

TABLE 1. TRADITIONAL LICENSING PROCESS

Data collection	No. of re- spondents *	No. of re- sponses	Hours per response	Percent use **	Total annual hours
FERC-500	26	1	46,000	10	119,600
FERC-505	15	1	10,000	10	15,000

* Estimated number of licenses subject to renewal through 2009.

** Estimate of the percentage of applications that may use the Traditional Licensing Process.

Total Annual Hours for Collection: (Reporting + Recordkeeping, (if appropriate)) = 1,356,000 hours

TABLE 2. ALTERNATIVE LICENSING PROCESS

Data collection	No. of re- spondents *	No. of re- sponses	Hours per response	Percent use **	Total annual hours
FERC-500	26	1	39,000	30	304,000
FERC-505	15	1	8,600	30	38,700

* Estimated number of licenses subject to renewal through 2009.

** Estimate of the percentage of applications that may use the Alternative Licensing Process.

Total Annual Hours for Collection: (Reporting + Recordkeeping, (if appropriate)) = 1,152,000 hours

TABLE 3. INTEGRATED LICENSING PROCESS

Data collection	No. of re- spondents *	No. of re- sponses	Hours per response***	Percent use **	Total annual hours
FERC-500	26	1	32,200	60	502,320
FERC-505	15	1	7,000	60	63,000

* Estimated no. of licenses subject to renewal through FY 2009.

** Estimate of the percentage of applicants that may use the Integrated Licensing Process.

***Based on a 30% reduction through concomitant processes.

Total Annual Hours for Collection:
(Reporting + Recordkeeping, (if appropriate)) = 942,200 hours

Information Collection Costs: The Commission requested comments on the cost to comply with these requirements. None were received. The Commission has projected the average annualized cost per respondent to be the following:

Annualized Costs:

(1) Using Traditional Licensing Process

- (a) Projects less than 5 MW (average)—\$500,000.00
- (b) Projects greater than 5 MW (average)—\$2,300,000.00.

(2) Using Proposed Integrated Licensing Process

- (a) Projects less than 5MW average—\$350,000.00.
- (b) Projects greater than 5 MW—\$1,610,000.00.

Total Annualized Costs:

- (1) Traditional Licensing Process—\$67,300,000 (\$59.8 mil. + \$7.5 mil.).
- (2) Proposed Integrated Licensing Process—\$47,110,000 (\$41.8 mil. + (\$5.25 mil.))

The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulations⁴³⁷ require OMB to approve certain information collection requirements imposed by agency rule. The Commission is submitting notification of this proposed rule to OMB.

Title: FERC-500 "Application for License/Relicense for Water Projects greater than 5 MW Capacity," and FERC-505, "Application for License for Water Projects less than 5 MW Capacity."

Action: Proposed Collections.

OMB Control No: 1902-0058 (FERC 500) and 1902-0115 (FERC 505).

Respondents: Business or other for profit, or non-profit.

Frequency of Responses: On occasion.

Necessity of the Information: The final rule revises the Commission's regulations regarding applications for licenses to construct, operate, and maintain hydroelectric projects. Specifically, the revisions establish a new process for the development and processing of license applications that combines during the pre-filing consultation phase activities that are

currently conducted during pre-filing consultation and after the license application is filed. The information to be collected is needed to evaluate the license application pursuant to the comprehensive development standard of FPA Sections 4(e) and 10(a)(1), to consider in the comprehensive development analysis certain factors with respect to new licenses set forth in FPA Section 15, and to comply with NEPA, ESA, and NHPA. Most of the information is already being collected under the existing regulations, and the new regulations would for the most part affect only the timing of the collection and the form in which it is presented.

Internal Review: The Commission has reviewed the requirements pertaining to evaluation of hydroelectric license applications and has determined that the revisions are necessary because the hydroelectric licensing process is unnecessarily long and costly.

450. These requirements conform to the Commission's plan for efficient information collection, communication, and management within the hydroelectric power industry. The Commission has assured itself, by means of internal review, that there is

⁴³⁷ 5 CFR 1320.11.