

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 December 2, 2020.

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 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.

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>) 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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

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*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Combined Notice of Filings

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

*Docket Numbers:* RP21-205-000.

*Applicants:* Equitrans, L.P.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rate Agreement—BP—11/10/2020 to be effective 11/10/2020.

*Filed Date:* 11/9/20.

*Accession Number:* 20201109-5070.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 11/23/20.

*Docket Numbers:* RP21-206-000.

*Applicants:* Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.

*Description:* Compliance filing Annual Operational Flow Order Report 2020.

*Filed Date:* 11/10/20.

*Accession Number:* 20201110-5045.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 11/23/20.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercensearch.asp>) by querying the docket number.

Any person desiring to intervene or protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, service, and qualifying facilities filings can be found at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf>. For other information, call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC21-6-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-725s); 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, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on a renewal of currently approved information collection, FERC-725S (Emergency Preparedness and Operations (EOP) Reliability Standards).

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due January 19, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC21-6-000) by one of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's Website:* <http://www.ferc.gov>.

- *U.S. Postal Service Mail:* Persons unable to file electronically may mail similar pleadings to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

- Effective 7/1/2020, delivery of filings other than by eFiling or the U.S. Postal Service 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>. 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).

*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>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ellen Brown may be reached by email at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), telephone at (202) 502-8663.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* FERC-725S, Emergency Preparedness and Operations (EOP) Reliability Standards.

*OMB Control No.:* 1902-0270.

*Type of Request:* Three-year approval of the FERC-725S information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

*Abstract:* The Electricity Modernization Act of 2005, which is Title XII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPA 2005), added a new section 215 to the Federal Power Act (FPA).<sup>1</sup> FPA section 215 requires a Commission-certified Electric Reliability Organization (ERO) to develop mandatory and enforceable Reliability Standards, subject to Commission review and approval. Once approved, the Reliability Standards may be enforced by the ERO, subject to Commission oversight, or by the Commission independently.

Section 215 of the FPA requires a Commission-certified ERO to develop mandatory and enforceable Reliability Standards, subject to Commission review and approval. Once approved, the Reliability Standards may be enforced by the ERO subject to Commission oversight or by the Commission independently. In 2006, the Commission certified North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) as the ERO pursuant to section 215 of the FPA. FERC-725S consists of Emergency Preparedness and Operations (EOP)

Reliability Standards, EOP-004-4 (Event Reporting), EOP-005-3 (System Restoration from Blackstart Resources), EOP-006-3 (System Restoration Coordination), and EOP-008-2 (Loss of Control Center Functionality), EOP-010-1 (Geomagnetic Disturbance Operations), and EOP-011-1 (Emergency Operations). Reliability standards EOP-004-4, EOP-005-3, EOP-006-3 and EOP-008-2, EOP-010-1, and EOP-011-1, EOP Reliability Standards will enhance reliability by:

- (1) Providing accurate reporting of events to NERC's event analysis group to analyze the impact on the reliability of the bulk electric system (Reliability Standard EOP-004-4).
- (2) delineating the roles and responsibilities of entities that support system restoration from blackstart resources which generate power without the support of the bulk electric system (Reliability Standard EOP-005-3).
- (3) clarifying the procedures and coordination requirements for reliability coordinator personnel to execute system restoration processes (Reliability Standard EOP-006-3).
- (4) refining the required elements of an operating plan used to continue

reliable operations of the bulk electric system in the event that primary control center functionality is lost (Reliability Standard EOP-008-2).

(5) address the effects of operating Emergencies by ensuring each Transmission Operator and Balancing Authority has developed Operating Plan(s) to mitigate operating Emergencies, and that those plans are coordinated within a Reliability Coordinator Area (EOP-010-1).

(6) streamlines the requirements for Emergency operations of the Bulk Electric System. Attachment 1, which is incorporated into Requirements R2 and R6, provides the process and descriptions of the levels used by the Reliability Coordinator when communicating the condition of a Balancing Authority that is experiencing an Energy Emergency (EOP-011-1).

*Type of Respondents:* Public utilities subject to the FPA.

*Estimate of Annual Burden<sup>2</sup> and cost<sup>3</sup>:* The Commission estimates there will be no changes in the annual public reporting burden for the FERC-735S, as follows:

**FERC-725S, MODIFICATIONS DUE TO FINAL RULE IN DOCKET NO. XX-XX-XXX**

Reliability standard and associated requirement	Number of respondents <sup>4</sup>	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden & cost per response	Total annual burden & total annual cost	Cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
<b>EOP-010-1</b>						
	181	1	181	20 hrs.; \$1,660 .....	3,620 hrs.; \$300,460 .....	\$1,660
<b>EOP-011-1</b>						
	12	1	12	1,500 hrs.; \$124,500	18,000 hrs.; \$1,494,000 .....	124,500
<b>EOP-004-4, EOP-005-3, EOP-006-3, EOP-008-2</b>						
	280	1	280	250.58 hrs.; \$20,798	70,162.4 hrs.; \$5,234,440 ..	\$20,798
<b>Total EOP .....</b>	<b>473</b>	.....	.....	.....	<b>91,782 hrs.; \$7,028,900 .....</b>	.....

*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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<sup>1</sup> 16 U.S.C. 824o. The approved Reliability Standards are available on the Commission's eLibrary document retrieval system on the NERC website, [www.nerc.com](http://www.nerc.com).

<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. For further explanation of what is included in the information collection burden, refer to 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

<sup>3</sup> Commission staff estimates that the industry's skill set and cost (for wages and benefits) for FERC-725S are approximately the same as the

Commission's average cost. The FERC 2020 average salary plus benefits for one FERC full-time equivalent (FTE) is \$172,329/year (or \$83.00/hour).

<sup>4</sup> The number of respondents is based on NERC compliance registration information as of October 2, 2020.