

of capital spending at BEA and for Census/VPIP.

Finally, BEA offers that more detailed information about equipment and structures leased from others under operating leases would be useful for statistical purposes.

*Commission Response*

As discussed above, the public utilizes the data in FERC Form Nos. 1 and 1-F to assist in monitoring the rates, the financial condition of entities and in assessing energy markets. BEA's comments in support of the collection of the FERC Form Nos. 1 and 1-F data provide tangible examples of this utilization and reflect the public benefit of reporting this information. As further discussed above, the instant request to review and approve contains no changes to the reporting requirements for the existing information collections.

**FERC Form No. 3-Q, Quarterly Financial Report of Electric Utilities, Licensees, and Natural Gas Companies**

OMB Control No.: 1902-0205.

*Abstract:* The FERC Form No. 3-Q is a quarterly financial and operating report for rate regulation, market oversight analysis, and financial audits which supplements the (a) FERC Form Nos. 1 and 1-F, for the electric industry, or the (b) FERC Form No. 2 (Annual Report for Major Natural Gas Companies; OMB Control No. 1902-0028) and FERC Form No. 2-A (Annual Report for Nonmajor Natural Gas Companies; OMB Control No. 1902-0030), for the natural gas industry. The FERC Form No. 3-Q is submitted for all Major and Nonmajor electric utilities, licensees, and natural gas companies.<sup>7</sup>

FERC Form No. 3-Q includes a basic set of financial statements:

- Comparative Balance Sheet,
- Statement of Income and Statement of Retained Earnings,
- Statement of Cash Flows,
- Statement of Comprehensive Income and Hedging Activities, and
- Supporting schedules containing supplementary information.

Electric respondents report:

• Revenues and the related quantities of electric sales and electricity transmitted,

- Account balances for all electric operation and maintenance expenses,
- Selected plant cost data; and
- Other statistical information.

Natural gas respondents include:

- Monthly and quarterly quantities of gas transported and associated revenues,
- Storage, terminaling and processing services,

• Natural gas customer accounts and details of service, and

- Operational expenses, depreciation, depletion and amortization of gas plant.

*Type of Respondent:* Major and nonmajor electric utilities, licensees, and natural gas companies.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:* The estimated annual burden and cost (as rounded) follow. (The estimated hourly cost used for the FERC Form No. 3-Q is \$79 (for wages plus benefits) and is described above, under the FERC Form No. 1.):

FERC FORM NO. 3-Q

	Number of respondents (1)	Annual number of responses per respondent (2)	Total number of responses (1) * (2) = (3)	Average burden hours & cost per response (4)	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost (3) * (4) = (5)	Annual cost per respondent (\$) (5) ÷ (1)
FERC 3-Q (electric) .....	212	3	636	168 hrs.; \$13,272 .....	106,848 hrs.; \$8,440,992 .....	\$39,816
FERC 3-Q (natural gas) .....	165	3	495	167 hrs.; \$13,193 .....	82,665 hrs.; \$6,530,535 .....	39,579
<i>Total for FERC 3-Q</i> .....	.....	.....	1,131	.....	189,513 hrs.; \$14,971,527 .....	.....

*Comments:* Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collections of information are 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 estimates of the burden and cost of the collections of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collections; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collections of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: July 11, 2019.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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<sup>7</sup> 18 CFR 260.1(b) states that for natural gas companies as defined by the Natural Gas Act, Major pertains to a company whose combined gas transported or stored for a fee exceed 50 million Dth

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[EPA-HQ-OAR-2007-0269; FRL 9993-47-OMS]

**Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Transportation Conformity Determinations for Federally Funded and Approved Transportation Plans, Programs and Projects (Reinstatement)**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is planning to submit an information collection request (ICR), Transportation Conformity Determinations for Federally Funded and Approved Transportation Plans,

in each of the three previous calendar years. 18 CFR 260.2(b) states that for natural gas companies as defined by the Natural Gas Act, Nonmajor pertains to a company not meeting the filing threshold for

Programs, and Projects (EPA ICR Number 2130.06, OMB Control Number 2060-0561), to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. This is a proposed reinstatement of the ICR, which was approved through March 31, 2019. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on November 19, 2018 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. A fuller description of the ICR is given below, including its estimated burden and cost to the public.

