

noted above, the notice announcing plans to collect information through the SAP Portal has been published separately (87 FR 53793).

Access to Confidential Data

In the event of a positive determination, the applicant will be notified that their proposal has been accepted. The positive or final adverse determination concludes the SAP Portal process. In the instance of a positive determination, the data-owning agency (or agencies) will contact the applicant to provide instructions on the agency's security requirements that must be completed to gain access to the confidential data. The completion and submission of the agency's security requirements will take place outside of the SAP Portal.

Collection of Information for Data Security Requirements

In order for researchers to access confidential data onsite at EIA's headquarters in Washington, DC, they must fulfill all requirements for becoming temporary agents of EIA. To fulfill these requirements, a Data Access Agreement (DAA) must be signed between EIA and the researcher's employing institution, and the team members must complete EIA's CIPSEA training and sign a Non-disclosure Agreement, affirming their U.S. citizenship and their commitment not to disclose confidential data to unauthorized parties.

(5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents*: 20;

(6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses*: 20;

(7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours*: 100;

(8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden*: The amount of time to complete the DAA and training will vary based on the confidential data assets requested and the access modality. To obtain access to EIA confidential data assets, it is estimated that the average time to complete and submit EIA's data security agreements is 100 minutes (5 hours) per applicant. This estimate does not include the time needed to complete and submit an application within the SAP Portal. All efforts related to SAP Portal applications occur prior to and separate from EIA's effort to collect information related to data security requirements.

Comments are invited on whether or not: (a) The proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions, including whether the information will have a practical utility; (b) EIA's estimate of the burden of the proposed

collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used, is accurate; (c) EIA can improve the quality, utility, and clarity of the information it will collect; and (d) EIA can minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, such as automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Statutory Authority: 15 U.S.C. 772(b) and 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*

Signed in Washington, DC, on December 16, 2025.

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Director, Office of Statistical Methods and Research, U.S. Energy Information Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 9886-035]

Valatie Falls Hydro Power, Inc.; 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 Minor License.

b. *Project No.*: 9886-035.

c. *Date Filed*: November 28, 2025.

d. *Applicant*: Valatie Falls Hydro Power, Inc.

e. *Name of Project*: Valatie Falls Hydroelectric Project (Valatie Falls Project).

f. *Location*: The project is located on Kinderhook Creek, in the village of Valatie, town of Kinderhook in Columbia County, New York. This project does not occupy any federal land.

g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact*: Mr. John E. Doran, President, Valatie Falls Hydro Power, Inc., 7 Cotton Mill Lane, Valatie, NY 12184; phone at (855) 467-3751 or email at jdoran@pisoev.com.

i. *FERC Contact*: Jacob Harrell at (202) 502-7313, or Jacob.Harrell@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*: on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on January 27, 2026.

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, (866) 203-3676 (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: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, 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: Valatie Falls Hydroelectric Project (P-9886-035).

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

n. *The Valatie Falls Project includes*: (1) a concrete dam of an approximate height of 6 feet and length of 310 feet consisting of two sections separated by a small island (Seven Pine Island) and with a crest elevation of 228.3 feet above mean sea level (msl); (2) wooden flashboards of 2 feet on both dam sections; (3) a 5-acre reservoir with a gross storage capacity of approximately 20 acre-feet at the normal surface elevation of 230.3 feet msl; (4) a 34-foot-long by 14-foot-wide concrete intake structure with a 15-foot-long by 12-foot-

wide trashrack set at an angle of 45 degrees to the flow; (5) a 6-foot-diameter steel penstock; (6) a 27-foot by 16-foot powerhouse containing a single Semi-Kaplan turbine unit with an installed capacity of 365.5 kilowatts; (7) a tailrace channel; (8) a bypassed reach channel split into an approximately 700-foot-long south channel and 800-foot-long north channel; (9) an approximately 50-foot-long transmission line; and (10) appurtenant facilities.

