

OMB Control No: 1902–0244 (FERC–725A); 1902–0252 (FERC–725G).

*Respondents:* Business or other for profit, and not for profit institutions.

*Frequency of Responses:* Annually.

*Necessity of the Information:* Proposed Reliability Standard PRC–012–2 sets forth Requirements for remedial action schemes to ensure that remedial action schemes do not introduce unintentional or unacceptable reliability risks to the bulk electric system and are coordinated to provide the service to the system as intended.

*Internal review:* The Commission has assured itself, by means of its internal review, that there is specific, objective support for the burden estimates associated with the information requirements.

22. Interested persons may obtain information on the reporting requirements by contacting the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Executive Director, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426 [Attention: Ellen Brown, email: [DataClearance@ferc.gov](mailto:DataClearance@ferc.gov), phone: (202) 502–8663, fax: (202) 273–0873].

23. Comments concerning the information collection proposed in this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and the associated burden estimates should be sent to the Commission in this docket and may also be sent to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs [Attention: Desk Officer for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission]. For security reasons, comments should be sent by email to OMB at the following email address: [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov). Please reference FERC–725A and FERC–725G and the docket number of this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Docket No. RM16–20–000) in your submission.

#### IV. Environmental Analysis

24. The Commission is required to prepare an Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement for any action that may have a significant adverse effect on the human environment.<sup>43</sup> The action proposed here falls within the categorical exclusion in the Commission's regulations for rules that are clarifying, corrective or procedural, for information gathering, analysis, and dissemination.<sup>44</sup>

<sup>43</sup> *Regulations Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969*, Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897 (Dec. 17, 1987), FERC Stats. & Regs. Preambles 1986–1990 ¶ 30,783 (1987).

<sup>44</sup> 18 CFR 380.4(a)(2)(ii) (2016).

#### V. Regulatory Flexibility Act

25. The Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 (RFA)<sup>45</sup> generally requires a description and analysis of proposed rules that will have significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

26. The proposed Reliability Standard PRC–012–2 will apply to approximately 1,681 entities in the United States. Comparison of the applicable entities with the Commission's small business data indicates that approximately 1,025 are small entities or 61 percent of the respondents affected by proposed Reliability Standard PRC–012–2.<sup>46</sup> The Commission estimates for these small entities, proposed Reliability Standard PRC–012–2 may need to be evaluated and documented every five years with a cost of \$6,322 for each evaluation. The Commission views this as a minimal economic impact for each entity. Accordingly, the Commission certifies that the proposed Reliability Standard PRC–012–2 will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

#### VI. Comment Procedures

27. The Commission invites interested persons to submit comments on the matters and issues proposed in this notice to be adopted, including any related matters or alternative proposals that commenters may wish to discuss. Comments are due April 10, 2017. Comments must refer to Docket No. RM16–20–000, and must include the commenter's name, the organization they represent, if applicable, and their address in their comments.

28. The Commission encourages comments to be filed electronically via the eFiling link on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>. The Commission accepts most standard word processing formats. Documents created electronically using word processing software should be filed in native applications or print-to-PDF format and not in a scanned format. Commenters filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing.

29. Commenters that are not able to file comments electronically must send an original of their comments to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,

<sup>45</sup> 5 U.S.C. 601–612 (2012).

<sup>46</sup> The Small Business Administration sets the threshold for what constitutes a small business. Public utilities may fall under one of several different categories, each with a size threshold based on the company's number of employees, including affiliates, the parent company, and subsidiaries. For the analysis in this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, we apply a 500 employee threshold for each affected entity. Each entity is classified as Electric Bulk Power Transmission and Control (NAICS code 221121).

Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

30. All comments will be placed in the Commission's public files and may be viewed, printed, or downloaded remotely as described in the Document Availability section below. Commenters on this proposal are not required to serve copies of their comments on other commenters.

#### VII. Document Availability

31. In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the Internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov>) and in the Commission's Public Reference Room during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time) at 888 First Street NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426.

32. From the Commission's Home Page on the Internet, this information is available on eLibrary. The full text of this document is available on eLibrary in PDF and Microsoft Word format for viewing, printing, and/or downloading. To access this document in eLibrary, type the docket number excluding the last three digits of this document in the docket number field.

