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*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on August 4, 2023.

Dated: July 10, 2023.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC23-11-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-510); 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 proposed extension of currently approved information collection, FERC-510 (Application for Surrender of a Hydropower License).

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due August 14, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments on FERC-510 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 1902-0068 (Application for Surrender of a Hydropower License) in the subject line. Your comments should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Please submit copies of your comments (identified by Docket No. IC23-11-000 and the form) to the Commission as noted below. Electronic filing through <https://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.

**Mail via any other service (including courier delivery):** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

Please reference the specific collection number(s) and/or title(s) in your comments.

**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: <https://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>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ellen Brown may be reached by email at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov) and telephone at (202) 502-8663.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** FERC-510, Application for Surrender of a Hydropower License.

**OMB Control No.:** 1902-0068.

**Type of Request:** Three-year extension of the FERC-510 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

**Abstract:** The purpose of FERC-510 is to implement information collections pursuant to sections 4(e), 6, and 13 of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. 797(e), 799 and 806). Section 4(e) gives the Commission authority to issue licenses for the purposes of constructing, operating and maintaining dams, water conduits, reservoirs, powerhouses, transmission lines or other power project works necessary or convenient for developing and improving navigation, transmission and utilization of power using bodies of water over which Congress has jurisdiction. Section 6 gives the Commission the authority to prescribe the conditions of licenses including the revocation or surrender of the license. Section 13 defines the Commission's authority to delegate time periods for when a license must be terminated if project construction has not begun. Surrender of a license may be desired by a licensee when a licensed project is retired or not constructed or natural catastrophes have damaged or destroyed the project facilities.

FERC-510 is the application for the surrender of a hydropower license.<sup>1</sup> The information is used by Commission staff to determine the broad impact of such surrender. The Commission will issue a notice soliciting comments from the public and other agencies and conduct a review of the application before

<sup>1</sup> 18 CFR 6.1-6.4.

issuing an order for Surrender of a License. The order is the result of an analysis of the information produced (i.e., dam safety, public safety, and environmental concerns, etc.), which is examined to determine whether any conditions must be satisfied before

granting the surrender. The order implements the existing regulations and is inclusive for surrender of all types of hydropower licenses issued by FERC and its predecessor, the Federal Power Commission.

*Type of Respondent:* Private or Municipal Hydropower Licensees.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*<sup>2</sup> The Commission estimates the total annual burden and cost<sup>3</sup> for this information collection as follows:

FERC-510

| Number of respondents<br>(1) | Annual number of responses per respondent<br>(2) | Total number of responses<br>(1) * (2) = (3) | Average burden hrs. & cost (\$)<br>per response<br>(4) | Total annual burden hrs. & total annual cost (\$)<br>(3) * (4) = (5) | Cost per respondent (\$)<br>(5) ÷ (1) |
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| 7 .....                      | 1  | 7  | 80 hrs.; \$7,280 .....                                 | 560 hrs.; \$50,960 ..  | \$7,280                               |

*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: July 10, 2023.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 2607-016]

**Spencer Mountain Hydropower, LLC; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission and Soliciting Additional Study Requests and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Relicensing and a Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments**

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* Subsequent License.

- b. *Project No.:* 2607-016.
- c. *Date filed:* June 26, 2023.
- d. *Applicant:* Spencer Mountain Hydropower, LLC.
- e. *Name of Project:* Spencer Mountain Hydroelectric Project (Spencer Mountain Project).
- f. *Location:* On the South Fork Catawba River, near the town of Gastonia, in Gaston County, North Carolina.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Kevin Edwards and Mrs. Amy Edwards, Spencer Mountain Hydropower, LLC, 916 Comer Rd., Stoneville, NC 27048; Phone at (336) 589-6138, or [smhydro@pht1.com](mailto:smhydro@pht1.com).
- i. *FERC Contact:* Michael Spencer at (202) 502-6093, or [michael.spencer@ferc.gov](mailto:michael.spencer@ferc.gov).
- j. *Cooperating agencies:* Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues that wish to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document should follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item l below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. *See*, 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).
- k. Pursuant to section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file

a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the application, and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

l. *Deadline for filing additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status:* September 8, 2023.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. All filings must clearly identify the project name and docket number on the first page: Spencer Mountain Project (P-2607-016).

m. The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

n. *The Spencer Mountain Project consists of the following existing facilities:* (1) a 12-foot-high, 636-foot-long masonry and rubble dam with a crest elevation of 634.7 feet mean sea level (msl); (2) a 68-acre reservoir with a storage capacity of 166 acre-feet; (3) a 58.9-foot-long canal headwork, consisting of four 6-foot-wide gates; (4) a 53.8-foot-long canal spillway

<sup>2</sup> "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 additional information, refer to Title 5 Code of Federal

Regulations 1320.3. The number of respondents is based on the average number of respondents over the last three years.

<sup>3</sup> The Commission staff thinks that the average respondent for this collection is similarly situated

to the Commission, in terms of salary plus benefits. The FERC 2022 average salary plus benefits for one FERC full-time equivalent (FTE) is \$188,922/year (or \$91.00/hour).