and Affected Systems needed to support the Interconnection Customer's needs, and (5) the Transmission Provider's description of its Network Upgrades and Distribution Upgrades and a best estimate of their costs.

### III. Public Reporting Burden and Information Collection Statement

100. The following collections of information contained in this proposed rule are being submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under section 3507(d) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The Commission identifies the information provided under part 35 as FERC-516A.

101. Comments are solicited on the Commission's need for this information, whether the information would have practical use, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, ways to enhance the quality, use, and clarity of the information to be collected, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondents' burden, including the use of automated information techniques. The following burden estimate includes the cost of preparing and submitting tariff changes to comply with the Commission's proposed regulation.

#### *Public Reporting Burden:*

#### ESTIMATED ANNUAL BURDEN

Data Collection FERC-516A	Number of Respondents	Number of Responses	Hours Per Response	Total Annual Hours
Reporting .....	176	1	25	4,400
Recordkeeping .....	176	1	2	352
Totals .....				4,752

Total Annual Hours for Collection (Reporting + Recordkeeping) = 4,400 hours (176 respondents × 1 filing × 25 hours) + 352 hours (176 respondents × 1 filing × 2 hours to develop interconnection agreement format) = 4,752 hours.

*Information Collection Costs:* The Commission seeks comment on the costs to comply with these requirements. It has projected the average annualized cost for all respondents to be:

Annualized Startup Costs—Staffing requirements to review and prepare an interconnection agreement = \$220,000 (176 respondents × \$1,250 (25 hours @ \$50 hourly rate)).

Annualized Costs (Operation & Maintenance)—The cost is equal to \$5,984 (176 respondents × \$34 (2 hours @ \$17 hourly rate)).

Total Annualized Costs (Startup and O&M) = \$225,984.

102. OMB regulations require OMB to approve certain information collection requirements imposed by agency rule. 5 CFR 1320.11. Accordingly, pursuant to OMB regulations, the Commission is providing notice of its proposed information collections to OMB.

*Title:* FERC-516A, Small Generator Interconnection Procedures and Agreement.

*Action:* Proposed Data Collections.

*OMB Control No:* To be determined.

The Applicant shall not be penalized for failure to respond to this collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number.

*Respondents:* Business or other for profit.

*Frequency of Responses:* One-time implementation.

*Necessity of Information:* The proposed rule would revise the reporting requirements contained in 18 CFR part 35. The Commission is proposing a standard SGIP and standard SGIA that public utilities must adopt. The adoption of these procedures and agreement will: (1) Reduce interconnection time and costs for Interconnection Customers and Transmission Providers, (2) limit opportunities for Transmission Providers to favor their own generation, (3) ease entry for new generation, and (4) encourage needed investment in the generation and transmission infrastructure.

103. Interconnection plays a growing crucial role in bringing much needed generation into the market to meet the needs of electricity customers. However, requests for interconnection frequently result in complex technical disputes about interconnection feasibility, cost and cost responsibility. The Commission expects that a standard SGIP and standard SGIA will reduce interconnection costs and time for Interconnection Customers and Transmission Providers, resolve most interconnection disputes, minimize opportunities for undue discrimination, foster increased development of economic generation, and improve system reliability.

104. *Internal Review:* The Commission has assured itself, by

means of internal review, that there is specific, objective support for the burden estimates associated with the information requirements. The Commission's Office of Markets, Tariffs and Rates will use the data included in filings under section 203 and 205 of the Federal Power Act to evaluate efforts for the interconnection and coordination of the U.S. electric transmission system and to ensure the orderly implementation of the interconnection procedures and interconnection agreement as well as for general industry oversight. These information requirements conform to the Commission's plan for efficient information collection, communication, and management within the electric power industry.

105. 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, Phone: (202) 502-8415, fax: (202) 273-0873, E-mail: [michael.miller@ferc.gov](mailto:michael.miller@ferc.gov)].

106. For submitting comments concerning the collection of information(s) and the associated burden estimate(s), please send your comments to the contact listed above and to the Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, fax: (202) 395-7285, e-mail [pamelabevery@oirasubmission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:pamelabevery@oirasubmission@omb.eop.gov).