**DATES:** Additional comments may be submitted on or before August 19, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OAR-2007-0269, to (1) EPA online using [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (our preferred method) or by mail to: EPA

FERC Form No. 2, but having total gas sales or volume transactions exceeding 200,000 Dth in each of the three previous calendar years.

Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460, and (2) OMB via email to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov). Address comments to "OMB Desk Officer for EPA".

EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes profanity, threats, information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Astrid Terry, Office of Transportation and Air Quality, Environmental Protection Agency, 2000 Traverwood Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48105; telephone number: 734-214-4812; email address: [terry.astrid@epa.gov](mailto:terry.astrid@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Supporting documents, which explain in detail the information that EPA will be collecting, are available in the public docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or in person at the EPA Docket Center, WJC West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC. The telephone number for the Docket Center is 202-566-1744. For additional information about EPA's public docket, visit [www.epa.gov/dockets](http://www.epa.gov/dockets).

**Abstract:** Transportation conformity is required under Clean Air Act section 176(c) (42 U.S.C. 7506(c)) to ensure that federally supported transportation activities are consistent with (conform to) the purpose of the State Air Quality Implementation Plan (SIP). Transportation activities include transportation plans, transportation improvement programs (TIPs), and federally funded or approved highway or transit projects. Conformity to the purpose of the SIP means that transportation activities will not cause or contribute to new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the relevant National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) or interim milestones.

Transportation conformity applies under EPA's conformity regulations at 40 CFR part 93, subpart A, to areas that are designated nonattainment and maintenance areas for the following transportation-related criteria pollutants: Ozone, particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub>), carbon monoxide (CO), and nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>). EPA published the original transportation conformity rule on November 24, 1993 (58 FR 62188), and subsequently published several revisions. EPA

develops the conformity regulations in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The federal government needs information collected under these regulations to ensure that metropolitan planning organization (MPO) and federal transportation actions are consistent with state air quality goals.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Respondents/affected entities:* MPOs, local transit agencies, state departments of transportation, and state and local air quality agencies.

*Respondent's obligation to respond:* Mandatory pursuant to Clean Air Act section 176(c) (42 U.S.C. 7506(c)) and 40 CFR part 93.

*Estimated number of respondents:* 155.

*Frequency of response:* Typically, once every 4 years for transportation plans and TIPs, and for the largest MPOs with 3 or more NAAQS, once every 3 years for transportation plans and TIPs. As needed for projects.

*Total estimated burden:* 48,671 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.3(b).

*Total estimated cost:* \$3,094,989 (per year), includes zero annualized capital or operation and maintenance costs.

*Changes in estimates:* There is a decrease of 11,877 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB. A decrease in burden was projected due to the requirement for transportation conformity ending in PM<sub>10</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, and CO maintenance areas that have reached the end of the 20-year maintenance period. A decrease in burden was projected due to fewer transportation conformity determinations for areas previously designated nonattainment or maintenance for the 1997 PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS. Burden was increased for the 1997 ozone NAAQS due to the *South Coast II* court decision, which occurred during the development of this ICR. The number of training hours was reduced for this ICR as no new emissions model has been released and additional hours for such a model transition and training are not anticipated. Based on the comments and supporting example documentation received during the first public comment period, EPA increased the estimated burden hours by 40% associated with an individual transportation plan and TIP conformity determination in the largest MPOs as well as increased TIP frequency for the

largest MPOs where conformity applies for 3 or more NAAQS.

**Courtney Kerwin,**

*Director, Regulatory Support Division.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9995-21-OMS]

### Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

**AGENCY:** Office of Mission Support, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of a new system of records.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of the Administrator is giving notice that it proposes to create a new system of records pursuant to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974. iComplaints EEO Case Management System (ICOM) is being created to support the Agency's Employment Complaints Resolution program as required by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and in compliance with the requirements of the Code of Federal Regulations.

**DATES:** Persons wishing to comment on this system of records notice must do so by August 19, 2019. New routine uses for this modified system of records will be effective August 19, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OEI-2018-0219, by one of the following methods:

- [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov): Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Email:* [oei.docket@epa.gov](mailto:oei.docket@epa.gov).

- *Fax:* (202) 566-1752.

- *Mail:* OEI Docket, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail code: 2822T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460.

- *Hand Delivery:* OEI Docket, EPA/DC, WJC West Building, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC. Such deliveries are only accepted during the docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

*Instructions:* Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OEI-2018-0219. The EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at