

Issue Scoping Document 2—March 2022
Issue Notice of Ready for Environmental
Analysis—March 2022

q. Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

Dated: August 5, 2021.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 7656–000]

Village of Highland Falls High-Point Utility, LDC; Notice of Existing Licensee's Failure To File a Notice of Intent To File a Subsequent License Application, and Soliciting; Notices of Intent To File a License Application and Pre-Application Documents

The current license for Buttermilk Falls Hydroelectric Project No. 7656 (Buttermilk Falls Project) was issued to the original licensee, John A. Dodson, on June 24, 1986, for a term of 40 years, ending May 31, 2026.¹ The project became non-operational in 2012 due to damage caused by Hurricanes Sandy and Irene, and has remained non-operational since. The license was transferred to the current licensee, Village of Highland Falls High-Point Utility, LDC (High-Point Utility) on September 21, 2017.² The 75-kilowatt (kW) project is located on Buttermilk Falls Brook, a tributary of the Hudson River, in Orange County, New York.

The principal project works consist of: (1) An 18-inch-high, 15-foot-long dam; (2) an 18-inch-diameter, 400-foot-long PVC penstock; (3) a powerhouse containing one 55-kW and one 20-kW generating unit, for a total of installed generating capacity of 75-kW; (4) two 480-volt generator leads; (5) a 300-foot-long, 480-volt transmission line; and (6) a 0.48/13.6-kilovolt cable connecting the transformer to the area distribution system.

At least five years before the expiration of a license for a minor water power project in which sections 14 and 15 of the Federal Power Act were waived, the Commission's regulations require the licensee to file with the Commission a notice of intent (NOI) that

contains an unequivocal statement of the licensee's intention to file or not to file an application for a subsequent license, details on the principal project works and installed plant capacity, and other information.³

If such a licensee does not inform the Commission that it intends to file an application for, in this case, a subsequent license for the project, the licensee may not file an application for a subsequent license, either individually or in conjunction with an entity or entities that are not currently licensees of the project.⁴

Because the current license expires on May 31, 2026, the NOI was due to be filed no later than the close of business on May 31, 2021.⁵ High-Point Utility, the current licensee for the Buttermilk Falls Project, failed to file an NOI by this date.⁶

Any party interested in filing a license application for the Buttermilk Falls Project No. 7656 must first file a NOI⁷ and pre-application document (PAD)⁸ pursuant to Part 5 of the Commission's regulations. Although the integrated licensing process is the default pre-filing process, section 5.3(b) of the Commission's regulations allows a potential license applicant to request to use alternative licensing procedures when it files its NOI.⁹

This notice sets a deadline of 120 days from the date of this notice for interested applicants, other than the existing licensee, to file NOIs, PADs, and requests to use an alternative licensing process.

Applications for a subsequent license from potential (non-licensee) applicants must be filed with the Commission at

³ 18 CFR 16.19(b) (2020) (citing 18 CFR 16.6(b)). Section 16.19(b) applies to licenses not subject to Parts 14 and 15 of the Federal Power Act.

⁴ 18 CFR 16.24(b) (2020).

⁵ The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure provide that if a filing deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday, holiday, or other day when the Commission is closed for business, the filing deadline does not end until the close of business on the next business day. 18 CFR 2007(a)(2) (2020). Because the deadline to file the NOI fell on a federal holiday (*i.e.*, Memorial Day), the filing deadline was extended until the close of business on Tuesday, June 1, 2021.

⁶ On June 23, 2021, High-Point Utility filed a letter indicating that it intended to proceed with relicensing for the Buttermilk Falls Hydroelectric Project No. 7656, however, the filing was not in conformance with the noticing requirements of section 5.5 of the Commission's regulations, because among other things, it did not identify the principle project works and it did not include the names and mailing addresses of nearby municipalities, counties, political subdivisions, or affected Indian tribes. It also did not include a pre-application document as required by section 5.6 of the regulations.

⁷ 18 CFR 5.5 (2020).

⁸ 18 CFR 5.6 (2020).

⁹ 18 CFR 5.3(b) (2020).

least 24 months prior to the expiration of the current license.¹⁰ Because the current license expires on May 31, 2026, applications for license for this project must be filed by May 31, 2024.¹¹

Questions concerning this notice should be directed to Samantha Pollak at (202) 502–6419 or samantha.pollak@ferc.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC21–36–000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–725G1 and FERC– 725G4); Consolidated Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of information collections 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 collections, FERC–725G1 (Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System: Reliability Standard PRC–004–6) and FERC–725G4 (Mandatory Reliability Standards: Reliability Standard PRC–010–2 (Undervoltage Load Shedding)).

