

revisions.⁴ Revised Reliability Standard, NUC-001-2, was filed with the Commission by NERC in August 2009 and subsequently approved by the Commission January 21, 2010.⁵

The purpose of Reliability Standard NUC-001-2 is to require “coordination between nuclear plant generator operators and transmission entities for the purpose of ensuring nuclear plant safe operation and shutdown.”⁶ The Nuclear Reliability Standard applies to nuclear plant generator operators (generally nuclear power plant owners and operators, including licensees) and “transmission entities,” defined in the Reliability Standard as including a

nuclear plant’s suppliers of off-site power and related transmission and distribution services. To account for the variations in nuclear plant design and grid interconnection characteristics, the Reliability Standard defines transmission entities as “all entities that are responsible for providing services related to Nuclear Plant Interface Requirements (NPIRs),” and lists eleven types of functional entities (heretofore described as “transmission entities”) that could provide services related to NPIRs.⁷

Reliability Standard NUC-001-2 requires a nuclear power plant operator and its suppliers of back-up power and

related transmission and distribution services to coordinate concerning nuclear licensing requirements for safe nuclear plant operation and shutdown and system operating limits. Information collection requirements include establishing and maintaining interface agreements, including record retention requirements.

Type of Respondents: e.g. nuclear operators, nuclear plants, transmission entities

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*⁸ The Commission estimates the Public Reporting Burden for this information collection as:

FERC data collection FERC-725F (OMB Control No. 1902-0249)	Number of respondents annually	Number of responses (Documents)	Average burden hours per response	Total annual burden hours
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)*(2)*(3)
New agreements	10 nuclear operators + 20 transmission entities.	1	Reporting: 1,080	Reporting: 32,400
			Recordkeeping: 108	Recordkeeping: 3,240
Modifications to agreements ...	65 nuclear plants + 130 transmission entities ⁹ .	2	Reporting: 67 (rounded)	Reporting: 26,000
			Recordkeeping: 7 (rounded)	Recordkeeping: 2,600
Total	Not applicable (see text for discussion).	Not applicable	Not applicable	64,240

The Commission estimates the total annual cost burden to respondents as:

- 58,400 Reporting hours × \$120/hour¹⁰ = \$7,008,000.
- 5,840 Recordkeeping hours × \$28/hour¹¹ = \$163,520 (plus the record storage cost: 143 entities × \$15.25/year per entity¹² = \$2,181 (rounded))

Total annual cost burden to respondents = \$7,173,701.

Comments: 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 and cost 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 collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: January 13, 2012.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

**Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission**

[Docket No. CP12-41-000]

**Liberty Energy (Midstates) Corp.;
Notice of Application**

Take notice that on January 4, 2012, Liberty Energy (Midstates) Corp. (Liberty Midstates), 2845 Bristol Circle, Oakville, Ontario, Canada L6H 7H7, filed in Docket No. CP12-41-000, an application pursuant to section 7(f) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) requesting the determination of a service area¹

⁴ *Mandatory Reliability Standard for Nuclear Plant Interface Coordination*, Order No. 716, 125 FERC ¶ 61,065, at P 189 & n.90 (2008), order on reh’g, Order No. 716-A, 126 FERC ¶ 61,122 (2009).

⁵ *North American Electric Reliability Corporation*, 130 FERC ¶ 61,051 (2010). When the revised Reliability Standard was approved the Commission did not go to OMB for approval. It is assumed that the changes made did not substantively affect the information collection and therefore a formal submission to OMB was not needed.

⁶ See Reliability Standard NUC-001-2 at <http://www.nerc.com/files/NUC-001-2.pdf>.

⁷ The list of functional entities consists of transmission operators, transmission owners, transmission planners, transmission service providers, balancing authorities, reliability

coordinators, planning authorities, distribution providers, load-serving entities, generator owners and generator operators.

⁸ Burden is defined as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. For further explanation of what is included in the information collection burden, reference 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

⁹ This figure of 130 transmission entities is based on the assumption that each agreement will be between 1 nuclear plant and 2 transmission entities (65 times 2 = 130). However, there is some double counting in this figure because some transmission entities may be party to multiple agreements with multiple nuclear plants. The double counting does

not affect the burden estimate and the correct number of unique respondents will be reported to OMB.

¹⁰ The \$120/hour figure is a combined average of legal, technical and administrative staff.

¹¹ The \$28/hour figure is based on a FERC staff study that included estimating public utility recordkeeping costs.

¹² This is based on the estimated cost to service and store 1 GB of data (based on the aggregated cost of an IBM advanced data protection server).

¹ Liberty Midstates states that it seeks a service area determination in order to provide natural gas service to more than 65 Missouri communities via the Missouri distribution facilities it would acquire from Atmos Energy Corporation (Atmos). Liberty Midstates would also acquire a 35-foot pipeline on

within which Liberty Midstates may, without further Commission authorization, enlarge or expand its natural gas distribution facilities. Liberty Midstates also requests: (i) A waiver of the Commission's accounting and reporting requirements and other regulatory requirements ordinarily applicable to natural gas companies under the NGA and the NGPA; (ii) pregranted abandonment of this service; and (iii) such further relief the Commission may deem appropriate, all as more fully set forth in the application, which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may also be viewed on the web 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. For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TYY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to William F. Demarest, Jr., Husch Blackwell LLP, 750 17th St. NW., Suite 900, Washington, DC 20006, or at (202) 378-2310 (telephone) or email: william.demarest@huschblackwell.com.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as

possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

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 under the "e-Filing" link.

Comment Date: February 2, 2012.

Dated: January 12, 2012.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2821-011]

City of Portland, Oregon; Notice of Application for Amendment of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

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

a. *Application Type:* Non-Capacity Amendment of License.

b. *Project No.:* 2821-011.

c. *Date Filed:* June 27, 2011, and supplemented November 23, 2011, and January 11, 2012.

d. *Applicant:* City of Portland, Oregon.

e. *Name of Project:* Portland Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* Approximately 25 miles east of the City of Portland, on the Bull Run River, in Multnomah and Clackamas Counties, Oregon.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Frank Galida, Portland Hydroelectric Project Manager, Portland Water Bureau, City of Portland, Oregon, Room 530, 1120 SW 5th Avenue, Portland, OR 97204, (503) 823-7517, frank.galida@portlandoregon.gov.

i. *FERC Contact:* Christopher Chaney, (202) 502-6778, christopher.chaney@ferc.gov.

j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests is 30 days from the issuance date of this notice. 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 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.

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.

k. *Description of proposed amendment:* The licensee proposes to modify the North Tower intake at the Dam No. 2 Development of the Portland Project. A multi-level intake structure would be added to the tower to allow for the selective withdrawal of water

the Kansas-Missouri border, which would enable Liberty Midstates to receive natural gas volumes from Atmos on behalf of its Missouri distribution customers.