

**Burden Statement:** The Commission estimates the Public Reporting Burden for this collection as:

	Number of respondents annually (1)	Number of responses per respondent (2)	Average burden hours per response (3)	Total annual burden hours (1)*(2)*(3)
102 .....		1	6	612

The total annual cost of filing FERC-598 is: 612 hours/2080<sup>7</sup> hours × \$142,372<sup>8</sup> per year = \$41,890. The annual cost of filing FERC-598 per respondent is \$411. This cost estimate for respondents includes salary and employee benefits and is based on the cost for professional and clerical support within the Commission.

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 a collection of information; (5) searching data sources; (6) completing and reviewing the collection of information; and (7) transmitting, or otherwise disclosing the information.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is 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 estimate of the burden of 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 through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: December 23, 2011.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC12-4-000]

### Commission Information Collection Activities, Proposed Collection (FERC-716); Comment Request; Extension

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed information collection and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(2)(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described below.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due by March 5, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be filed either electronically (eFiled) or in paper format. The comments should refer to Docket No. IC12-4-000. Documents must be prepared in an acceptable filing format and in compliance with Commission submission guidelines at: <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submit-guide.asp>. eFiling instructions are available at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. First time users must follow eRegister instructions at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/eregistration.asp>, to establish a user name and password before eFiling. The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgement to the sender's email address upon receipt of eFiled comments. Commenters making an eFiling should not make a paper filing.

Commenters that are not able to file electronically must send an original of their comments to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket may do so through eSubscription at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp>. All comments and FERC issuances may be viewed, printed

or downloaded remotely through FERC's eLibrary at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>, by searching on Docket No. IC12-4-000. For user assistance, contact FERC Online Support by email at [ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov](mailto:ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov), or by phone at: (866) 208-3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502-8659 for TTY.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen Brown may be reached by email at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), telephone at (202) 502-8663, by fax at (202) 273-0873.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Commission uses the information collected under the requirements of FERC-716 ("Good Faith Request for Transmission Service and Response by Transmitting Utility Under Sections 211(a) and 213(a) of the Federal Power Act" [OMB No. 1902-0170]) to implement the statutory provisions of sections 211 and 213 of the Federal Power Act (FPA) as amended and added by the Energy Policy Act 1992. FERC-716 also includes the requirement to file a section 211 request if the negotiations between the transmission requestor and the transmitting utility are unsuccessful. For the initial process, the information is not filed with the Commission. However, the request and response may be analyzed as a part of a section 211 action. The Commission may order transmission services under the authority of FPA 211.

The Commission's regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), 18 CFR 2.20, provide standards by which the Commission determines if and when a valid good faith request for transmission has been made under section 211 of the FPA. By developing the standards, the Commission sought to encourage an open exchange of data with a reasonable degree of specificity and completeness between the party requesting transmission services and the transmitting utility. As a result, 18 CFR 2.20 identifies 12 components of a good faith estimate and 5 components of a reply to a good faith request.

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

<sup>7</sup> Number of hours an employee works per year.

<sup>8</sup> Average annual salary per employee.

**Burden Statement:** The Commission estimates the Public Reporting Burden for this information collection as:

FERC data collection FERC-716 (OMB control No. 1902-0170)	Number of respondents annually (1)	Number of responses per respondent (2)	Average burden hours per response (3)	Total annual burden hours (1)*(2)*(3)
Information exchange between parties .....	3	1	100	300
Application submitted to FERC if parties' negotiations are unsuccessful .....	3	1	2.5	* 8
<b>Total .....</b>				<b>308</b>

\* Rounded.

The total annual cost of filing FERC-716 is: 308 hours/2080 hours <sup>1</sup> × \$142,372 = \$21,082.<sup>2</sup>

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 a collection of information; (5) searching data sources; (6) completing and reviewing the collection of information; and (7) transmitting, or otherwise disclosing the information.

The Commission bases the cost estimate for respondents upon salaries within the Commission for professional and clerical support. This cost estimate includes respondents' total salary and employment benefits.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collection of information is 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 estimate of the burden of the 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 through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: December 27, 2011.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13022-003]

#### Barren River Lake Hydro LLC; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission, Soliciting Additional Study Requests, and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Licensing and a Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments

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

a. *Type of Application:* Original Major License.

b. *Project No.:* 13022-003.

c. *Date Filed:* December 9, 2011.

d. *Applicant:* Barren River Lake Hydro LLC (Barren Hydro).

e. *Name of Project:* Barren River Lake

Dam Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Barren River, in Allen County, Kentucky. The project would occupy 18.65 acres of land, the majority of which are United States lands administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps).

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791 (a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Brent Smith, Symbiotics LLC, 371 Upper Terrace, Suite 2, Bend, Oregon 97702; (541) 330-8779; email—[brent.smith@symbioticsenergy.com](mailto:brent.smith@symbioticsenergy.com).

i. *FERC Contact:* Allan Creamer, (202) 502-8365 or via email at [Allan.Creamer@ferc.gov](mailto:Allan.Creamer@ferc.gov).

j. *Cooperating agencies:* Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues that wish to cooperate in the

preparation of the environmental document should follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item l below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. *See*, 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

k. Pursuant to section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the application, and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

*l. Deadline for filing additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status:* February 7, 2012.

All documents may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at 1 (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and seven copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

m. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

n. The proposed project would utilize the existing Corps' Barren River Lake

<sup>1</sup> Number of hours an employee works in a year.

<sup>2</sup> Average annual salary per employee.