

**ACTION:** Notice of Extension of Comment Period.

**SUMMARY:** International Transmission Company, d/b/a ITC *Transmission* (ITC), filed a request to further extend the comment period on its supplemental filing of operational documents in an ongoing Presidential permit proceeding regarding the ITC application to amend Presidential Permit No. PP-230-3.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted and received by DOE on or before November 4, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to: Christopher Lawrence, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Mail Code: OE-20, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0350. Because of delays in handling conventional mail, it is recommended that documents be transmitted by overnight mail, by electronic mail to [Christopher.Lawrence@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Christopher.Lawrence@hq.doe.gov), or by facsimile to 202-586-8008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher Lawrence (Program Office) at 202-586-5260, or by e-mail to [Christopher.Lawrence@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Christopher.Lawrence@hq.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On January 5, 2009, ITC applied to the DOE to amend Presidential Permit No. PP-230-3 by authorizing ITC to replace a failed 675-MVA transformer with two 700-MVA phase-shifting transformers connected in series at ITC's Bunce Creek Station in Marysville, Michigan.

On August 9, 2011, DOE received Supplemental Reply Comments from ITC, which completed the ITC response to earlier comments filed in the proceeding by the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator (MISO), Inc. and the Independent Electricity System Operator of Ontario. According to ITC, the supplemental filing provided the operational agreements required to complete ITC's application in the amendment proceeding, including a letter of agreement between ITC and MISO assigning functional control of the subject facilities at the Bunce Creek Station to MISO.

DOE published a notice in the **Federal Register** on August 18, 2011 (76 FR 52945) inviting comments from prior participants in the proceeding and other interested persons on the ITC supplemental filing until September 23, 2011. Specifically, DOE was interested in obtaining the views of other affected utilities and system operators on the sufficiency of the operating principles provided by ITC.

In response to a motion from ITC filed on September 15, 2011, DOE extended

the comment period on the supplemental filing through the publication of a notice in the **Federal Register** on September 27, 2011 (76 FR 59668). The current comment period is scheduled to expire on October 14, 2011.

On October 11, 2011 ITC filed a motion requesting an extension of the comment period for an additional week in order to allow more time for the parties in the case to finalize ongoing settlement discussions. In the interest of ensuring that there is sufficient time for the parties to be able to conclude the settlement and provide any additional comments that may be warranted, DOE has decided to extend the public comment period until November 4, 2011.

**Procedural Matters:** Any person desiring to be heard in response to this notice should file written comments with DOE. Five copies of such comments should be sent to the address provided above on or before the date listed above.

Additional copies of such petitions to intervene or protests also should be filed directly with: Stephen J. Videto, ITC *Transmission*, 27175 Energy Way, Novi, MI 48377 and John R. Staffier, Stuntz, Davis & Staffier, P.C., 555 Twelfth Street, NW., Suite 630, Washington, DC.

All of the documents filed in the OE Docket No. PP-230-4 proceeding may be viewed by going to the Pending Applications page at <http://energy.gov/node/11845> on the DOE Web site and scrolling to the PP-230-4 section under Pending Presidential Permit Applications.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 13, 2011.

**Brian Mills,**

*Director, Permitting and Siting, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RD11-10-000]

#### Proposed Agency Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice and Request for Comments

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) invites public comment in Docket No.

RD11-10-000 on a proposed collection of information that the Commission is developing for submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before December 20, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, identified by docket number, may be filed in the following ways:

- Electronic Filing through <http://www.ferc.gov>. Documents created electronically using word processing software should be filed in native applications or print-to-PDF format and not in a scanned format.

- *Mail/Hand Delivery:* Those unable to file electronically may mail or hand-deliver an original of their comments to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ellen Brown may be reached by e-mail at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), telephone at (202) 502-8663, and fax at (202) 273-0873.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed information collection in Docket No. RD11-10-000 relates to a proposed Reliability Standard, FAC-008-3—Facility Ratings, developed by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), and submitted to the Commission for approval. NERC's petition related to proposed Reliability Standard FAC-008-3 is pending before the Commission. The proposed Reliability Standard modifies the currently effective version Reliability Standard FAC-008-1 and subsumes Reliability Standard FAC-009-1. Concurrent with the effectiveness of FAC-008-3, Reliability Standards FAC-008-1 and FAC-009-1 will be retired. The information collection requirements contained in Reliability Standards FAC-008 and FAC-009 are contained in

FERC-725A (OMB Control Number 1902-0244).

There is a net increase in information collection and reporting that would result from implementing proposed

Reliability Standard FAC-008-3 and retiring the two superseded Reliability Standards. The breakdown is as follows:

FAC-008-3	Applies to:	Additional reporting beyond FAC-008-1 and FAC-009-1	Additional recordkeeping beyond FAC-008-1 and FAC-009-1
R1	Generator owners	None, this requirement is derived from R1 of FAC-008-1.	Retention period increased by 2 years.
R2	Generator owners	None, this requirement is derived from R1 of FAC-008-1.	Retention period increased by 2 years.
R3	Transmission owners	None, this requirement is derived from R1 of FAC-008-1.	Retention period increased by 2 years.
R4	Generator owners and Transmission owners.	None, this requirement is derived from R2 of FAC-008-1.	Retention period increased by 2 years.
R5	Generator owners and Transmission owners.	None, this requirement is derived from R3 of FAC-008-1.	Retention period increased by 2 years.
R6	Generator owners and Transmission owners.	None, this requirement is derived from R1 of FAC-008-1.	Retention period increased by 2 years.
R7	Generator owners	None, this requirement is derived from R2 of FAC-008-1.	Retention period increased by 2 years.
R8	Generator owners that are subject to R2 and Transmission owners.	Newly added reporting of the next most limiting equipment and the thermal rating for the next most limiting equipment.	New retention period of 3 years.

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

Additional proposed burden in FERC-725A	Number of respondents per compliance registry summary as of August 29, 2011 (A)	Number of responses per respondent (B)	Hours per respondent per response (C)	Total annual hours (A × B × C)
Report the next most limiting equipment and the thermal rating for the next most limiting equipment.	83 <sup>1</sup> Generator owners	1	80	6,640
Report the next most limiting equipment and the thermal rating for the next most limiting equipment.	342 Transmission owners	1	20	6,840
Increase in retention time by 2 years for R1 through R7.	833 Generator owners	1	2	1,666
Increase in retention time by 2 years for R1 through R7.	342 Transmission owners	1	2	684
Compliance sub-total				13,480
Recordkeeping sub-total				2,350
<b>Total</b>				<b>15,830</b>

Estimated cost burden to respondents is \$1,683,400; [*i.e.*, (13,480 hours @ \$120 an hour (compliance cost)) + (2,350 hours @ \$28 an hour (recordkeeping cost))]. The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide the information including: (1)

Reviewing instructions; (2) developing, acquiring, installing, and utilizing 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 instructions and requirements; (4) training personnel to respond to a collection of information; (5) searching data sources; (6) completing and reviewing the collection of information; and (7) transmitting, or otherwise disclosing the information.

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 whole organization rather than any particular function or activity.

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

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<sup>1</sup> Requirement R8 applies to generator owners that own facilities between the step-up transformer and the point of interconnection. We estimate that 10% of all NERC registered generator owners own such facilities.

<sup>2</sup> Transmission Owner estimate based on the supplemental work required to report the next most limiting equipment and assumes all prerequisite work was performed in compliance with currently effective Reliability Standard FAC-008-1.

The estimate of cost for respondents is based upon salaries for professional and clerical support, as well as direct and indirect overhead costs. Direct costs