33. User assistance is available for eLibrary and the Commission's Web site during normal business hours from the Commission's Online Support at 202–502–6652 (toll free at 1–866–208–3676) or email at [ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov](mailto:ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov), or the Public Reference Room at (202) 502–8371, TTY (202) 502–8659. Email the Public Reference Room at [public.referenceroom@ferc.gov](mailto:public.referenceroom@ferc.gov).

By direction of the Commission.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### 25 CFR Part 140

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#### Traders With Indians

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Advance notice of proposed rulemaking; Tribal consultation.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces details for Tribal consultation sessions to discuss the advance notice of proposed rulemaking on Licensed Indian Traders, which the Department of the Interior (Department) published on December 9, 2016. The Department is interested in whether to address the Indian trader regulations and, if so, how.

**DATES:** Please see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document

for dates of the Tribal consultation sessions.

**ADDRESSES:** Please see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document for venue information on Tribal consultation sessions.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elizabeth Appel, Director, Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action, Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs; telephone

(202) 273-4680, [elizabeth.appel@bia.gov](mailto:elizabeth.appel@bia.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of the Interior will be hosting consultation sessions with Indian Tribes on the ANPRM regarding whether and how to address the Indian Trader regulations at 25 CFR part 140. We will accept both oral and written communications at these consultation sessions. The following table lists dates and locations for the consultations.

| Date                              | Time (local time zone)   | Location   |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| Thursday, February 23, 2017 ..... | 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m .....   | Swinomish Casino & Lodge, 12885 Casino Drive, Anacortes, WA 98221.                     |
| Tuesday, February 28, 2017 .....  | 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m .....   | Miccosukie Resort & Gaming, 500 SW., 177th Avenue, Miami, FL 33194.                    |
| Thursday, March 2, 2017 .....     | 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m .....   | Harrah's Resort Southern California, 777 Harrah's Rincon Way, Valley Center, CA 92802. |
| Tuesday, March 7, 2017 .....      | 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m .....   | The Northern Hotel, 19 N. Broadway, Billings, MT 59101.                                |
| Thursday, March 9, 2017 .....     | 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m .....   | Holiday Inn—Rushmore Plaza, 505 N. 5th Street, Rapid City, SD.                         |
| Monday, March 13, 2017 .....      | Please see the agenda at the RES 2017 conference hosted by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development. | Mirage Resort & Casino, 3400 S. Las Vegas Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89109.                  |
| Tuesday, March 14, 2017 .....     | 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m .....   | Mystic Lake Casino Hotel, 2400 Mystic Lake Blvd., Prior Lake, MN 55372.                |
| Thursday, March 16, 2017 .....    | 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m .....   | Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino, 777 Seneca Allegany Blvd., Salamanca, NY 14779.       |

Please refer to the publication on December 9 (81 FR 89015) for background and information the Department is seeking through this consultation.

Dated: January 31, 2017.

**Michael S. Black,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 50 CFR Part 224

[Docket No. 141216999-6999-02]

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#### Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: Notice of 12-Month Finding on a Petition To List the Gulf of Mexico Bryde's Whale as Endangered Under the Endangered Species Act (ESA); Reopening of Public Comment Period

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; reopening of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On December 8, 2016, NMFS published a proposed rule to list the Gulf of Mexico Bryde's whale as an endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA), with comments due by February 6, 2017. However, in response to a request to extend the public comment period, NMFS has decided to reopen the public comment period by an additional 15 calendar days.

**DATES:** The deadline for receipt of comments on the proposed rule published on December 8, 2016 (81 FR 88639) is reopened from February 8, 2017 to February 23, 2017. NMFS must receive written comments and information on or before February 23, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, information, or data on this document, identified by docket number NOAA-NMFS-2014-0157 by any of the following methods:

- **Electronic Submissions:** Submit all electronic comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=NOAA-NMFS-2014-0157>, click the "Comment Now!" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments;

- **Mail:** NMFS, Southeast Regional Office, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701;

- **Hand delivery:** You may hand deliver written information to our office during normal business hours at the street address given above.

**Instructions:** Comments must be submitted by one of the above methods to ensure they are received, documented, and considered by NMFS. Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.) submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. Do not submit confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive or protected information. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter "N/A" in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous). The proposed rule, status review report, and other reference materials regarding this determination are available electronically at the NMFS Web site at: [http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/protected\\_resources/brydes\\_whale/index.html](http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/protected_resources/brydes_whale/index.html).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Laura Engleby or Calusa Horn, NMFS, Southeast Regional Office (727) 824-