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*Docket Numbers:* ER21–802–000.  
*Applicants:* Southwest Power Pool, Inc.  
*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Every Companies Name Changes—Westar Energy Formula Rate to be effective 4/1/2021.  
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*Docket Numbers:* ER21–803–000.  
*Applicants:* Springfield Power, LLC.  
*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Notice of Succession filing to be effective 1/16/2019.  
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*Docket Numbers:* ER21–804–000.  
*Applicants:* DG Whitefield LLC.  
*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Notice of Succession filing to be effective 1/6/2021.  
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*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/26/21.  
*Docket Numbers:* ER21–805–000.  
*Applicants:* Black Hills Power, Inc.  
*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: BHP—BH Wyoming GDEMA Revised Schedule B to be effective 3/7/2021.  
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*Docket Numbers:* ER21–806–000.  
*Applicants:* Black Hills Power, Inc.  
*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: BHP—BHCE GDEMA Revised Schedule B to be effective 3/7/2021.  
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*Docket Numbers:* ER21–807–000.  
*Applicants:* Black Hills Power, Inc.  
*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: BHP—CLFP GDEMA Revised Schedule B to be effective 3/7/2021.  
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*Docket Numbers:* ER21–808–000.  
*Applicants:* Black Hills Power, Inc.  
*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: BHP—Gillette GDEMA Revised Schedule B to be effective 3/7/2021.  
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*Accession Number:* 20210105–5032.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/26/21.  
*Docket Numbers:* ER21–809–000.  
*Applicants:* Black Hills Power, Inc.  
*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: BHP—MDU GDEMA Revised Schedule B to be effective 3/7/2021.  
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*Accession Number:* 20210105–5033.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/26/21.  
*Docket Numbers:* ER21–810–000.  
*Applicants:* Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.  
*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2021–01–05\_SA 3289 Termination of Sugar River Wind—ATC GIA (J584) to be effective 12/28/2020.  
*Filed Date:* 1/5/21.  
*Accession Number:* 20210105–5035.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/26/21.  
*Docket Numbers:* ER21–811–000.  
*Applicants:* Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.  
*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2021–01–05\_SA 3362 Termination of ATC-Quilt Block Wind Farm II GIA (J807) to be effective 8/24/2020.  
*Filed Date:* 1/5/21.  
*Accession Number:* 20210105–5036.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/26/21.  
*Docket Numbers:* ER21–812–000.  
*Applicants:* Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.  
*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2021–01–05\_SA 3496 Termination of ATC-Shullsburg Wind Farm GIA (J819) to be effective 8/24/2020.  
*Filed Date:* 1/5/21.  
*Accession Number:* 20210105–5037.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/26/21.  
*Docket Numbers:* ER21–813–000.  
*Applicants:* Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.  
*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2021–01–05\_SA 3363 Termination of ATC-Marathon Wind Farm GIA (J821) to be effective 8/24/2020.  
*Filed Date:* 1/5/21.  
*Accession Number:* 20210105–5038.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/26/21.  
*Docket Numbers:* ER21–814–000.  
*Applicants:* Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.  
*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2021–01–05\_SA 3106 Termination of Dodge County Wind-SMMPA Substitute GIA (J441) to be effective 12/26/2019.  
*Filed Date:* 1/5/21.  
*Accession Number:* 20210105–5039.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/26/21.  
*Docket Numbers:* ER21–815–000.  
*Applicants:* Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.  
*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Filing of Service Agreement No. 726 to be effective 12/30/2020.  
*Filed Date:* 1/5/21.  
*Accession Number:* 20210105–5040.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/26/21.  
 Take notice that the Commission received the following electric securities filings:  
*Docket Numbers:* ES21–21–000; ES21–22–000; ES21–23–000; ES21–24–000.

*Applicants:* Transource Maryland, LLC, Transource Missouri, LLC, Transource Pennsylvania, LLC, Transource West Virginia, LLC.  
*Description:* Application Under Section 204 of the Federal Power Act for Authorization to Issue Securities for Transource Maryland, LLC, et al.  
*Filed Date:* 1/4/21.  
*Accession Number:* 20210104–5299.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/25/21.  
 The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.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.

Dated: January 5, 2021.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC21–8–000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–512); 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–512 (Preliminary Permit).

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due March 12, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC21–8–000) 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, Office of the Secretary, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.
- Delivery of filings other than by eFiling or the U.S. Postal Service should be delivered to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Secretary, 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–512, Preliminary Permit.  
*OMB Control No.:* 1902–0073.

**Type of Request:** Three-year approval of the FERC–512 information collection requirements, with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

**Abstract:** The Commission regulates nonfederal hydropower projects on navigable waters and federal lands pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA).<sup>1</sup> The FERC–512 is an application for a preliminary permit or to extend a preliminary permit term. Preliminary permits, issued for up to four years, preserve the right of permit holders to have first priority in applying for a license for a project being studied, but do not authorize construction of any facilities. Nor does a preliminary permit allow the use of eminent domain to acquire lands for the project. The preliminary permits are issued pursuant to sections 4(f), 5, and 7 of the FPA. Preliminary permits may be extended one time for up to four additional years, pursuant to section 5 of the FPA. The purpose of obtaining a preliminary permit is to maintain priority status for an application for a license while the applicant conducts site examinations and surveys to prepare maps, plans, specifications, and estimates. This period of time also provides the applicant with the opportunity to conduct engineering, economic, and environmental feasibility studies in addition to making the financial arrangements for funding the

construction of the project. No other application for a preliminary permit or application for license submitted by another party can be accepted during the permit term. The application for a preliminary permit is used by Commission staff to assess the scope of the proposed project, the technology to be used, and jurisdictional aspects of the project. The staff assessment includes a review of the proposed hydro development for conflicts with other permits or existing projects and public notice of the application to solicit public and agency comments. The application for a one-time extension, up to four years, of a preliminary permit is used by Commission staff to determine if a permittee has met the 2018 Water Infrastructure Act’s good faith and reasonable diligence standard. An application for a preliminary permit includes an initial statement and three numbered exhibits, per 18 CFR 4.81. The initial statement includes information on the applicant, the project, the requested term of the permit, affected political jurisdictions, and a verification of the facts.

**Type of Respondents:** Business or other for-profit and not for-profit institutions.

**Estimate of Annual Burden<sup>2</sup> and Cost:**<sup>3</sup> The Commission estimates as shown below in the table:

**FERC–512—(PRELIMINARY PERMIT)**

	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden hours & cost per response	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost	Average annual cost per respondent
	(1)	(2)	(1)*(2)=(3)	(4)	(3)*(4)=(5)	(5)=(1)
Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping	50	1	50	24 hrs.; \$1,992	1,200 hrs.; \$99,600.	\$1,992
<b>TOTAL FERC–512 .....</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>24 hrs.; \$1,992</b>	<b>1,200 hrs.; \$99,600.</b>	<b>\$1,992</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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*Deputy Secretary.*  
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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–

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[Docket No. RC11–6–011]

**North American Electric Reliability Corporation; Notice of Filing**

Take notice that on December 30, 2020, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation submitted an

512 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>1</sup> 16 U.S.C. 791a–825r (2012).

<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