

Extension of a Currently Approved Collection; (4) *Purpose*: To collect information on the status of grantee activities, expenditures, and results, to ensure that program funds are being used appropriately, effectively and expeditiously; (5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents*: 57; (6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses*: 513; (7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours*: 1140; (8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden*: 0.

**Statutory Authority**: Title 42, Chapter 81, Subchapter III, Part A of the United States Code (U.S.C.), (42 U.S.C. 6867(a)).

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. IC19-45-000]

**Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC Form 580) 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 (PRA), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection, FERC Form 580 (Interrogatory on Fuel and Energy Purchase Practices Pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act).

**DATES**: Comments on the collection of information are due December 2, 2019.

**ADDRESSES**: You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC19-45-000) 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](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 Form 580, (Interrogatory on Fuel and Energy Purchase Practices

Pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act).

*OMB Control No.*: 1902-0137.

**Type of Request**: Three-year extension of the FERC Form 580 with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

**Abstract**: The Commission collects FERC Form 580 information every other year as required under Section 205(f)(2) of the FPA as amended by Section 208 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA). The Commission uses the information collected through the FERC Form 580 interrogatory to review utility purchase and cost recovery practices through automatic adjustment clauses (AACs) in order to ensure efficient use of resources.<sup>1</sup> The Commission uses the information to evaluate costs in individual rate filings and to supplement periodic utility audits. The public also uses the information in this manner. Without the FERC Form 580 interrogatory, the Commission would not have the requisite information available to conduct the necessary review the FPA mandates.

**Type of Respondents**: The filing must be submitted by all FERC-jurisdictional utilities owning and/or operating at least one steam-electric generating station of 50 MW or greater capacity or having a majority ownership interest in a jointly-owned steam-electric generating station of at least 50 MW. A jurisdictional utility without a cost-based tariff on file with the Commission is not required to file the form.

**Estimate of Annual Burden**.<sup>2</sup> The Commission estimates the annual<sup>3</sup> public reporting burden and cost<sup>4</sup> for the information collection as:

**FERC FORM 580 (INTERROGATORY ON FUEL AND ENERGY PURCHASE PRACTICES PURSUANT TO SECTION 205 OF THE FEDERAL POWER ACT)**

	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden and cost per response	Total annual burden hours and total annual cost	Annual cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
Respondents with FACs <sup>5</sup> .	29	0.5	14.5	103 hrs.; \$8,240 ...	1,493.5 hrs.; \$119,480.00 ..	\$4,120.00
Respondents with AACs, but no FACs.	9	0.5	4.5	20 hrs.; \$1,600 .....	90 hrs.; \$7,200.00 .....	800
Respondents with no AACs nor FACs.	28	0.5	14	2 hrs.; \$160 .....	28 hrs.; \$2,240.00 .....	80.00
<b>Total</b> .....	.....	.....	33	.....	1,611.5 hrs.; \$128,920.00 ..	.....

<sup>1</sup> By using the data in FERC Form 580, the Commission is able to review utility purchase and cost recovery practices and ensure the resources are in compliance with Commission regulations in 18 CFR 35.14

<sup>2</sup> 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. See 5 CFR 1320 for additional information on the definition of information collection burden.

<sup>3</sup> The FERC Form 580 interrogatory is conducted every two years.

<sup>4</sup> The estimates for cost per response are derived using the 2019 FERC average salary plus benefits of \$167,091/year (or \$80.00/hour). Commission staff finds that the work done on this information collection is typically done by wage categories like those at FERC.

*Comments:* Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collection of information are 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 estimates 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: September 25, 2019.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 7686-004]

#### **Big Wood Canal Company; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, Protests, Recommendations, and Terms and Conditions**

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Application:* Amendment of Conduit Exemption.

b. *Project No.:* 7686-004.

c. *Date Filed:* August 22, 2019.

d. *Applicant:* Big Wood Canal Company.

e. *Name of Project:* Jim Knight Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the South Gooding Main Canal in Gooding County, near Gooding, Idaho.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791a-825r.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Nicholas E. Josten, GeoSense LLC, 2742 Saint Charles Ave., Idaho Falls, ID 83404, (208) 528-6152.

i. *FERC Contact:* Linda Stewart, (202) 502-8184, [linda.stewart@ferc.gov](mailto:linda.stewart@ferc.gov).

j. *Deadline for filing responsive documents:* Due to the small size of the proposed project, as well as the resource agency consultation letters filed with the application, the 60-day timeframe

specified in 18 CFR 4.34(b) for filing all comments, motions to intervene, protests, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions is shortened to 30 days from the issuance date of this notice. All reply comments must be filed with the Commission within 45 days from the issuance date of this notice.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-7686-004.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, it must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. *Description of Request:* Big Wood Canal Company (exemptee) proposes to construct a new powerhouse and remove the existing powerhouse. Specifically, the exemptee proposes to construct a new intake structure and a new powerhouse containing a single 475-kilowatt (kW) turbine generating unit. These project features would be located immediately downstream of the existing powerhouse. The exemptee also proposes to remove the existing intake structure and the existing powerhouse, which contains three turbine generating units with a total installed capacity of 289 kW.

l. *Locations of the Application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number,

P-7686, in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or email [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

m. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene:* Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, and .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application.

n. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents:* Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE," "REPLY COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRESCRIPTIONS;" (2) set forth in the heading, the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

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

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<sup>5</sup> Fuel Adjustment Clause (FAC)