

March 11, 2025

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
Secretary of the Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20426

RE: *Federal Register* notice of February 7, 2025, for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) Form 3-Q (OMB Number: 1902-0205)

Dear Secretary of the Commission:

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) is writing in response to the *Federal Register* notice of February 7, 2025, which requests comments on the collections for FERC form number 3-Q.

BEA relies heavily on the data collected on these forms for the accurate calculation of many key components of both the industry and national economic accounts. Data collected on the FERC form 3-Q are indispensable to estimates of gross output, intermediate input, and value added in the U.S. economy for the utilities industry (NAICS 22). BEA uses data from the Energy Information Administration's (EIA) form 861M for electricity and EIA's natural gas monthly programs as source data for the utilities industry. These programs integrate information from FERC form 3-Q which collects financial and operational information from all major and non-major electric utilities and licensees and natural gas companies.

BEA also uses FERC tabulations indirectly as they are used to estimate the Census Bureau's construction value put-in place (VPIP) for electric, gas, and pipeline utilities. Census' VPIP estimates serve as a major source data input to the national income and product account's (NIPA) fixed investment in structures estimates. In BEA's fixed asset accounts (FAA), estimates of private fixed investment in structures by the utilities industry rely upon selected FERC data sets published by the EIA.

Please keep BEA informed about any proposed future modifications or additions to these forms, as changes will substantially affect our use of these data. For additional information, please contact Tiffany Burrell, Source Data Coordinator, at 301-278-9618 or by e-mail at [Tiffany.Burrell@bea.gov](mailto:Tiffany.Burrell@bea.gov).

Sincerely,

Dennis J. Fixler  
Chief Economist