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**Mark Brown,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC21-22-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (Ferc-585); 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 the currently approved information collection, FERC-585, (Reporting of Electric Energy Shortages and Contingency Plans Under PURPA Section 206).

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due July 6, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit copies of your comments (identified by Docket No. IC21-22-000) 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-585 (Reporting of Electric Energy Shortages and Contingency Plans Under PURPA<sup>1</sup> Section 206).

**OMB Control No.:** 1902-0138.

**Type of Request:** Three-year extension of the FERC-585 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

**Abstract:** The Commission uses the information collected under the requirements of FERC-585 to implement the statutory provisions of Section 206 of PURPA. Section 206 of PURPA amended the Federal Power Act (FPA) by adding a new subsection (g) to section 202, under which the Commission, by rule, was to require each public utility to report to the Commission and any appropriate state regulatory authority:

- Any anticipated shortages of electric energy or capacity which would affect the utility's capability to serve its wholesale customers; and
- a contingency plan that would outline what circumstances might give rise to such occurrences.

<sup>1</sup> PURPA = Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1979 (Pub. L. 95-617, 92 Stat. 3117), enacted 11/9/1978.

<sup>2</sup> Final Rule in Docket RM92-12-000, issued on 1/13/1995.

<sup>3</sup> Final Rule in Docket RM05-19-000, issued on 5/27/2005.

- In Order No. 5752, the Commission modified the reporting requirements in 18 CFR 294.101(b) to provide that, if a public utility includes in its rates schedule, provisions that during electric energy and capacity shortages:

- It will treat firm power wholesale customers without undue discrimination or preference; and

- it will report any modifications to its contingency plan for accommodating shortages within 15 days to the appropriate state regulatory agency and to the affected wholesale customers, then the utility need not file with the Commission an additional statement of contingency plan for accommodating such shortages.

This revision merely changed the reporting mechanism; the public utility's contingency plan would be located in its filed rate rather than in a separate document. In Order No. 6593, the Commission modified the reporting requirements in 18 CFR 294.101(e) to provide that public utilities must comply with the requirements to report shortages and anticipated shortages by submitting this information electronically using the Office of Electric Reliability's alert system at [emergency@ferc.gov](mailto:emergency@ferc.gov) in lieu of submitting an original and two copies to the Secretary of the Commission. The Commission uses the information to evaluate and formulate an appropriate option for action in the event an unanticipated shortage is reported and/or materializes. Without this information, the Commission and State agencies would be unable to:

- Examine and approve or modify utility actions;
- prepare a response to anticipated disruptions in electric energy; and/or
- ensure equitable treatment of all public utility customers under the shortage situation.

The Commission implements these filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR part 294.101.

**Type of Respondents:** Public Utilities.

**Estimate of Annual Burden:**<sup>4</sup> The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden for the information collection as:

<sup>4</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.

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	Number of respondents (1)	Annual number of responses per respondent (2)	Total number of responses (1) * (2) = (3)	Average burden & cost per response <sup>5</sup> (4)	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost (3) * (4) = (5)	Cost per respondent (\$) (5) ÷ (1)
Contingency Plan .....	1	1	1	1 hrs.; \$83.00 .....	1 hrs.; \$83.00 .....	\$83.00
Capacity Shortage .....	1	1	1	1 hrs.; \$83.00 .....	1 hrs.; \$83.00 .....	83.00
Total .....					2 hrs.; \$166.00 .....	

*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 30, 2021.  
**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*  
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**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. ID-5999-011]

**Notice of Filing; Curtis, Kathryn B.**

Take notice that on April 29, 2021, Kathryn B. Curtis submitted for filing, application for authority to hold interlocking positions, pursuant to section 305(b) of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 825d(b) and Part 45.8 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR part 45.8.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the

<sup>5</sup> The estimates for cost per response are derived using the following formula: Average Burden Hours per Response \* 83.00 per Hour = Average Cost per Response. This is Based upon FERC’s 2020 FTE average salary plus benefits. Commission staff believes that any industry effort applied to FERC-585 would be compensated similarly to FERC’s average salary.

Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

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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.

*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on May 20, 2021.

Dated: April 30, 2021.  
**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. AD21-8-000]

**Technical Conference on Reassessment of the Electric Quarterly Report Requirements; Supplemental Notice of Technical Conference**

On March 25, 2021, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) issued a notice that its staff will hold a technical conference related to the reassessment of the Electric Quarterly Report (EQR) requirements on May 19, 2021. The technical conference will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. All interested persons are invited to participate. Access to the meeting will be available via WebEx.

Commission staff is hereby supplementing the March 25, 2021 notice with the agenda, including sample discussion topics. During the conference, Commission staff, EQR filers, and EQR users will discuss potential changes to the current EQR data fields. This technical conference is the second in a series of conferences related to the reassessment of the EQR requirements.

Information for the technical conference, including a link to the webcast, will be posted prior to the event on the meeting event page on the Commission’s website, available at: <https://www.ferc.gov/news-events/events/technical-conference-reassessment-electric-quarterly-report-requirements>. The presentation slides will be posted to the website prior to the conference. Any interested person that wishes to participate in the conference is required to register through the WebEx link.