

the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC08-523-000, FERC-523]

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

February 20, 2008.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(2)(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described below.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due April 25, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Copies of sample filings of the proposed information collection can

be obtained from the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filings/elibrary.asp>) or from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Attn: Michael Miller, Office of the Executive Director, ED-34, 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 filing, 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. IC08-523-000.

Documents filed electronically via the Internet must be prepared in WordPerfect, MS Word, Portable Document Format, or ASCII format. To file the document, access the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>, choose the Documents & Filings tab, click on eFiling, then follow the instructions given. First time users will have to establish a user name and password. The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgement to the sender's e-mail address upon receipt of comments.

All comments may be viewed, printed or downloaded remotely via the Internet through FERC's homepage using the "eLibrary" link. For user assistant, contact fercolinesupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208-3676. or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The information collection under the requirements of FERC-523

"Applications for Authorization of Issuance of Securities."

Under Federal Power Act (FPA) section 204, 16 U.S.C. 824c:

no public utility or licensee shall issue any security, or assume any obligation or liability as guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person, unless and until, and then only to the extent that, upon application by the public utility, the Commission by order authorized such issue or assumption of the liability. The Commission shall make such order if it finds that such issue or assumption (a) is for lawful object, within the corporate purposes of the applicant and compatible with the public interest, which is necessary or appropriate for or consistent with the proper performance by the applicant of service as a public utility and which will not impair its ability to perform that service, and (b) is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.* * *

The Commission uses the information contained in filings to determine its acceptance and/or rejection for granting applications for authorization to either issue securities or to assume an obligation or liability by the public utilities and their licensees who make these applications.

The Commission implements this statute through its regulations, which are found at 18 CFR Part 34; sections 131.43 and 131.50 of 18 CFR Part 131 prescribe the required format for the filings. The information is filed electronically.

Action: The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

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

Number of responses annually (1)	Number of responses per respondent (2)	Average burden hours per response (3)	Total annual burden hours (1)×(2)×(3)
60	1	88	5280

The estimated total cost to respondents is \$320,821 [5,280 hours divided by 2080 hours¹ times \$126,384² equals \$320,821]. The cost of filing FERC-523, per respondent, is \$5,347 (rounded-off).

The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide the information

including: (1) Reviewing instructions; (2) developing, acquiring, installing, using technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, verifying, processing, maintaining, disclosing and providing information; (3) adjusting the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable filing instructions and requirements; (4) training personnel to respond to this collection of information; (5) searching data sources; (6) completing and reviewing the collection of information;

and (7) transmitting, or otherwise disclosing the information. The cost estimate for respondents is based upon salaries for professional and clerical support, as well as direct and indirect overhead costs. Direct costs include all costs directly attributable to providing this information, such as administrative costs and the cost for information technology. Indirect or overhead costs are costs incurred by an organization in support of its mission. These costs apply to activities which benefit the

¹ Number of hours an employee works each year.

² Average annual salary per employee.

whole organization rather than any one particular function or activity.

Comments are invited on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate of the proposed information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used to calculate the reporting burden; and ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1490-046]

Brazos River Authority; Notice of Amendment of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

February 5, 2008.

Take notice that the following application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Application Type*: Approval of Contract for Use of Project Facilities and for the Sale of Project Power for a Period Extending Beyond the Term of License.

b. *Project No*: 1490-046.

c. *Date Filed*: December 6, 2007, supplemented January 22, 2008.

d. *Applicant*: Brazos River Authority (the Authority).

e. *Name of Project*: Morris Sheppard Dam Project.

f. *Location*: The project is located on the Brazos River, in Palo, Pinto, Young, and Stephans Counties, Texas.

g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 815 (2000).

h. *Applicant Contact*: John A. Whittaker, IV, Winston & Strawn, LLP, 1700 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006-3817, (202) 282-5766.

i. *FERC Contact*: Hillary Berlin at (202) 502-8915, or e-mail Hillary.Berlin@FERC.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing comments and motions*: February 26, 2008.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington DC 20426. Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>

under the "e-Filing" link. Please include the project number (P-1490-046) on any comments or motions filed.

k. *Description of Application*: The Authority filed a request for approval of a Facility Use Agreement (the Agreement) between the Authority and the Brazos Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (the Cooperative). The Authority seeks approval of the Agreement under the requirements of standard Article 5 of the Authority's license issued September 14, 1989 (48 FERC ¶ 62,190) and section 22 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 815 (2000), as a contract for the sale of project power extending beyond the term of the project license. The license expires on August 31, 2019.

Under license Article 5, the Authority is required to obtain and retain title in fee in, or the right to use in perpetuity, project property necessary to fulfill project purposes, and the disposal of project property rights once acquired is subject to Commission approval. Section 22 of the FPA provides that contracts for the sale and delivery of power for periods extending beyond the termination date of a license may be entered into upon the joint approval of the Commission and the appropriate state public service Commission or other similar authority in the state in which the sale or delivery of power is made.

Under the Agreement, the Cooperative would be given the right and the responsibility, at its own cost, to operate, maintain, and repair the project's hydroelectric generating facilities and to use the project's power, subject to certain restrictions and rights reserved to the Authority. In exchange, the Cooperative would make annual payments to the Authority and would reimburse the Authority for costs incurred by the Authority: (1) Related to compliance and administration of the project's license and compliance with other regulatory requirements with respect to the project's generating facilities; and (2) associated with the Authority obtaining a new license for the project, to the extent related to the project's generating facilities. The Authority would retain ownership of all project facilities throughout the 30-year term of the Agreement, which is subject to a 10-year extension at the option of the Cooperative. The Agreement would supersede and replace the current contractual arrangements between the Authority and the Cooperative, which pertain to project operation and maintenance and the sale of project power.

l. *Location of Application*: A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Comments, Protests, or Motions To Intervene*: Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

o. Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers.

p. *Agency Comments*: Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file