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#### DOE/FE Evaluation

The Application will be reviewed pursuant to section 3(a) of the NGA, 15 U.S.C. 717b(a), and DOE will consider any issues required by law or policy. To the extent determined to be relevant, these issues will include the domestic need for the natural gas proposed to be exported, the adequacy of domestic natural gas supply, U.S. energy security, and the cumulative impact of the requested authorization and any other LNG export application(s) previously approved on domestic natural gas supply and demand fundamentals. DOE may also consider other factors bearing on the public interest, including the impact of the proposed exports on the U.S. economy (including GDP, consumers, and industry), job creation, the U.S. balance of trade, and international considerations; and whether the authorization is consistent with DOE's policy of promoting competition in the marketplace by allowing commercial parties to freely negotiate their own trade arrangements. Additionally, DOE will consider the following environmental documents:

- *Addendum to Environmental Review Documents Concerning Exports of Natural Gas From the United States*, 79 FR 48,132 (Aug. 15, 2014);<sup>4</sup> and
- *Life Cycle Greenhouse Gas Perspective on Exporting Liquefied Natural Gas From the United States*, 79 FR 32,260 (June 4, 2014).<sup>5</sup>

Parties that may oppose this Application should address these issues in their comments and/or protests, as well as other issues deemed relevant to the Application.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*, requires DOE to give appropriate consideration to the environmental effects of its proposed decisions. No final decision will be issued in this proceeding until DOE has met its environmental responsibilities.

<sup>4</sup> The Addendum and related documents are available at: <http://energy.gov/fe/draft-addendum-environmental-review-documents-concerning-exports-natural-gas-united-states>.

<sup>5</sup> The Life Cycle Greenhouse Gas Report is available at: <http://energy.gov/fe/life-cycle-greenhouse-gas-perspective-exporting-liquefied-natural-gas-united-states>.

#### Public Comment Procedures

In response to this Notice, any person may file a protest, comments, or a motion to intervene or notice of intervention, as applicable. Due to the complexity of the issues raised by the Applicant, interested parties will be provided 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice in which to submit their comments, protests, motions to intervene, or notices of intervention.

Any person wishing to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene or notice of intervention. The filing of comments or a protest with respect to the Application will not serve to make the commenter or protestant a party to the proceeding, although protests and comments received from persons who are not parties will be considered in determining the appropriate action to be taken on the Application. All protests, comments, motions to intervene, or notices of intervention must meet the requirements specified by the regulations in 10 CFR part 590.

Filings may be submitted using one of the following methods: (1) Emailing the filing to [fergas@hq.doe.gov](mailto:fergas@hq.doe.gov), with FE Docket No. 14-179-LNG in the title line; (2) mailing an original and three paper copies of the filing to the Office of Oil and Gas Global Security and Supply at the address listed in **ADDRESSES**; or (3) hand delivering an original and three paper copies of the filing to the Office of Oil and Gas Global Supply at the address listed in **ADDRESSES**. All filings must include a reference to FE Docket No. 14-179-LNG.

**Please Note:** If submitting a filing via email, please include all related documents and attachments (*e.g.*, exhibits) in the original email correspondence. Please do not include any active hyperlinks or password protection in any of the documents or attachments related to the filing. All electronic filings submitted to DOE must follow these guidelines to ensure that all documents are filed in a timely manner. Any hardcopy filing submitted greater in length than 50 pages must also include, at the time of the filing, a digital copy on disk of the entire submission.

A decisional record on the Application will be developed through responses to this notice by parties, including the parties' written comments and replies thereto. Additional procedures will be used as necessary to achieve a complete understanding of the facts and issues. If an additional procedure is scheduled, notice will be provided to all parties. If no party requests additional procedures, a final Opinion and Order may be issued based

on the official record, including the Application and responses filed by parties pursuant to this notice, in accordance with 10 CFR 590.316.

