

intended to notify the public of their opportunity to attend.

**DATES:** Monday, September 24, 2012.

**TIME:** 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** U.S. Department of Education, Board Room, 80 F Street NW., Washington, DC 20001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Donald E. Watson, Executive Director, Historically Black College and University Capital Financing (HBCU Capital Financing) Advisory Board, 1990 K Street NW., Room 6040, Washington, DC 20006; telephone: (202) 219-7037; fax: (202) 502-7852; email: [donald.watson@ed.gov](mailto:donald.watson@ed.gov).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Board is authorized by Title III, Part D, Section 347, of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended in 1998 (20 U.S.C. 1066f). The Board is established within the Department of Education to provide advice and counsel to the Secretary and the Designated Bonding Authority as to the most effective and efficient means of implementing construction financing on Historically Black College and University (HBCU) campuses and to advise Congress regarding the progress made in implementing the program. Specifically, the Board provides advice as to the capital needs of HBCUs, how those needs can be met through the program, and what additional steps might be taken to improve the operation and implementation of the construction-financing program.

The purpose of this meeting is to review current program activities, to make administrative and legislative recommendations to the Secretary and the U.S. Congress addressing the capital financing issues of HBCUs, and to discuss additional steps in which the HBCU Capital Financing Program might improve its operation.

Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (e.g., interpreting services, assistance listening devices, or materials in alternative format) should notify Donald E. Watson at 202 219-7037, no later than Thursday, September 20, 2012. We will attempt to meet requests for accommodations after this date but cannot guarantee their availability. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

An opportunity for public comment is available on Monday, September 24,

2012, between 1:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. Each speaker will be allowed to speak for up to three minutes. Those members of the public interested in submitting written comments may do so by submitting them to the attention of Donald E. Watson, 1990 K Street NW., Room 6040, Washington DC, by Thursday September 20, 2012.

Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the Office of the Historically Black College and University Capital Financing Advisory Board, 1990 K Street NW., Room 6040, Washington, DC 20006, from the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday. *Electronic Access to This Document:* The official version of this document is the document published in the **Federal Register**. Free Internet access to the official edition of the **Federal Register** and the Code of Federal Regulations is available via the Federal Digital System at: [www.gpo.gov/fdsys](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys). At this site you can view this document, as well as all other documents of the U.S. Department of Education published in the **Federal Register**, in text or Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF). To use PDF, you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader, which is available free at this site.

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**David A. Bergeron,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC12-18-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-500 & FERC-505); Comment Request; Extension

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collections and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or

FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collections, Application for License/Relicense for Water Projects with Greater than 5 Megawatt Capacity (FERC-500) and Application for License/Relicense for Water Projects with 5 Megawatt or Less Capacity (FERC-505).

**DATES:** Comments on the collections of information are due November 13, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC12-18-000, and applicable FERC collection number [FERC-500 or FERC-505]) by either of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's Web Site:* <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>.

- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

*Instructions:* All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp>. 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.

*Docket:* Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket or in viewing/downloading comments and issuances in this docket may do so at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/docs-filing.asp>.

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

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Titles:* FERC-500: Application for License/Relicense for Water Projects with Greater than 5 Megawatt Capacity; FERC-505: Application for License/Relicense for Water Projects with 5 Megawatt or Less Capacity.

*OMB Control Nos.:* FERC-500 (1902-0058); FERC-505 (1902-0114).

*Type of Request:* 16 U.S.C. 797(e) authorizes the Commission to issue licenses to citizens of the United States for the purpose of constructing, operating, and maintaining dams, waterways over which Congress has jurisdiction. The Electric Consumers Protection Act (ECPA) amended the Federal Power Act (FPA) to provide the Commission with the responsibility of issuing licenses for non-federal hydroelectric plants. 16 U.S.C. 797(e) also requires the Commission to give equal consideration to preserving energy conservation, the protection, mitigation of damage to, and enhancement of, fish

and wildlife, the protection of recreational opportunities, and the preservation of other aspects of environmental quality when approving licenses. Finally, 16 U.S.C. 799 stipulates conditions upon which the Commission issues hydroelectric licenses.

The Commission requires all hydroelectric license applications to

address a variety of environmental concerns. Many of these concerns address environmental requirements developed by other agencies. The applicants must provide facts in order for the Commission to understand and resolve potential environmental problems associated with the application in the interests of the United States public.

*Types of Respondents:* Non-federal hydroelectric plants greater than 5 megawatt capacity (FERC-500); non-federal hydroelectric plants less than 5 megawatts capacity (FERC-505).

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*<sup>1</sup> The Commission estimates the total Public Reporting Burden for each information collection as:

**FERC-500 (IC12-18-000): APPLICATION FOR LICENSE/RELICENSE FOR WATER PROJECTS WITH GREATER THAN 5 MEGAWATT CAPACITY**

	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden hours per response	Estimated total annual burden
	(A)	(B)	(A) * (B) = (C)	(D)	(C) * (D)
	219	1	219	87	19,053

**FERC-505 (IC12-18-000): APPLICATION FOR LICENSE/RELICENSE FOR WATER PROJECTS WITH 5 MEGAWATT OR LESS CAPACITY**

	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden hours per response	Estimated total annual burden
	(A)	(B)	(A) * (B) = (C)	(D)	(C) * (D)
	16	1	16	273	4,369

FERC-500: Total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$1,314,839.32 [19,053 hours ÷ 2080 hours/year<sup>2</sup> = 9.16009 \* \$143,540/year<sup>3</sup> = \$1,314,839.32].

FERC-505: Total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$301,502.90 [4,369 hours ÷ 2080 hours/year = 2.10048 years \* \$143,540/year = \$301,502.90].

*Comments:* Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collections of information are 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 collections of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collections; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collections of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: September 6, 2012.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**[Project No. 2662-000]**

**FirstLight Hydro Generating Company; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation**

On August 30, 2007, the FirstLight Hydro Generating Company, licensee for the Scotland Hydroelectric Project, filed an Application for a New License pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Commission's regulations thereunder. The Scotland Hydroelectric Project is located on the Shetucket River, in Windham County, Connecticut.

The license for Project No. 2662 was issued for a period ending August 31, 2012. Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the

Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year-to-year an annual license to the then licensee under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA. If the project's prior license waived the applicability of section 15 of the FPA, then, based on section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 2662

<sup>1</sup> The Commission defines burden 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.

<sup>2</sup> 2080 hours = 52 weeks \* 40 hours per week (i.e. 1 year of full-time employment).

<sup>3</sup> Average salary plus benefits per full-time equivalent employee.