DATES: Comments on the collections of information are due October 12, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit your comments (identified by Docket No. IC21–36–000) on FERC–725G1 and/or FERC–725G4 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:

¹⁰ 18 CFR 16.20 (2020).

¹¹ To the extent an interested applicant files an NOI and PAD and elects or is required to use the Commission's ILP, a process plan will be issued within 180 days of this notice, which accelerates the steps of the ILP to allow for filing a subsequent license application by the May 31, 2024 deadline.

¹ See John A. Dodson, 35 FERC ¶ 62,532 (1986).

² See John A. Dodson, *Village of Highland Falls High-Point Utility, LDC*, 160 FERC ¶ 62,239 (2017).

○ *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, 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, or by telephone at (202) 502-8663.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

FERC-725G1

Title: Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System: Reliability Standard PRC-004-6.

OMB Control No.: 1902-0284.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-725G1 information collection requirements.

Abstract: The Commission collects information under FERC-725G1 in accordance with section 215 of the Federal Power Act (FPA) ¹ and 18 CFR parts 39 and 40. Section 215 of the FPA gives the Commission and the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (as the Commission-approved Electric Reliability Organization) to establish and enforce reliability standards for all users, owners, and operators of the bulk-power system.² Once approved, the Reliability Standards may be enforced by the Electric Reliability Organization subject

to Commission oversight, or by the Commission independently.³

Reliability Standard PRC-004-6 requires transmission owners, generator owners, and distribution providers to identify and correct causes of misoperations of certain protection systems for bulk-power system elements. It also requires retention of evidence of misoperations for a minimum of 12 calendar months.

Types of Respondents: Transmission Owners, Generator Owners, and Distribution Providers for FERC-725G1. Transmission Owners and Distribution Providers for FERC-725G4.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimate of Annual Burden: The Commission estimates 703 responses annually, and per-response burdens of 16.5 hours and \$1,435.50.⁴ The total estimated burdens per year are 703 responses, 11,599.5 hours, and \$1,009,156.50. These burdens are itemized in the following table:

FERC-725G1—ANNUAL ESTIMATES OF RESPONDENTS' BURDENS

| Number of respondents | Annual number of responses per respondent | Total number of responses | Average burden and cost per response ⁵ | Total annual burden hours and total annual cost | Cost per respondent (\$) |
|-----------------------|---|---------------------------|---|---|--------------------------|
| A. | B. | C. (column A × column B) | D. | E. (column C × column D) | F. (column E ÷ column A) |
| 703 | 1 | 703 | 16.5 hrs.; \$1,435.50 | 11,599.5 hrs.; \$1,009,156.50 | \$1,435.50 |

FERC-725G4

Title: Mandatory Reliability Standards: Reliability Standard PRC-010-2 (Undervoltage Load Shedding).

OMB Control No.: 1902-0282.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-725G4 information collection requirements.⁶

Abstract: The Commission collects information under FERC-725G4 in

accordance with section 215 of the FPA and 18 CFR parts 39 and 40. Reliability Standard PRC-010-2 requires respondents to submit date-stamped documentation of their compliance with the relevant UVLS Program.⁷

Types of Respondents: UVLS Entities.⁸

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimate of Annual Burden: The Commission estimates 25 responses annually, and per-response burdens of 48 hours and \$4,176.⁹ The total estimated burdens per year are 25 responses, 1,200 hours, and \$104,400. These burdens are itemized in the following table:

¹ 16 U.S.C. 824o.

² As defined at 16 U.S.C. 824o(a)(1) and 18 CFR 39.1, the term "bulk-power system" means facilities and control systems necessary for operating an interconnected electric energy transmission network (or any portion thereof), and electric energy from generating facilities needed to maintain transmission system reliability. The term does not include facilities used in the local distribution of electric energy.

³ 16 U.S.C. 824o(e).

⁴ Using the May 14, 2021 NERC compliance registration information for entities that are Generator Owners, Transmission Owners, and Distribution Providers (in the U.S.), the number of potential respondents is 1,405, taking into account overlap between functions. However, not every entity will have a misoperation event during a year. Based on our previous experience with this information collection, we are estimating that

approximately half of the 1,405 potential respondents annually will have a reportable misoperation, *i.e.*, 703 responses per year for FERC-725G1.

⁵ Commission staff estimates that the average industry hourly cost for this information collection is approximated by the current FERC 2021 average hourly costs for wages and benefits, *i.e.*, \$87.00/hour.

⁶ If OMB renews FERC-725G4, the Commission subsequently may consider requesting that OMB combine that information collection activity with FERC-725G1. Such action would be administrative only and would not indicate the discontinuation of the information collection requirements in FERC-725G4.

⁷ "Load shedding" means disconnecting consumers from the grid to prevent demand from exceeding supply, which can cause widespread grid collapse. A "UVLS Program" provides for automatic

load shedding, utilizing voltage inputs, in specific circumstances and locations.