The Application is available for inspection and copying in the Division of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities docket room, Room 3E-042, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585. The docket room is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Application and any filed protests, motions to intervene or notice of interventions, and comments will also be available electronically by going to the following DOE/FE Web address: <http://www.fe.doe.gov/programs/gasregulation/index.html>.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 4, 2014.

**John A. Anderson,**

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

#### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM14-22-000]

#### Proposed Agency Information Collection

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

**ACTION:** Comment request.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is submitting the information collections in Docket No. RM14-22-000 to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review of the information collection requirements. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB and should file a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below.

The Commission solicited comments on the information collections associated with RM14-22-000 in Order No. 800 published in the **Federal Register** (79 FR 59105, October 1, 2014). The Commission received no comments on the information collections and is making this notation in its submission to OMB.

**DATES:** Comments on the information collections are due by January 9, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments filed with OMB, identified by FERC-505 and FERC-512, should be sent by email to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs: *oira\_submission@omb.gov*, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. The Desk Officer may also be reached by telephone at (202) 395-4718.

A copy of the comments should also be filed with the Commission, identified by the Docket No. RM14-22-000, by either of the following methods:

- eFiling at Commission’s Web site: <http://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 to the Commission must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <http://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 (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 <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/docs-filing.asp>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ellen Brown by email at *DataClearance@FERC.gov*, by telephone at (202) 502-8663, or by fax at (202) 273-0873.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The information collections in Docket No. RM14-22-000 relate to Commission-approved revisions to conform the Commission’s regulations on preliminary permits and exemptions to the Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2013 (Hydropower Efficiency Act).<sup>1</sup> The information collection requirements for preliminary permits and exemptions are contained in: FERC-505 (Small Hydropower Projects and Conduits Facilities including License/Relicense, Exemption, and Qualifying Conduit Facility Determination, OMB Control Number 1902-0115) and FERC-512 (Preliminary Permit, OMB Control Number 1902-0073).

The Hydropower Efficiency Act amended statutory provisions pertaining to preliminary permits and to projects that are exempt from certain licensing requirements under the Federal Power Act (FPA)<sup>2</sup> in order to reduce cost and

regulatory burden, and in turn, promote hydropower development. Specifically, the Hydropower Efficiency Act gave the Commission authority to extend a preliminary permit once for not more than two additional years without requiring the permittee to apply for a successive preliminary permit. The Hydropower Efficiency Act also expanded the number of projects that may qualify for exemptions from certain licensing requirements under the FPA (*i.e.*, small conduit exemptions or small hydroelectric power projects), and allowed other projects to qualify to operate without Commission oversight (*i.e.*, qualifying conduit hydropower facilities).

The Commission approved the revised regulations in Order No. 800. While the revised regulations formally implement the Hydropower Efficiency Act, the Commission has complied with the Act since its enactment. Moreover, in Order No. 800, the Commission found that the revised regulations will reduce the current burden for affected entities.<sup>3</sup>

*Burden Statement:*<sup>4</sup>

The Commission estimates the average annual reporting burden and cost as follows:

**ANNUAL CHANGES IMPLEMENTED BY THE FINAL RULE IN RM14-22<sup>5</sup>**

Type of respondents	Number of respondents (a)	Annual number of responses <sup>6</sup> per respondent (b)	Total number of responses (a) × (b) = (c)	Average burden and cost per response (d)	Total annual burden hours and total annual cost (c) × (d) = (e)	Cost per respondent (e)/(a)
<b>FERC-505, Small Hydropower Projects and Conduit Facilities Including License/Relicense, Exemption, and Qualifying Conduit Facility Determination</b>						
Small conduit exemption applications (40 MW or less, which can now be on fed. lands) <sup>7</sup> .....	8 <sup>2</sup>	1	2	* 46 \$3,243	* 92 \$6,486	\$3,243
Small conduit exemption holder—notice to fed. agencies of petition to surrender and steps to be taken to restore lands .....	1	<sup>9</sup> 0.1	0.1	* 46 \$3,243	* 4.6 \$324	\$324

<sup>1</sup> Public Law 113-23 (2013).

