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P-1267-000	2/21/19	Robert H. Brewer.
P-2082-000	2/26/19	Ursula Bendix.
Exempt: P-2305-000	2/21/19	State Representative James White. Senator John Cornyn. Senator Ted Cruz. Congressman Brian Babin.
CP16-480-000	2/26/19	State Representative Alex Dominguez. Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RD18-7-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (Ferc-725r); Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection FERC-725R (Mandatory Reliability Standards: BAL Reliability Standards) and submitting the information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. On October 9, 2018, the Commission published a Notice in the **Federal Register** in Docket No. RD18-7-000 requesting public comments. The Commission received no comments.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due April 10, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Comments filed with OMB, identified by OMB Control No. 1902-0268, should be sent via email to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs: oir_submission@omb.gov. Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer.

A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Commission, in Docket

No. RD18-7-000, 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:

Ellen Brown may be reached by email at DataClearance@FERC.gov, telephone at (202) 502-8663, and fax at (202) 273-0873.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC-725R, Mandatory Reliability Standards: BAL Reliability Standards.

OMB Control No.: 1902-0268.

Type of Request: Revision to FERC-725R information collection requirements, as discussed in Docket No. RD18-7-000.

Abstract: On August 17, 2018, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) filed a petition seeking approval of proposed Reliability Standard BAL-002-3 (Disturbance Control Standard—Contingency Reserve for Recovery from a Balancing Contingency Event) and the retirement of currently-effective Reliability Standard BAL-002-2. NERC submitted proposed Reliability Standard BAL-002-3 in response to the Commission's directive in Order No. 835 to develop modifications to Reliability Standard BAL-002-2, Requirement R1 to require balancing authorities or reserve sharing

groups: (1) To notify the reliability coordinator of the conditions set forth in Requirement R1, Part 1.3.1 preventing it from complying with the 15-minute ACE recovery period; and (2) to provide the reliability coordinator with its ACE recovery plan, including a target recovery time.¹ The NERC petition states "the proposed modifications to Reliability Standard BAL-002-3 also intend to clarify that communication with the reliability coordinator (RC) should proceed in accordance with Energy Emergency Alert procedures within the EOP Reliability Standards.² This communication is performed under the currently-effective Reliability Standard BAL-002-2 (as part of the operating procedures and processes). The communications (and related burden) are already covered under FERC-725R, and the additional information is de minimis. Therefore the Commission is not modifying the burden estimate for each response and is submitting this to OMB as a non-material or non-substantive change to a currently approved collection.

The Office of Electric Reliability approved the NERC proposal in a Delegated Order on September 25, 2018.

Type of Respondents: Balancing authorities and reserve sharing groups

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*³ According to the NERC Compliance Registry as of 8/24/2018, there are 99 balancing authorities in the United States. The Commission bases individual burden estimates on the time needed for balancing authorities to develop tools needed to facilitate reporting that are required in the Reliability Standard. The communications (and related burden)

¹ Disturbance Control Standard—Contingency Reserve for Recovery from a Balancing Contingency Event Reliability Standard, Order No. 835, 158 FERC 61,030, at P 37 (2017).

² NERC Petition at 3.

³ 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 information collection burden, refer to 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

are already covered under FERC-725R, so the Commission is not modifying the burden estimate for each response.

However, to reflect normal fluctuations in industry, we are adjusting the number of respondents (to 99, rather

than 105) for Reliability Standard BAL-002-3, as shown below.

FERC-725R, ESTIMATE FOR RELIABILITY STANDARD BAL-002-3, AS APPROVED IN DOCKET NO. RD18-7^{4 5}

	Number of respondents (1)	Annual number of responses per respondent (2)	Total number of responses (1) * (2) = (3)	Average burden hours & cost per response (\$) (4)	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost (\$ (rounded) (3) * (4) = (5)	Cost per respondent (\$) (5) ÷ (1)
BA/RSG: ⁶ Develop and Maintain annually, Operating Process and Operating Plans.	99	1	99	8 ⁷ hrs.; \$842.32	792 hrs.; \$83,390	842.32
BA/RSG: Record Retention.	99	1	99	4 hrs.; \$158.72	396 hrs.; \$15,713	158.72
Total			198	1,188 hrs.; \$99,103.	

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.

⁴ Reliability Standard BAL-002-3 applies to balancing authorities and reserve sharing groups. However, the burden associated with the balancing authorities complying with Requirements R1 and R3 is not included in this table because that burden doesn't change and the Commission already accounted for it under Commission-approved Reliability Standard BAL-002-1.

Other components of FERC-725R which are not affected by Docket No. RD18-7 are not addressed in the table.

⁵ The estimated hourly cost (wages plus benefits) is based on Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) information (available at http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics2_22.htm and, for benefits, <https://www.bls.gov/news.release/ecec.nr0.htm>).

The hourly cost (wages plus benefits) for developing and maintaining operating process and plans is \$105.29 and is an average for an electrical engineer (Occupation code 17-2071, \$66.90/hour) and Legal (Occupation code 23-0000, \$143.68).

The hourly cost (wages plus benefits) for record retention is \$39.68 for information and record clerks (Occupation code 43-4199).

⁶ BA = Balancing Authority; RSG = Reserve Sharing Group.

⁷ This figure of 8 hours/response is an average of the hourly burden per response for Years 1-3. Year 1 burden: 12 hours per response; Years 2-3, each: 6 hours/response. The average annual burden for Years 1-3 is 8 hours/response (or [12 hours + 6 hours ÷ 3]).

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[Docket No. ER19-1183-000]

Brickyard Hills Project, LLC; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of Brickyard Hills Project, LLC's application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is March 25, 2019.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and

interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the intervention or protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

The filings in the above-referenced proceeding are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also available for electronic review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an eSubscription link on the website that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

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