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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC03-715-000, FERC Form 715]

Commission Information Collection Activities, Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension

September 11, 2003.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is soliciting public comment on the specifics of the information collection described below.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due by November 10, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained from Michael Miller, Office of the Executive Director, ED-30, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments may be filed either in paper format or electronically. Those parties filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing.

For paper filings, the original and 14 copies of such comments should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 and refer to Docket No. IC03-715-000.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collected under the requirements of FERC-715 "Annual Transmission Planning and Evaluation Report" (OMB Control No. 1902-0171) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of Sections 202, 207, 210, 211-213 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), as amended (49 Stat. 838; 16 U.S.C. 791a-825r) and particularly Sections 213(b), 304, 309 and 311. The Commission describes the Form 715 filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR part 141.300.

FERC Form No. 715 gathers basic electric transmission systems information. The Commission staff uses the Form 715 information to evaluate available transmission capacity and transmission constraints on electric transmission systems. Electrical transmission customers use the information to determine transmission availability.

Transmission dependent utilities use the information to determine transmission availability from alternative wholesale suppliers.

Federal, military, and private agencies use the information to simulate various scenarios and test theories in order to improve the current transmission system. Form 715 may be accessed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/eforms-elec.asp>.

Action: The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection of data.

Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated as:

Number of respondents annually	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total annual burden hours
(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)×(2)×(3)
183	1	160	29,280