

*Docket Numbers:* EC21–81–000.

*Applicants:* Coram California Development, L.P.

*Description:* Application for Authorization Under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act of Coram California Development, L.P.

*Filed Date:* 4/19/21.

*Accession Number:* 20210419–5320.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 5/10/21.

Take notice that the Commission received the following exempt wholesale generator filings:

*Docket Numbers:* EG21–128–000.

*Applicants:* Triple Butte LLC.

*Description:* Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator of Triple Butte LLC.

*Filed Date:* 4/19/21.

*Accession Number:* 20210419–5212.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 5/10/21.

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

*Docket Numbers:* ER21–1276–001.

*Applicants:* Midcontinent

Independent System Operator, Inc., American Transmission Company LLC.

*Description:* Tariff Amendment: 2021–04–20\_SA 2793 ATC-City of Eagle River Substitute 1st Rev CFA to be effective 5/5/2021.

*Filed Date:* 4/20/21.

*Accession Number:* 20210420–5021.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 5/11/21.

*Docket Numbers:* ER21–1277–001.

*Applicants:* Midcontinent

Independent System Operator, Inc., American Transmission Company LLC.

*Description:* Tariff Amendment: 2021–04–20\_SA 2794 ATC-City of Gladstone Substitute 1st Rev CFA to be effective 5/5/2021.

*Filed Date:* 4/20/21.

*Accession Number:* 20210420–5031.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 5/11/21.

*Docket Numbers:* ER21–1713–000.

*Applicants:* Midcontinent

Independent System Operator, Inc.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2021–04–19\_Attachment X, App. 1 Interconnection Request Requirement Changes to be effective 6/19/2021.

*Filed Date:* 4/19/21.

*Accession Number:* 20210419–5171.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 5/10/21.

*Docket Numbers:* ER21–1714–000.

*Applicants:* PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

*Description:* Tariff Cancellation: Notice of Cancellation ISA, Service Agreement No. 5557; Queue No. AE2–057 to be effective 5/21/2021.

*Filed Date:* 4/20/21.

*Accession Number:* 20210420–5018.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 5/11/21.

*Docket Numbers:* ER21–1715–000.

*Applicants:* PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Amendment to Service Agreement No. 5548; Queue No. AC1–076/AE2–134 to be effective 12/16/2019.

*Filed Date:* 4/20/21.

*Accession Number:* 20210420–5032.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 5/11/21.

*Docket Numbers:* ER21–1716–000.

*Applicants:* BP Energy Retail LLC.

*Description:* Baseline eTariff Filing: Application for Market-Based Rate Authority to be effective 6/20/2021.

*Filed Date:* 4/20/21.

*Accession Number:* 20210420–5039.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 5/11/21.

*Docket Numbers:* ER21–1717–000.

*Applicants:* Duke Energy Florida, LLC.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: DEF—Annual Update of Real Power Loss Factors (2021) to be effective 5/1/2021.

*Filed Date:* 4/20/21.

*Accession Number:* 20210420–5055.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 5/11/21.

*Docket Numbers:* ER21–1718–000.

*Applicants:* Idaho Power Company.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Goshen Substation Upgrades to be effective 3/9/2021.

*Filed Date:* 4/20/21.

*Accession Number:* 20210420–5058.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 5/11/21.

Take notice that the Commission received the following PURPA 210(m)(3) filings:

*Docket Numbers:* QM21–19–000.

*Applicants:* Otter Tail Power Company.

*Description:* Application of Otter Tail Power Company to Terminate Its Mandatory Purchase Obligation under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978.

*Filed Date:* 4/19/21.

*Accession Number:* 20210419–5216.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 5/17/21.

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: April 20, 2021.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC21–10–000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–725F); 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 a renewal of currently approved information collection FERC 725F (Mandatory Reliability Standard for Nuclear Plant Interface Coordination), which will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due May 26, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments on FERC–725F to OMB through [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. Please identify the OMB Control Number (1902–0249) in the subject line of your comments. Comments should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain).

Please submit copies of your comments to the Commission. You may submit copies of your comments (identified by Docket No. IC21–10–000) 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:* OMB submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Using the search function under the “Currently Under Review” field, select Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; click “submit,” and select “comment” to the right of the subject collection. FERC 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 <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview>.

**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 725F, Mandatory Reliability Standard for Nuclear Plant Interface Coordination.

*OMB Control No.:* 1902-0249.

