consists of an annual report that includes projections, details on the level and status of transmission investment, and the reason for delay (if any).

The regulation at 18 CFR 35.35(h) requires public utilities that have been granted incentive rate treatment for specific transmission projects to file FERC Form 730 annually, beginning with the calendar year incentive rate treatment is granted by the Commission. Such filings are due by April 18 of the following calendar year and are due April 18 each year thereafter. The following information must be filed:

(1) In dollar terms, actual transmission investment for the most recent calendar year, and projected, incremental investments for the next five calendar years; and

(2) For all current and projected investments (except projects with projected costs less than $20 million) over the next five calendar years, a project-by-project listing that specifies for each project the most up-to-date, expected completion date, percentage completion as of the date of filing, and reasons for delays.

For good cause shown, the Commission may extend the time within which any FERC–730 filing is to be filed or waive the requirements applicable to any such filing.

The Commission uses the FERC–730 information collection to determine an accurate assessment of the state of transmission investment by public utilities. Filers are strongly encouraged to submit the FERC–730 electronically via eFiling.

Type of Respondents: Public utilities that have been granted incentive based rate treatment for specific transmission projects under provisions of 18 CFR 35.35.

Estimate of Annual Burden: [2] The Commission estimates 63 responses annually, and per-response burdens of 30 hours and $2,370. The total estimated burdens per year are 1,890 hours and $171,990. These burdens are itemized in the following table.

Number of respondents A.	Annual number of responses per respondent B.	Total number of responses C. (Column A × Column B)	Average burden & cost per response [3] D.	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost E. (Column C × Column D)	Cost per respondent ($) F. (Column E ÷ Column A)
63	1	63	30 hours; $2,730	1,890 hours; $171,990	2,730
Totals		63		1,890 hours; $171,990	

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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Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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[2] 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 CFR 1320.3.

[3] The Commission staff estimates that the industry's hourly cost for wages plus benefits is similar to the Commission's $91.00 FY 2022 average hourly cost for wages and benefits.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC23–7–000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–725A(1B); 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–725A(1B), (Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk Power System). There are no changes in the requirements of the collection.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due May 1, 2023.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC23–7–000) by either of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's Website: https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp.*
- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Instructions: All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: *https://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp.* For user assistance, contact FERC Online Support by email at *ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov,* or by phone at: (866) 208–3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502–8659 for TTY.

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/docs-filing/docs-filing.asp.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Brown may be reached by email at *DataClearance@FERC.gov,* telephone at (202) 502–8663.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC–725A(1B), (Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk Power System).

OMB Control No.: 1902–0292.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC–725A(1B) information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Abstract: The FERC–725A(1B) [1] Under section 215 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), the Commission proposes to approve Reliability Standards TOP–010–1i (Real-time Reliability Monitoring and Analysis Capabilities) submitted by North American Electric Corporation (NERC). In this order, the Reliability Standards build on monitoring, real-time assessments and support effective situational awareness. The Reliability Standards accomplish this by requiring applicable entities to: (1) Provide notification to operators of real-time monitoring alarm failures; (2) provide operators with indications of the quality of information being provided by their monitoring and analysis capabilities; and (3) address deficiencies in the quality of information being provided by their monitoring and analysis capabilities. FERC–725A(1B) addresses situational awareness objectives by providing for operator awareness when key alarming tools are not performing as intended. These collections will improve real-time situational awareness capabilities and enhance reliable operations by requiring reliability coordinators, transmission operators, and balancing authorities to provide operators with an improved awareness of system conditions analysis capabilities, including alarm availability, so that operators may take appropriate steps to ensure reliability. These functions include planning, operations, data sharing, monitoring, and analysis.

Type of Respondent: Balancing Authority (BA), Transmission Operations (TOP) and Reliability Coordinators (RC).

Estimate of Annual Burden: [2] The Commission estimates the total annual burden and cost for this information collection in the table below.

FERC–725A(1B)—MANDATORY RELIABILITY STANDARDS FOR THE BULK POWER SYSTEM [3]

Entity	Requirements	Number of respondents [4] (1)	Annual number of responses per respondent (2)	Total number of responses (1) * (2) = (3)	Average burden & cost per response [5] (4)	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost (3) * (4) = (5)	Cost per respondent ($) (5) ÷ (1)
BA [6]	Annual reporting	98	1	98	42 hrs.; $3,234.84	4,116 hrs.; $317,014.32	$3,234.84
TOP [7]	Annual reporting	168	1	168	40 hrs.; $3,080.80	6,720 hrs.; $517,574.40	3,080.80
BA/TOP	Annual Record Retention.	266	1	266	2 hrs.; $84.70	532 hrs.; $22,530.20	84.70
Total Burden Hours Per Year (Reporting).						10,836 hrs. $834,588.72	
Total Burden Hours Per Year (Record Retention).						532 hrs.; $22,530.20	

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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC23–8–000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–725T); Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of information collection and request for comments.

[1] The 725(1B) collection was created as a temporary collection number originally used at the time of the RD16–6–000, because OMB cannot review two pending requests with the same OMB control no. at a given time. The FERC 725A is still pending at OMB for an unrelated matter, thus we are renewing the temporary number and the related collection at this time.

[2] ''Burden'' is 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 Title 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

[3] Our estimates are based on the NERC Compliance Registry Summary of Entities and Functions as of November 4, 2022, which indicates there are 266 entities registered as BA and TOP.

[4] The number of respondents is the number of entities in which a change in burden from the current standards to the proposed standards exists, not the total number of entities from the current or proposed standards that are applicable.

[5] The estimated hourly costs (salary plus benefits) are based on Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) information, as of May 2022 (at *http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics2_22.htm,* with updated benefits information for March 2022 at *http://www.bls.gov/news.release/ecec.nr0.htm*), for an electrical engineer (code 17–2071, $77.02/hour), and for information and record clerks record keeper (code 43–4199, $42.35/hour). The hourly figure for engineers is used for reporting; the hourly figure for information and record clerks is used for document retention.

[6] Balancing Authority (BA). The following Requirements and associated measures apply to balancing authorities: Requirement R1: A revised data specification and writing the required operating process/operating procedure; and Requirement R2: quality monitoring logs and the data errors and corrective action logs.

[7] Transmission Operations (TOP). The following Requirements and associated measures apply to transmission operators: Requirement R1: A revised data specification and writing the required operating process/operating procedure; and Requirement R3: alarm process monitor performance logs to maintain performance logs and corrective action plans.