⁸ "UVLS Entities," as defined at the NERC website at <https://www.nerc.com/pa/Stand/Reliability%20Standards/PRC-010-2.pdf>, are distribution providers and transmission owners responsible for the ownership, operation, or control of UVLS equipment, as required by a UVLS Program.

⁹ Using the May 14, 2021 NERC compliance registration information for entities that are Transmission Owners and Distribution Providers (in the U.S.), the number of potential respondents is 494, taking into account overlap between functions. However, not every entity has an undervoltage load shedding program. Approximately five percent of the potential respondents have such a program. Therefore, we estimate 25 responses per year for FERC-725G4.

FERC-725G4—ANNUAL ESTIMATES OF RESPONDENTS’ BURDENS

| Number of respondents | Annual number of responses per respondent | Total number of responses (column A × column B) | Average burden and cost per response ¹⁰ | Total annual burden hours and total annual cost (column C × column D) | Cost per respondent (\$) (column E ÷ column A) |
|-----------------------|---|---|--|---|--|
| A | B | C | D | E | F |
| 25 | 1 | 25 | 48 hrs.; \$4,176 | 1,200 hrs.; \$104,400 | \$4,176 |

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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

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

Docket Numbers: ER21-1790-005.
Applicants: California Independent System Operator Corporation.
Description: Compliance filing: 2021-08-04 Supplemental to Pending Compliance Filing—LEW to be effective 12/31/9998.
Filed Date: 8/4/21.
Accession Number: 20210804-5089.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/25/21.
Docket Numbers: ER21-2087-001.
Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.
Description: Tariff Amendment: The Empire District Electric Company Amended Formula Rate to be effective 5/14/2021.
Filed Date: 8/4/21.

Accession Number: 20210804-5096.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/25/21.
Docket Numbers: ER21-2138-001.
Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.
Description: Tariff Amendment: 1518R21 Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corp NITSA NOA Amended to be effective 8/1/2021.
Filed Date: 8/5/21.
Accession Number: 20210805-5114.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/26/21.
Docket Numbers: ER21-2230-001.
Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.
Description: Tariff Amendment: 2415R15 Kansas Municipal Energy Agency NITSA and NOA Amended to be effective 9/1/2021.
Filed Date: 8/5/21.
Accession Number: 20210805-5052.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/26/21.
Docket Numbers: ER21-2611-000.
Applicants: Wisconsin Public Service Corporation.
Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Filing of Revised LBAAOCA with WPL to be effective 10/4/2021.
Filed Date: 8/4/21.
Accession Number: 20210804-5097.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/25/21.
Docket Numbers: ER21-2612-000.
Applicants: Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, New York Independent System Operator, Inc.
Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Joint Section 205 SGIA among NYISO, NMPC and SunEast Hilltop Solar SA No. 2638 to be effective 7/28/2021.
Filed Date: 8/5/21.
Accession Number: 20210805-5082.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/26/21.
Docket Numbers: ER21-2613-000.
Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C., Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line Company.
Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: TrAILCo submits One ECSA, SA No. 5954 to be effective 10/5/2021.
Filed Date: 8/5/21.
Accession Number: 20210805-5096.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/26/21.
Docket Numbers: ER21-2614-000.
Applicants: Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: MAIT submits One ECSA, SA No. 5953 to be effective 10/5/2021.
Filed Date: 8/5/21.
Accession Number: 20210805-5107.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/26/21.
Docket Numbers: ER21-2615-000.
Applicants: American Transmission Systems, Incorporated, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.
Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: ATSI submits Four ECSAs, SA Nos. 6034-6037 to be effective 10/5/2021.
Filed Date: 8/5/21.
Accession Number: 20210805-5109.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/26/21.
Docket Numbers: ER21-2616-000.
Applicants: El Paso Electric Company.
Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Rate Schedule No. 361 Cost Reimbursement Agreement with SunZia to be effective 7/19/2021.
Filed Date: 8/5/21.
Accession Number: 20210805-5112.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/26/21.
Docket Numbers: ER21-2617-000.
Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.
Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Original IISA, Service Agreement No. 6124; Queue No. AD1-101 to be effective 7/6/2021.
Filed Date: 8/5/21.
Accession Number: 20210805-5113.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/26/21.
Docket Numbers: ER21-2618-000.
Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.
Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Amendment to WMPA, Service Agreement No. 5522; Queue No. AE1-075 to be effective 10/14/2019.
Filed Date: 8/5/21.
Accession Number: 20210805-5116.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/26/21.
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

¹⁰ Commission staff estimates that the average industry hourly cost for this information collection is approximated by the current FERC 2021 average hourly costs for wages and benefits, i.e., \$87.00/hour.