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

*Abstract:* The Commission requires the information collected by FERC-725F to implement the statutory provisions of section 215 of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. 824o). On August 8, 2005, the Electricity Modernization Act of 2005, which is Title XII, Subtitle A, of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct 2005), was enacted into law.<sup>1</sup> EPAct 2005 added a new section 215 to the FPA, which required a Commission-certified Electric Reliability Organization (ERO) to develop mandatory and enforceable Reliability Standards, which are subject to Commission review and approval. Once approved, the Reliability Standards may be enforced by the ERO subject to

Commission oversight, or the Commission can independently enforce Reliability Standards.<sup>2</sup>

On February 3, 2006, the Commission issued Order No. 672, implementing section 215 of the FPA.<sup>3</sup> Pursuant to Order No. 672, the Commission certified one organization, North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), as the ERO. The Reliability Standards developed by the ERO and approved by the Commission apply to users, owners and operators of the Bulk-Power System as set forth in each Reliability Standard.

On November 19, 2007, NERC filed its petition for Commission approval of the Nuclear Plant Interface Coordination Reliability Standard, designated NUC-001-1. In Order No. 716, issued October 16, 2008, the Commission approved the standard while also directing certain revisions.<sup>4</sup> Revised Reliability Standard, NUC-001-2, was filed with the Commission by NERC in August 2009 and subsequently approved by the Commission January 21, 2010.<sup>5</sup> On November 4, 2014, in Docket No. RD14-13, the Commission approved revised Reliability Standard NUC-001-3.<sup>6</sup> On February 21, 2020 NERC filed a petition to revise Reliability Standard NUC-001-3 to NUC-0001-4.<sup>7</sup>

The purpose of Reliability Standard NUC-001-4 is to require “coordination between nuclear plant generator operators and transmission entities for the purpose of ensuring nuclear plant safe operation and shutdown.”<sup>8</sup> The Nuclear Reliability Standard applies to nuclear plant generator operators (generally nuclear power plant owners

and operators, including licensees) and “transmission entities,” defined in the Reliability Standard as including a nuclear plant’s suppliers of off-site power and related transmission and distribution services. To account for the variations in nuclear plant design and grid interconnection characteristics, the Reliability Standard defines transmission entities as “all entities that are responsible for providing services related to Nuclear Plant Interface Requirements (NPIRs),” and lists eleven types of functional entities (heretofore described as “transmission entities”) that could provide services related to NPIRs.<sup>9</sup>

FERC-725F information collection requirements include establishing and maintaining interface agreements, including record retention requirements. These agreements are not filed with FERC, but with the appropriate entities as established by the Reliability Standard.

In response to the Notice of Information Collection and Request for Comments published in the **Federal Register** on February 16, 2021 (86 FR 9499), the Commission received no comments on the 60-day Paperwork Reduction Act notice.

*Type of Respondent:* Nuclear operators, nuclear plants, transmission entities.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*<sup>10</sup> The Commission estimates the average annual burden and cost<sup>11</sup> for this information collection as follows.

<sup>9</sup> The list of functional entities consists of transmission operators, transmission owners, transmission planners, transmission service providers, balancing authorities, reliability coordinators, planning authorities, distribution providers, load-serving entities, generator owners, and generator operators.

<sup>10</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. Refer to 5 CFR 1320.3 for additional information.

<sup>11</sup> The wage and benefit figures are based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data (at [https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics2\\_22.htm](https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics2_22.htm)) for May 2019 for Sector 22, Utilities. (The benefits figure is based on BLS data as of May 2020 <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/elec.nr0.htm>.) The estimated hourly cost (for wages plus benefits) for reporting requirements is rounded to \$85.41/hour, based on the average for an electrical engineer (occupation code 17-2071, \$70.19/hour), legal (occupation code 23-0000, \$142.65/hour), and office and administrative staff (occupation code 43-0000, \$43.38/hour). The estimated hourly cost (wages plus benefits) for record keeping is \$34.79/hour for a file clerk (occupation code 43-4071).

<sup>1</sup> Energy Policy Act of 2005, Public Law 109-58, Title XII, Subtitle A, 119 Stat. 594, 941 (2005), 16 U.S.C. 824o.

<sup>2</sup> 16 U.S.C. 824o(e)(3).

<sup>3</sup> *Rules Concerning Certification of the Electric Reliability Organization; and Procedures for the Establishment, Approval, and Enforcement of Electric Reliability Standards*, Order No. 672, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,204, order on reh’g, Order No. 672-A, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,212 (2006).

<sup>4</sup> *Mandatory Reliability Standard for Nuclear Plant Interface Coordination*, Order No. 716, 125 FERC ¶ 61,065, at P 189 & n.90 (2008), order on reh’g, Order No. 716-A, 126 FERC ¶ 61,122 (2009).