Valatie Falls Hydro Power, Inc. proposes to continue operating the project in a run-of-river mode with a continuous minimum flow of 18 cubic feet per second (cfs) provided into the channel on the north side of Seven Pine Island and 8 cfs provided into the channel on the south side of Seven Pine Island. An existing downstream fish bypass system would continue to be operated seasonally from March 15 through May 15 and from September 1 through December 15 passing an additional 15 cfs downstream through a 1-foot-diameter pipe into the sluiceway located adjacent to the south spillway. The Valatie Falls Project has an average annual generation of approximately 500,000 kilowatt-hours.

o. A copy of the application is available for review on the Commission's website at <https://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits, in the docket number field to access the document (P-9886). For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call toll free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY (202) 502-8659.

You may also register online at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/> [FERCOnline.aspx](#) to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

p. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, contact the Office of Public Participation at (202) 502-6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

q. *Procedural schedule and final amendments:* The application will be processed according to the following preliminary schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Issue Deficiency Letter and Request Additional Information.	February 2026.
Issue Acceptance Letter and Notice.	June 2026.
Issue Scoping Notice	June 2026.
Scoping Comments due	July 2026.

Milestone	Target date
Issue Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis.	September 2026.

r. 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.

(Authority: 18 CFR 2.1)

Dated: December 12, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC26-5-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (Ferc-552, Ferc-549e); Consolidated Comment Request; Extension

ACTION: Notice of information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection, FERC-552, Annual Report of Natural Gas Transactions, and FERC-549E, Price Index Data Providers and Developers. There is no change to the information collection requirements.

DATES: Comments on the collections of information are due February 17, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Please submit comments via email to DataClearance@FERC.gov. You must specify the Docket No. (IC26-5-000) and the FERC Information Collection number (FERC-552 or 549E) in your email. If you are 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 to:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

Docket: To view comments and issuances in this docket, please visit <https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/search>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kayla Williams may be reached by

email at DataClearance@FERC.gov, or by telephone at (202)502-6468.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC-552, Annual Report of Natural Gas Transactions; FERC-549E, Price Index Data Providers and Developers.

OMB Control No.: 1902-0242, 1902-0328

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-549E and FERC-552 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

Abstract:

FERC-552: The Commission uses the information collected in the FERC Form No. 552¹ to provide greater transparency into the size of the physical natural gas market and the use of physical fixed-price and index-based natural gas transactions. This information assists the Commission and the public in assessing whether index prices are the result of a robust market of fixed-price transactions.

FERC Form No. 552 had its genesis in the Energy Policy Act of 2005,² which added section 23 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA). Section 23 of the NGA, among other things, directs the Commission "to facilitate price transparency in markets for the sale or transportation of physical natural gas in interstate commerce, having due regard for the public interest, the integrity of those markets, and the protection of consumers."³

FERC-549E: Price indices are commonly used in natural gas and electricity wholesale markets. These indices are used by market participants to price their commodities. The Commission set forth standards for price index developers to demonstrate that their internal processes were sufficient to qualify as a Commission-approved price index developer and, thus, have their price indices referenced in Commission-jurisdictional tariffs in their Initial Policy Statement.⁴ Price index developers seeking approval voluntarily provide written statements to the Commission to explain how they met these standards. The Commission uses the information collected from these price index developers to determine whether the Commission

¹ FERC Form No. 552 is prescribed in 18 CFR 260.401.

² Energy Policy Act of 2005, Public Law 109-58, sections 1261 *et seq.*, 119 Stat. 594 (2005).

³ 15 U.S.C. 717t-2(a)(1)(2006).

⁴ 104 FERC ¶ 61,121 (*Initial Policy Statement*), *clarified*, *Order on Clarification of Policy Statement on Natural Gas and Electric Price Indices*, 105 FERC ¶ 61,282 (2003) (2003 Clarification Order), *clarified*, *Order Further Clarifying Policy Statement on Natural Gas and Electric Price Indices*, 112 FERC ¶ 61,040 (2005) (2005 Clarification Order).