

i. *FERC Contact*: Joshua Dub, (202) 502-8138 or Joshua.Dub@ferc.gov.

j. *Cooperating agencies*: Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues that wish to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document should follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item l below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. *See*, 94 FERC 61,076 (2001).

k. Pursuant to section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the application, and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

l. Deadline for filing additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status: June 29, 2020.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the eFiling link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically may mail similar pleadings to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. Hand delivered submissions in docketed proceedings should be delivered to Health and Human Services, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

m. The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

n. The Mother Ann Lee Hydroelectric Project is operated in a run-of-river mode and consists of the following existing facilities: (1) A reservoir with a normal pool elevation of 514.6 feet and an estimated surface area of about 830 acres; (2) a 230-foot-long concrete-capped, timber crib dam; (3) a 50-foot-wide, 300-foot-long stone lock chamber; (4) a 120-foot-long by 100-foot-wide forebay; (5) a 116-foot long concrete substructure containing trash racks, 6 intake gates, 3 turbines, and discharge facilities; (6) a 93-foot-long by 25-foot-wide superstructure/powerhouse located above the spillway containing three generating units with a total

installed capacity of 2.209 megawatts; (7) a substation connected to the powerhouse by an 85-foot-long footbridge; (8) a 0.86-mile-long, 34.5-kilovolt transmission line; and (9) appurtenant facilities. The estimated average annual generation is 9,200 megawatt-hours.

o. 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://ferc.gov>) using the eLibrary link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room, due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TYY, (202) 502-8659.

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, contact FERC Online Support.

p. Procedural schedule and final amendments: The application will be processed according to the following preliminary schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Issue Deficiency Letter (if necessary), July 2020.

Request Additional Information, July 2020.

Issue Notice of Acceptance, November 2020.

Issue Scoping Document 1 for comments, December 2020.

Comments on Scoping Document 1, January 2021.

Issue Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis, February 2021.

Commission issues EA, September 2021.

Comments on draft EA, October 2021.

Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

Dated: May 8, 2020.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC19-42-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-521); Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy.

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 FERC-521 (Payments for Benefits from Headwater Improvements) and will be submitting FERC-521 to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review of the information collection requirements.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due July 13, 2020.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Docket No. IC19-42-000 by either of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's website*: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>.

- *Mail/Express Services*: Persons unable to file electronically may mail similar pleadings to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. Hand delivered submissions in docketed proceedings should be delivered to Health and Human Services, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

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).

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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC-521, Payments for Benefits from Headwater Improvements.
OMB Control No.: 1902-0087.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-521 information collection

requirements with no changes to the reporting requirements.

Abstract: The information collected under the requirements of FERC–521 is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of Section 10(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA).¹ The FPA authorizes the Commission to determine headwater benefits received by downstream hydropower project owners. Headwater benefits are the additional energy production possible at a downstream hydropower project resulting from the regulation of river flows by an upstream storage reservoir.

When the Commission completes a study of a river basin, it determines headwater benefits charges that will be apportioned among the various

downstream beneficiaries. A headwater benefits charge and the cost incurred by the Commission to complete an evaluation are paid by downstream hydropower project owners. In essence, the owners of non-federal hydropower projects that directly benefit from a headwater improvement must pay an equitable portion of the annual charges for interest, maintenance, and depreciation of the headwater project to the U.S. Treasury. The regulations provide for apportionment of these costs between the headwater project and downstream projects based on downstream energy gains and propose equitable apportionment methodology that can be applied to all river basins in which headwater improvements are

built. The Commission requires owners of non-federal hydropower projects to file data for determining annual charges as outlined in 18 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 11.

Type of Respondents: There are two types of entities that respond, Federal and Non-Federal hydropower project owners. The Federal entities that typically respond are the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Reclamation. The Non-Federal entities may consist of any Municipal or Non-Municipal hydropower project owner.

Estimate of Annual Burden¹ and cost² The Commission estimates the total Public Reporting Burden for this information collection as:

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	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	Cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
Federal and Non-Federal hydropower project owners.	3	1	3	40 hrs.; \$3,200	120 hrs.; \$9,600	\$3,200
Total Cost	120 hrs.; \$9,600	\$3,200

The total estimated annual cost burden to each respondent is \$3,200 [40 hours * \$80.00/hour = \$3,].

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.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP20–21–000]

Port Arthur Pipeline, LLC; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Louisiana Connector Amendment Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Louisiana Connector Amendment Project (Project), proposed by Port Arthur Pipeline, LLC (PAPL) in the above-referenced docket. The Project is an amendment to the Louisiana Connector Project (Docket CP18–7–000), which was previously authorized by the Commission on April 18, 2019. In its amended Project, PAPL requests authorization to construct and operate natural gas transportation facilities (including compression) in Beauregard Parish, Louisiana. Specifically, the

Project would relocate the previously certificated but as yet not constructed compressor station from its authorized site in Allen Parish, Louisiana to a site in Beauregard Parish. The Project would also consist of associated facilities within the new Beauregard Parish Compressor Station boundaries.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of construction and operation of the Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed Project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The proposed Project includes the following new facilities in Beauregard Parish:

- A 93,880-horsepower compressor station;
- four pipeline interconnections ranging from 30 inches to 42 inches in diameter;
- four meter stations;
- one mainline block valve; and

\$167,091/year (or \$80.00/hour). Commission staff finds that the work done for this information collection is typically done by wage categories similar to those at FERC.

¹ 16 U.S.C. 803.

² 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, refer to 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

³ The estimates for cost per response are derived using the 2019 FERC average salary plus benefits of