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Minutes: Minutes will be available by writing or calling Menice Santistevan at the address or phone number listed above. Minutes and other Board documents are on the internet at: <https://energy.gov/em/nmcb/meeting-materials>.

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LaTanya R. Butler,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC18-2-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (Ferc-725y), 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-725Y, Mandatory Reliability Standards (Personnel Performance, Training, and Qualifications), to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review of the information collection requirements.

DATES: Comments in consideration of the collection of information are due February 26, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Docket No. IC18-2-000 by either of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's website:*

<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, 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:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC-725Y, Mandatory Reliability Standard (Personnel Performance, Training, and Qualifications).

OMB Control No.: 1902-0279.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-725Y information collection requirements with no changes to the reporting requirements.

Abstract: The FERC-725Y information collection is intended to help ensure the safe and reliable operation of the interconnected grid through the retention of suitably trained and qualified personnel in positions that can impact the reliable operation of the Bulk-Power System. The Commission uses the FERC-725Y to implement the Congressional mandate of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to develop mandatory and enforceable Reliability Standards to better ensure the reliability of the nation's Bulk-Power System. FERC-725Y will ensure that personnel performing or supporting real-time operations on the Bulk Electric System (BES) are trained using a systematic approach. The Reliability Standard requires entities to maintain records subject to review by the

Commission and NERC to ensure compliance with the Reliability Standard.

The Reliability Standard requires entities to maintain records subject to review by the Commission and NERC to ensure compliance with the Reliability Standard. This Reliability Standard contains of six Requirements:

- R1 requires reliability coordinators, balancing authorities, and transmission operators to develop and implement a training program for system operators
- R2 requires transmission owners to develop and implement a training program for system operators
- R3 requires reliability coordinators, balancing authorities, transmission operators and transmission owners to verify the capabilities of their identified personnel
- R4 requires reliability coordinators, balancing authorities, transmission operators and transmission owners to provide those personnel with emergency operations training using simulation technology
- R5 requires reliability coordinators, balancing authorities, and transmission operators to develop and implement training for their operations support personnel
- R6 requires applicable generator operators to develop and implement training for certain of their dispatch personnel at a centrally located dispatch center.

Type of Respondents: Reliability coordinators, balancing authorities, transmission operators, transmission owners, and generator owners.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*¹ Our estimate below regarding the number of respondents is based on the NERC compliance registry as of September 29, 2017. According to the NERC compliance registry, NERC has registered 176 transmission operators, 331 transmission owners and 890 generator operators.

The Commission estimates the additional annual reporting burden and cost as follows:

¹ 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.

FERC-725Y IN DOCKET NO. IC18-2-000

| | Number and type of respondents ² | Annual number of responses per respondent | Total number of responses | Average burden & cost per response ³ | Total annual burden hours & total annual cost | Cost per respondent |
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| | (1) | (2) | (1) * (2) = (3) | (4) | (3) * (4) = (5) | (5) ÷ (1) |
| Annual Evaluation and Update of Training Program and Task List. | TO (331), GOP (890). | 1 | 4 1,064 | 6 hrs., \$408.72 | 6,384 hrs., \$434,878 | \$68.12 |
| Retention of Records | TO (331), GOP (890). | 1 | 4 1,064 | 10 hrs., \$408.90 | 10,640 hrs., \$435,070 | 40.89 |
| Verification and Retention of Evidence of capabilities of personnel [R3, M3, C1.2], and Creation and Retention of Records on Simulation Training. | TO (331) | 1 | 331 | 10 hrs., \$408.90 | 3,310 hrs., \$135,346 | 40.89 |
| Total | | | | | 20,334 hrs.; \$1,005,294 | |

² TO=Transmission Owner; RC=Reliability Coordinator; BA=Balancing Authority; TOP=Transmission Operator; GOP=Generator Operator.
³ The estimates for cost per response are loaded hourly wage figure (includes benefits) is based on the average of three occupational categories for 2016 found on the Bureau of Labor Statistics website (http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics2_22.htm): Electrical Engineer (Occupational Code: 17-2071): \$68.12; Office and Administrative Support (Occupation Code: 43-0000): \$40.89.
⁴ Some transmission owners are also generator operators. To eliminate double counting some entities, this figure reflects the number of unique entities (1064) within the group of TOs and GOPs. That approach is used throughout the table.

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: December 19, 2017.
Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Revocation of Market-Based Rate Tariff

| | Docket Nos. |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| Electric Quarterly Reports | ER02-2001-020 |
| Niagara Generation, LLC | ER10-3154-000 |
| C2K Energy, LLC | ER14-1751-001 |
| Castlebridge Energy Group LLC | ER11-4629-000 |
| Intercom Energy, Inc. | ER11-125-000 |
| Chesapeake Renewable Energy LLC. | ER13-28-001 |

On November 20, 2017, the Commission issued an order

announcing its intent to revoke the market-based rate authority of the public utilities listed in the caption of that order, which had failed to file their required Electric Quarterly Reports.¹ The Commission directed those public utilities to file the required Electric Quarterly Reports within 15 days of the date of issuance of the order or face revocation of their authority to sell power at market-based rates and termination of their electric market-based rate tariffs.²

The time period for compliance with the November 20 Order has elapsed. The above-captioned companies failed to file their delinquent Electric Quarterly Reports. The Commission hereby revokes the market-based rate authority and terminates the electric market-based rate tariff of each of the companies who are named in the caption of this order.

Dated: December 19, 2017.
Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.
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¹ *Electric Quarterly Reports*, 161 FERC ¶ 61,208 (2017) (November 20 Order).
² *Id.* at Ordering Paragraph A.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP18-25-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

Take notice that on December 8, 2017, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia), 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 700, Houston, Texas 77002-2700, filed in Docket No. CP18-25-000 a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.213(b) of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), as amended, requesting authorization to construct and operate one new horizontal storage well (Donegal Storage Well 12618), approximately 703 feet of eight-inch-diameter of related pipeline, and appurtenances at its existing Donegal Storage Field in Washington County, Pennsylvania. Columbia proposes to construct Donegal Storage Well 12618 in lieu of multiple well recompletions and stimulations. Columbia states that Donegal Storage Well 12618 could provide 15 million cubic feet per day or more during a design flow day, dependent on certain parameters. Columbia estimates the cost of the project to be approximately \$3,300,000. Columbia avers that there will be no change in the certificated physical parameters of the Donegal Storage Field, including maximum reservoir pressure, reservoir and buffer boundaries, and certificated storage capacity as a result of the proposal, all as more fully set