

Research efforts; a technical for presentation from an exascale researcher; and there will be an opportunity comments from the public. The meeting will conclude at noon on December 21, 2016. Agenda updates and presentations will be posted on the ASCAC Web site prior to the meeting: <http://science.energy.gov/ascr/ascac/>.

**Public Participation:** The meeting is open to the public. Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions may do so during the meeting. Approximately 30 minutes will be reserved for public comments. Time allotted per speaker will depend on the number who wish to speak but will not exceed 10 minutes. The Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Those wishing to speak should submit your request at least five days before the meeting. Those not able to attend the meeting or who have insufficient time to address the committee are invited to send a written statement to Christine Chalk, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington DC 20585, email to [Christine.Chalk@science.doe.gov](mailto:Christine.Chalk@science.doe.gov).

**Minutes:** The minutes of this meeting will be available within 90 days on the Advanced Scientific Computing Web site at <http://science.energy.gov/ascr/ascac/>.

Issued at Washington, DC on November 23, 2016.

**LaTanya R. Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RD16-9-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-725V); Comment Request; Extension

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection 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 information collection, [FERC-725V (Mandatory Reliability Standards: COM

Reliability Standards)] which will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a review of the information collection requirements.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due January 30, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. RD16-9-000) 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 CONTACT:

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:

**Title:** FERC-725V, Mandatory Reliability Standards: COM Reliability Standards.

**OMB Control No.:** 1902-0277.

**Type of Request:** Three-year approval of the FERC-725V information collection requirements, as modified.

**Abstract:** On August 15, 2016, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) filed a petition for Commission approval, pursuant to section 215(d)(1) of the Federal Power Act ("FPA")<sup>1</sup> and Section 39.5<sup>2</sup> of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations, for approval of proposed Reliability Standard COM-001-3 (Communications), the associated Implementation Plan, retirement of currently-effective Reliability Standard COM-001-2.1, and Violation Risk Factors ("VRFs") and Violation Severity Levels ("VSLs") associated with new Requirements R12 and R13 proposed in Reliability Standard COM-001-3. Proposed Reliability Standard COM-001-3 reflects revisions developed under Project 2015-07 Internal Communications Capabilities, in

<sup>1</sup> 16 U.S.C. 824o (2012).

<sup>2</sup> 18 CFR 39.5 (2015).

compliance with the Commission's directive in Order No. 888 that NERC "develop modifications to COM-001-2, or develop a new standard, to address [the Commission's] concerns regarding ensuring the adequacy of internal communications capability whenever internal communications could directly affect the reliability operations of the Bulk-Power System.

**Type of Respondents:** Public utilities.

**Estimate of Annual Burden:**<sup>3</sup> With respect to the proposed revisions to Reliability Standard COM-001-3 and the retirement of the currently-effective Reliability Standard COM-001-2.1, the Commission estimates that there will be no material change in industry information collection obligations because the Requirements R12 and R13 (which are additions to COM-001-3) do not impact the paperwork burden of impacted registered entities.

**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: November 23, 2016.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[3320-004]

#### William B. Ruger, Jr., 169 Sunapee Street, LLC; Notice of Transfer of Exemption

1. By letter filed November 16, 2016, 169 Sunapee Street, LLC informed the Commission that the exemption from licensing for the Sugar River I Project No. 3320, originally issued April 4,

<sup>3</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.

1983<sup>1</sup> has been transferred to 169 Sunapee Street, LLC. The project is located on the Sugar River in Sullivan County, New Hampshire. The transfer of an exemption does not require Commission approval.

2. 169 Sunapee Street, LLC is now the exemptee of the Sugar River 1 Project No. 3320. All correspondence should be forwarded to: Mr. Ronald K. DeCola, Manager, 169 Sunapee Street, LLC, 300 River Road, Suite 110, Manchester, NH 03104, Phone: 603-289-2738, Email: [rkd01@aol.com](mailto:rkd01@aol.com).

Dated: November 23, 2016.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PF16-10-000]

#### **WBI Energy Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Planned Valley Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues**

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Valley Expansion Project involving construction and operation of facilities by WBI Energy Transmission, Inc. (WBI Energy) between Mapleton, North Dakota and Felton, Minnesota. The Commission will use this EA in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues they need to evaluate in the EA. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please send your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before December 23, 2016.

<sup>1</sup> 23 FERC ¶ 62,008, Notice of Exemption from Licensing (1983).

If you sent comments on this project to the Commission before the opening of this docket on October 17, 2016, you will need to file those comments in Docket No. PF16-10-000 to ensure they are considered as part of this proceeding.

This notice is being sent to the Commission's current environmental mailing list for this project. State and local government representatives should notify their constituents of this planned project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, a pipeline company representative may contact you about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the planned facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the Commission approves the project, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings where compensation would be determined in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" is available for viewing on the FERC Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)). This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings.

#### **Public Participation**

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or [efiling@ferc.gov](mailto:efiling@ferc.gov). Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded.

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the *eComment* feature on the Commission's Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to *Documents and Filings*. This is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You can file your comments electronically by using the *eFiling* feature on the Commission's Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to *Documents and Filings*. With *eFiling*, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New *eFiling* users must first create an account by clicking on "*eRegister*." If you are filing

a comment on a particular project, please select "Comment on a Filing" as the filing type; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address. Be sure to reference the project docket number (PF16-10-000) with your submission: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

#### **Summary of the Planned Project**

WBI Energy plans to construct 38 miles of new bidirectional 16-inch-diameter pipeline between Mapleton, North Dakota and Felton, Minnesota. Additionally, WBI Energy would construct a new 2,600-horsepower electric-driven compressor station in Clay County, Minnesota, a metering station, farm taps, valve settings, and ancillary facilities. Finally, WBI Energy would increase the maximum allowable operating pressure on a portion of its Line Section 24. According to WBI Energy, the project would provide an additional 40 million cubic feet per day of firm transportation on its system.

The general location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.<sup>1</sup>

#### **Land Requirements for Construction**

Construction of the project would affect a total of about 530 acres of land, including the pipeline construction right-of-way, additional temporary workspace, staging areas, temporary and permanent access roads, and aboveground facilities. The total acreage required for operation of the project is approximately 235 acres, including the new permanent pipeline easement, permanent access roads, and permanent aboveground facilities' footprint.

#### **The EA Process**

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us<sup>2</sup> to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. This process is referred to as scoping. The main goal of the scoping process is to

<sup>1</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice will not appear in the **Federal Register**. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail and are available at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) using the link called "eLibrary" or from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice.

<sup>2</sup> "We," "us," and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Commission's Office of Energy Projects.