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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* FERC-732, Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs: Long-Term Firm Transmission Rights in Organized Electricity Markets.

*OMB Control No.:* 1902-0245.

*Type of Request:* Three-year extension of the FERC-732 information collection requirements with no changes to the reporting requirements.

*Abstract:* 18 CFR part 42 provides the reporting requirements of FERC-732 as they pertain to long-term transmission rights. To implement section 1233<sup>1</sup> of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct 2005),<sup>2</sup> the Commission requires each transmission organization that is a public utility with one or more organized electricity markets to make available long-term firm transmission rights that satisfy each of the Commission's guidelines.

The FERC-732 regulations require that transmission organizations (that are public utilities with one or more organized electricity markets) choose one of two ways to file:

- File tariff sheets making long-term firm transmission rights available that are consistent with each of the guidelines established by FERC

- File an explanation describing how their existing tariffs already provide long-term firm transmission rights that are consistent with the guidelines.

Additionally, the Commission requires each transmission organization to make its transmission planning and expansion procedures and plans available to the public.

FERC-732 enables the Commission to exercise its wholesale electric rate and electric power transmission oversight and enforcement responsibilities in accordance with the FPA, the Department of Energy Organization Act (DOE Act), and EPAct 2005.

*Type of Respondents:* Public utility with one or more organized electricity markets.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*<sup>3</sup> The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden for the information collection as:

**FERC-732, ELECTRIC RATE SCHEDULES AND TARIFFS: LONG-TERM FIRM TRANSMISSION RIGHTS IN ORGANIZED ELECTRICITY MARKETS**

	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden & cost per response <sup>4</sup>	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost	Cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1)*(2)=(3)	(4)	(3)*(4)=(5)	(5)-(1)
Public Utility with One or More Organized Electricity Markets .....	1	1	1	1,180 \$84,960	1,180 \$84,960	\$84,960

*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: October 15, 2015.  
**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

**Records Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice**

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(b), of the receipt of prohibited and exempt off-the-record communications.

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.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive a prohibited or exempt off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested proceeding, to deliver to the Secretary of the Commission, a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication.

Prohibited communications are included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not a part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become a part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not

<sup>1</sup> 16 U.S.C. 824 *et al.*  
<sup>2</sup> Added new section 217 (16 U.S.C. 824Q) to the Federal Power Act (FPA).  
<sup>3</sup> The Commission defines burden as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by

<sup>4</sup> The cost figure is the 2015 FERC average salary plus benefits (\$149,489/year or \$72/hour). FERC staff estimates that industry costs for salary plus benefits are similar to Commission costs.

be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such a request only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication shall serve the

document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

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The following is a list of off-the-record communications recently received by the Secretary of the Commission. The communications

listed are grouped by docket numbers in ascending order. These filings are available for electronic review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may 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. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Docket No.	File date	Presenter or requester
Prohibited: 1. CP15-115-000 .....	10-5-15	Anne Kulla.
Exempt: 1. CP15-93-000 .....	9-8-15	US Representative Tim Murphy.
2. CP15-132-000 .....	9-17-15	FERC Staff. <sup>1</sup>
3. CP09-6-001, CP09-7-001, CP13-507-000 .....	9-22-15	Members of Congress. <sup>2</sup>
4. P-10808-000 .....	9-23-15	US Representative John Moolenaar.
5. CP15-138-000 .....	9-24-15	Lebanon County Commissioners. <sup>3</sup>
6. CP09-6-001, CP09-7-001, CP13-507-000 .....	9-25-15	Members of Congress. <sup>4</sup>
7. CP15-138-000 .....	9-25-15	US Representative Lou Barletta.
8. CP14-96-000 .....	9-28-15	New York Senator State Brad Hoylman.
9. CP14-96-000, CP14-497-000 .....	10-5-15	Tompkins County Legislature, NY.
10. CP15-517-000 .....	10-6-15	FERC Staff. <sup>5</sup>
11. CP09-6-001, CP09-7-001 .....	10-6-15	FERC Staff. <sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Summary of 8-27-15 Inter-agency conference communication regarding the Summerlin Pipe Replacement Project.

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeffrey A. Merkley and Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici.

<sup>3</sup> William E. Ames, Robert J. Phillips, and Jo Ellen Litz.

<sup>4</sup> US Senators Ron Wyden and Jeffrey A. Merkley and Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici.

<sup>5</sup> Minutes from 9-25-15 conference call with Gulf South Pipeline, LP.

<sup>6</sup> Letters from the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office dated 9-16-15 and 9-18-2015.

Dated: October 8, 2015.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CD16-1-000]

**Mojave Water Agency; Notice of Preliminary Determination of a Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility and Soliciting Comments and Motions To Intervene**

On October 13, 2015, the Mojave Water Agency filed a notice of intent to

construct a qualifying conduit hydropower facility, pursuant to section 30 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), as amended by section 4 of the Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2013 (HREA). The proposed Deep Creek Hydroelectric Project would have an installed capacity of 800 kilowatts (kW) and would be located at the Mojave Water Agency's existing Deep Creek Recharge Facility. The project would be located near the City of Apple Valley in San Bernardino County, California.

*Applicant Contact:* Darrell Reynolds, Mojave Water Agency, 13846 Conference Center Drive, Apple Valley, CA 92307, Phone No. (760) 946-7023.

*FERC Contact:* Robert Bell, Phone No. (202) 502-6062, email: [robert.bell@ferc.gov](mailto:robert.bell@ferc.gov).

*Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility Description:* The proposed project would consist of: (1) a proposed 44-foot-long by 24-inch-diameter pipe running parallel to the pressure reducing valve, off of the existing 48-inch-diameter main pipeline; (2) a proposed 1,428 square foot powerhouse containing one generating unit with an installed capacity of 800 kW; (3) a proposed 30-foot-long, 24-inch-diameter discharge pipe to the existing 48-inch-diameter main pipeline; and (4) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would have an estimated annual generating capacity of 5,424 megawatt-hours.

A qualifying conduit hydropower facility is one that is determined or deemed to meet all of the criteria shown in the table below.

TABLE 1—CRITERIA FOR QUALIFYING CONDUIT HYDROPOWER FACILITY

Statutory provision	Description	Satisfies (Y/N)
FPA 30(a)(3)(A), as amended by HREA.	The conduit the facility uses a tunnel, canal, pipeline, aqueduct, flume, ditch, or similar man-made water conveyance that is operated for the distribution of water for agricultural, municipal, or industrial consumption and not primarily for the generation of electricity.	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(i), as amended by HREA.	The facility is constructed, operated, or maintained for the generation of electric power and uses for such generation only the hydroelectric potential of a non-federally owned conduit.	Y