

The Commission estimates the additional annual reporting burden and cost as follows:

	Number and type of respondents <sup>2</sup>	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Avg. burden and cost per response <sup>3</sup>	Total annual burden hours and total annual cost (\$)	Cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) + (1)
<b>FERC-725Y in Docket No. IC21-18-000 (Reliability Standard PER-005-2)</b>						
Annual Evaluation and Update of Training Program.	(RC, BA, TOP, TO, GOP) 1,148 ....	1	1,148	8 hrs.; \$561.52 ....	9,184 hrs.; \$644,624.96.	\$561.52
Retention of Records .....	(RC, BA, TOP, TO, GOP) 1,148 ....	1	1,148	10 hrs.; \$433.80 ..	11,480 hrs.; \$498,002.40.	433.80
<b>FERC-725Y (Reliability Standard PER-006-1)</b>						
GOP; Reporting Req. R1 .....	937 <sup>4</sup> .....	1	937	5 hrs.; \$350.95 ....	4,685 hrs.; \$328,840.15.	350.95
GOP; Recordkeeping Req. ....	937 .....	1	937	10 hrs.; \$433.80 ..	9,370 hrs.; \$406,470.60.	433.80
Total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34,719 hrs.; \$1,877,938.11.	.....

*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.

Dated: April 14, 2021.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

Secretary.

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<sup>2</sup> For PER-005-2 and PER-006-1: RC=Reliability Coordinator; BA=Balancing Authority; TOP=Transmission Operator; TO=Transmission Owner; GOP=Generator Operator. To eliminate counting the same number multiple times the figure reflects the number of US unique entities (1,148) accounts for overlaps between RC, BA, TOP, TO and GOP. The NERC compliance registry table February 5, 2021 was used preform analysis.

<sup>3</sup> The estimates for cost per response are loaded hourly wage figure (includes benefits) is based on two occupational categories for 2020 found on the Bureau of Labor Statistics website ([http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics2\\_22.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics2_22.htm)):

- Electrical Engineer (Occupation Code: 17-2071): \$70.19 (to calculate the reporting requirements).
- Office and Administrative Support (Occupation Code: 43-0000): \$43.38 (to calculate the recordkeeping requirements).

<sup>4</sup> The number of US unique GOPs is 937 taken from the NERC compliance registry information of February 5, 2021.

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC21-15-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-716); 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, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection, FERC-716 (Good Faith Requests for Transmission Service and Good Faith Responses by Transmitting Utilities Under Sections 211(a) and 213(a) of the Federal Power Act (FPA)).

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due June 21, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit copies of your comments (identified by Docket No. IC21-15-000) by one of the following methods:

Electronic filing through <http://www.ferc.gov>, is preferred.

- *Electronic Filing:* Documents must be filed in acceptable native applications and print-to-PDF, but not in scanned or picture format.
- For those unable to file electronically, comments may be filed

by USPS mail or by hand (including courier) delivery:

- *Mail via U.S. Postal Service Only:*

Addressed to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

- *Hand (including courier) delivery:*

Deliver to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 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-716, Good Faith Requests for Transmission Service and Good Faith Responses by Transmitting Utilities Under Sections 211(a) and 213(a) of the Federal Power Act (FPA).

*OMB Control No.:* 1902-0170.

*Type of Request:* Three-year extension of the FERC-716 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

*Abstract:* The Commission uses the information collected under the requirements of FERC-716 to implement the statutory provisions of

sections 211 and section 213 of the Federal Power Act as amended and added by the Energy Policy Act 1992. FERC-716 also includes the requirement to file a section 211 request if the negotiations between the transmission requestor and the transmitting utility are unsuccessful. For the initial process, the information is not filed with the Commission. However, the request and response may be analyzed as a part of a section 211 action. The Commission may order

transmission services under the authority of FPA 211.

The Commission's regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), 18 CFR 2.20, provide standards by which the Commission determines if and when a valid good faith request for transmission has been made under section 211 of the FPA. By developing the standards, the Commission sought to encourage an open exchange of data with a reasonable degree of specificity and completeness between the party

requesting transmission services and the transmitting utility. As a result, 18 CFR 2.20 identifies 12 components of a good faith estimate and 5 components of a reply to a good faith request.

*Type of Respondents:* Transmission Requestors and Transmitting Utilities.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*<sup>1</sup> The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden for the information collection as:

**FERC-716 (GOOD FAITH REQUESTS FOR TRANSMISSION SERVICE AND GOOD FAITH RESPONSES BY TRANSMITTING UTILITIES UNDER SECTIONS 211(a) AND 213(a) OF THE FEDERAL POWER ACT (FPA))**

	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden and cost per response <sup>2</sup>	Total annual burden hours and total annual cost (\$)	Cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
Information exchange between parties .....	6	1	6	100 hrs.; \$8,300 ...	600 hrs.; \$49,800	\$8,300
Application submitted to FERC if parties' negotiations are unsuccessful.	6	1	6	2.5 hrs.; \$207.50 ..	15 hrs.; \$1,245 .....	207.50
<b>Total</b> .....			12		615 hrs.; \$51,045	8,507.50

*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.

Dated: April 14, 2021.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory  
Commission**

**[Docket No. CP21-116-000]**

**Gulf States Transmission LLC; Notice  
of Application and Establishing  
Intervention Deadline**

Take notice that on April 6, 2021, Gulf States Transmission LLC (Gulf States) 1300 Main Street, Houston, Texas 77002, filed in Docket No. CP21-116-000, an abbreviated application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations requesting authorization to abandon by sale to ETC Haynesville LLC (ETCH) the Gulf States interstate pipeline system in its entirety consisting of approximately 10 miles of 12-inch and 20-inch pipelines, meter and regulator stations, receipt and delivery points, and related and appurtenant facilities (collectively referred to as the Pipeline System) located in Harrison County, Texas, and Caddo Parish, Louisiana. Gulf States is also requesting authority to abandon its: (i) NGA Section 7 certificate of public convenience and necessity for the acquisition, construction, and operation of the Pipeline System; (ii) blanket certificate issued under Part 157,

Subpart F of the Commission's regulations; and (iii) Part 284 blanket certificate to provide open access transportation; as well as the cancellation of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, including all rate schedules therein, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

<sup>1</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>2</sup> The estimates for cost per response are derived using the following formula: Average Burden Hours per Response × \$83/hour = Average Cost per

Response. The cost per hour figure is the FERC 2020 average salary plus benefits. Subject matter experts found that industry employment costs closely resemble FERC's regarding the FERC-716 information collection.