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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2466-000]

#### Appalachian Power Company; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

The license for the Niagara Hydroelectric Project No. 2466 was issued for a period ending February 29, 2024.

Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year-to-year an annual license to the then licensee(s) under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA. If the project's prior license waived the applicability of section 15 of the FPA, then, based on section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 2466 is issued to Appalachian Power Company for a period effective March 1, 2024, through February 28, 2025, or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first.

If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before February 28, 2025, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

If the project is not subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that Appalachian Power Company is authorized to continue operation of the Niagara Hydroelectric Project under the terms and conditions of the prior license until the issuance of a subsequent license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD10-12-015]

#### Increasing Market and Planning Efficiency Through Improved Software; Notice of Technical Conference: Increasing Real-Time and Day-Ahead Market and Planning Efficiency Through Improved Software

Take notice that Commission staff will convene a technical conference on July 9, 10, and 11, 2024 to discuss opportunities for increasing real-time and day-ahead market and planning efficiency through improved software. A detailed agenda with the list of presentation dates and times for the selected speakers will be published on the Commission's website<sup>1</sup> and in eLibrary after April 26, 2024.

This conference will bring together experts from diverse backgrounds including electric power system operators, software developers, government, research centers, and academia. The conference will bring these experts together for the purposes of stimulating discussion, sharing information, and identifying fruitful avenues for research on improving software for increased efficiency and reliability of the bulk power system.

This conference will build on discussions at prior conferences in this proceeding by focusing on topics identified as important to market efficiency in those conferences. Broadly, such topics fall into the following categories:

(1) Software for including climate change and extreme weather in short-term load forecasting and in long-term planning models, including novel methodologies for assessing capacity

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ferc.gov/industries-data/electric/power-sales-and-markets/increasing-efficiency-through-improved-software>.

accreditation, energy adequacy, correlated outages, and weather-related derates and outages. Software advances to integrate probabilistic models into system planning models, whether scenario-based or stochastic, to better account for low-probability, high-impact events, such as extreme weather events.

(2) Software for improving the efficiency of the interconnection process, including improved interconnection studies, software for automating parts of the interconnection process, software for expediting power flow analyses related to interconnection, etc.

(3) Software for implementing advanced computing methods such as artificial intelligence (AI) or machine learning into existing or novel applications for improving real-time and day-ahead market and planning efficiency.

(4) Software related to grid-enhancing technologies, such as those described in Docket Nos. AD19-19<sup>2</sup> and AD19-15,<sup>3</sup> including optimal transmission switching, dynamic transmission line ratings, power flow controls, and any software related to implementing the Commission's recent rulemaking regarding line ratings in Order No. 881.<sup>4</sup>

(5) Software for improving the performance of generating resources' ability and incentives to follow dispatch instructions and for eliminating unnecessary make-whole payments, including software for ensuring that product awards reflect prevailing transmission constraints and capabilities of resources to deliver awarded products.

(6) Software for better modeling and computation of resources with distinct operating characteristics such as storage resources, multi-stage/multi-configuration resources, hybrid resources, aggregations of Distributed Energy Resources (DERs) (including DER Management Systems, or DERMS), and others. Presentations on this topic should focus on alternative formulations and solution methods for market models.

(7) Other improvements in algorithms, model formulations, or hardware advancements that may allow for improvements to the bulk power system in market efficiency and enhanced reliability.

The conference will take place in a hybrid format, with presenters and attendees allowed to participate either

<sup>2</sup> *Grid-Enhancing Technologies*, Docket No. AD19-19-000.

<sup>3</sup> *Managing Transmission Line Ratings*, Docket No. AD19-15-000.

<sup>4</sup> *Managing Transmission Line Ratings*, Order No. 881, 177 FERC ¶ 61,179 (2021).

in person or virtually. Further details on both in-person and virtual participation will be released prior to the conference.

Attendees must register through the Commission's website on or before June 3, 2024. Access to the conference (virtual or in-person) may not be available to those who do not register.

Speaker nominations must be submitted on or before April 19, 2024 through the Commission's website by providing the proposed speaker's contact information along with a title, abstract, and list of contributing authors for the proposed presentation.<sup>5</sup> Proposed presentations should be related to the topics discussed above. Speakers and presentations will be selected to ensure relevance to those topics and to accommodate time constraints.

Speakers are encouraged to submit new findings and novel work to ensure that the conference reflects the latest research. Presentations that only repeat similar content from previous years' conferences may be rejected. Presentation proposals that involve many of the same co-authors and have similar contents may be combined into a single proposal for one presentation.

All presentations materials (e.g., presentation slides) are due no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT on July 1, 2024. Before 1:00 p.m. EDT on July 8, 2024, Commission staff will work with presenters to provide quality assurance that their presentation materials are prepared, formatted correctly, and ready for delivery during the conference. All presentation materials submitted before 1:00 p.m. on July 8, 2024 will be posted to the Commission website before the conference. Any updated presentation materials submitted after 1:00 p.m. on July 8, 2024 will be posted to the Commission website after the conference; however, the live conference may use presentation material versions submitted prior to the deadline rather than late submissions.

The Commission will accept comments following the conference, with a deadline of August 12, 2024.

There is an "eSubscription" link on the Commission's website that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

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For further information about these conferences, please contact:

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC24-12-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-582); Comment Request; Extension

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

**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-582 (Electric Fees, Annual Charges, Waivers, and Exemptions) (OMB Control Number 1902-0132).

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due May 6, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit your comments (identified by Docket No. IC24-12-000 and FERC-582) 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:** Jean Sonneman may be reached by email at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), telephone at (202) 502-6362.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** FERC-582, Electric Fees, Annual Charges, Waivers, and Exemptions.

**OMB Control No.:** 1902-0132.

**Type of Request:** Three-year extension of the FERC-582 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

**Abstract:** The information required by FERC-582 is contained in 18 CFR parts 381 and 382.

The Commission uses the FERC-582 information to implement the statutory provisions of the Independent Offices Appropriation Act of 1952<sup>1</sup> which authorizes the Commission to establish fees for its services. In addition, the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986<sup>2</sup> authorizes the Commission to assess and collect fees and annual charges in any fiscal year in amounts equal to all the costs incurred by the Commission in that fiscal year.

To comply with the FERC-582, respondents must submit to the Commission the sum of the megawatt-hours (MWh) of all unbundled transmission (including MWh delivered in wheeling transactions and MWh delivered in exchange transactions) and the megawatt-hours of all bundled wholesale power sales (to the extent the bundled wholesale power sales were not separately reported as unbundled transmission). The data collected in the FERC-582 information collection are drawn directly from the FERC Form 1 (Annual Report of Major Electric Utilities, Licensees and Others)<sup>3</sup> transmission data. The Commission

<sup>1</sup> 31 U.S.C. 9701.

<sup>2</sup> 42 U.S.C. 7178.

<sup>3</sup> OMB Control No. 1902-0021, described in 18 CFR 141.1.

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.ferc.gov/power-sales-and-markets/increasing-efficiency-through-improved-software>.