<sup>5</sup> *North American Electric Reliability Corporation*, 130 FERC ¶ 61,051 (2010). When the revised Reliability Standard was approved, the Commission did not go to OMB for approval. It is assumed that the changes made did not substantively affect the information collection and therefore a formal submission to OMB was not needed.

<sup>6</sup> The Commission Letter Order is posted at <https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/common/OpenNat.asp?fileID=13675845>.

<sup>7</sup> The NERC petition is available on FERC’s eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/search>) by searching in Docket Number RD21-4.

<sup>8</sup> See Reliability Standard NUC-001-4 at <http://www.nerc.com/files/NUC-001-4.pdf>.

FERC-725F (NUC-001-04)	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total Number of responses	Average burden hrs. & cost per response (\$ (rounded)	Total annual burden hrs. & total annual cost (\$ (rounded)	Cost per respondent (\$ (rounded)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
New or Modifications to Existing Agreements (Reporting).	57 nuclear plants + 114 transmission entities <sup>12</sup> .	2	342	66.67 hrs.; \$5,694 .....	22,801 hrs.; \$1,947,433 ....	\$11,388
New or Modifications to Existing Agreements (Record Keeping).	57 nuclear plants + 114 transmission entities.	2	342	6.67 hrs.; \$232 .....	2,281 hrs.; \$79,356 .....	464.07
Total .....	.....	.....	<sup>13</sup> 342	.....	25,082 hrs.; <sup>14</sup> \$2,026,789.	

*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 20, 2021.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15090-000]

#### Energy Recycling Company, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On February 8, 2021, Energy Recycling Company, LLC, filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Bigstone Pumped Storage Project (Bigstone Project or project) to be located near the City of Milbank, Grant County, South Dakota. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed project is a closed loop pumped storage project that would consist of the following: (1) A 55-foot-high, 120-acre-area circular upper reservoir constructed as a concrete-lined rockfill embankment with a total storage capacity of approximately 3,500 acre-feet operating between a maximum water surface elevation of 1,145 feet mean sea level (msl) and a minimum water surface elevation of 1,095 feet msl; (2) a reinforced concrete "morning glory" type upper intake of circular configuration with a maximum outside diameter of approximately 100-feet and an inside diameter of 18-feet; (3) a 2,800-foot-long, 16-foot-diameter vertical penstock excavated in granitic bedrock and steel-lined extending between the upper intake and the pump/turbines below; (4) an underground eight concentric circular tunnels lower reservoir with diameters from 5,400 feet to 4,200 feet excavated

in granitic bedrock, located 2,500 feet below the ground surface elevation of 1,095 feet msl, with a usable storage capacity approximately the same as the upper reservoir and operational water elevations between minus 1,410 feet msl and minus 1,452.5 feet msl; (5) a 200-foot-long, 70-foot-wide, 130-foot-high powerhouse located 300 feet below the lower reservoir containing two reversible Francis pump/turbine-motor/generator units rated for 333 megawatts each; (6) a 240-foot-long, 50-foot-wide, 40-foot-high underground transformer gallery; (7) a 200-foot-square above ground substation; (8) a 1.5-mile-long, 345-kilovolt (kV) transmission line extending from the substation to an existing 345-kV transmission line owned by others; and (9) appurtenant facilities. There would be no federal land within the proposed project boundary. The estimated annual generation of the Bigstone Project would be 1,450 gigawatt-hours.

*Applicant Contact:* Mr. Douglas Spaulding, P.E., Nelson Energy, 8441 Wayzata Blvd., Suite 101, Golden Valley, MN 55426; phone: (952) 544-8133.

*FERC Contact:* Sergiu Serban; phone: (202) 502-6211.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications 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

<sup>12</sup> This figure of 120 transmission entities is based on the assumption that each agreement will be between 1 nuclear plant and 2 transmission entities ( $57 \times 2 = 114$ ). However, there is some double counting in this figure because some transmission entities may be party to multiple agreements with multiple nuclear plants. The double counting does not affect the burden estimate, and the correct number of unique respondents will be reported to OMB.

<sup>13</sup> The 171 respondents affected by the reporting requirements are also affected by the recordkeeping requirements.

<sup>14</sup> The reporting requirements have not changed. The decrease in the number of respondents is due to: (a) Normal fluctuations in industry (e.g., companies merging and splitting, and coming into and going out of business), and (b) no new agreements being issued due to the lack of new nuclear plants being developed.