<sup>2</sup> 16 U.S.C. 798 (2012), *amended by*, Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2013, Public Law 113-23, 5, 127 Stat. 493 (2013).

<sup>3</sup> *Revisions and Technical Corrections to Conform the Commission’s Regulations to the Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2013*, Order No. 800, 79 FR 59105 (Oct. 1, 2014), 148 FERC ¶ 61,197, at P 13 (2014).

<sup>4</sup> The Commission defines burden 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, reference 5 CFR 1320.3.

<sup>5</sup> The estimated average hourly cost (salary plus benefits) is \$70.50.

<sup>6</sup> The Commission considers an application to be a “response.”

<sup>7</sup> The estimates provided for small conduit exemption applications are for all conduit exemption applications, including applications for non-municipal conduit exemptions that have an installed capacity of greater than 15 MW and up to 40 MW, and for any conduit exemption located on federal land.

<sup>8</sup> In the Commission’s first solicitation of comments on the information collections in Order No. 800, Commission staff estimated that the Commission would receive five conduit exemption applications per year. Since the Hydropower Efficiency Act’s enactment in August 2013, the Commission has received only three conduit exemption applications. Therefore, Commission

staff reduces its estimate of anticipated conduit exemption applications to two applications per year.

<sup>9</sup> Given that Commission staff estimates two conduit exemption applications per year, Commission staff anticipates surrenders of conduit exemptions on federal lands to be rare. Hence, Commission staff estimates one surrender of a conduit exemption on federal lands to be filed every ten years (equaling on average 0.1 applications per year). The one surrender would trigger agency notification, which is estimated to take 46 hours. The burden and cost are being averaged over that ten-year period (equaling on average 4.6 hours per year).

ANNUAL CHANGES IMPLEMENTED BY THE FINAL RULE IN RM14-22<sup>5</sup>—Continued

Type of respondents	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses <sup>6</sup> per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden and cost per response	Total annual burden hours and total annual cost	Cost per respondent
	(a)	(b)	(a) × (b) = (c)	(d)	(c) × (d) = (e)	(e)/(a)
Small hydroelectric power project exemption applications (greater than 5 MW and up to 10 MW) .....	10 2	1	2	* 46 \$3,243	* 92 \$6,486	\$3,243
Qualifying conduit hydropower facility— notices of intent <sup>11</sup> .....	12 8	1	8	* 46 \$3,243	* 368 \$25,944	\$3,243
<b>FERC-512, Preliminary Permit</b>						
Request for extension to 5 years .....	13 80	1	80	* 4 \$282	* 320 \$22,560	\$282

\* Hours.

*Comments:* Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the information collections are 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 information collections, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collections; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the information collections on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

<sup>10</sup>The Commission received six license applications between 2010 and 2013 that proposed projects with installed capacity greater than 5 MW, which could now qualify for a small hydroelectric power project exemption. Therefore, Commission staff estimates that on average the Commission receives two applications per year.

<sup>11</sup>A notice of intent is a request that the Commission determine a project is a qualifying conduit hydropower facility.

<sup>12</sup>While the Commission initially received a rash of notices of intent to construct qualifying conduit hydropower facilities, Commission staff expects notices of intent to taper off. Over 60 percent of the 36 notices of intent the Commission received since the Hydropower Efficiency Act's enactment were filed within the first six months of the program. In the last three months, the Commission received three notices of intent; one of which the applicant refiled after Commission staff rejected the applicant's first notice of intent. Therefore, Commission staff estimates that it will receive eight notices of intent per year.

<sup>13</sup>Based on the number of preliminary permits issued in the past three years, Commission staff estimates that an annual average of 80 permits will be eligible to request an extension.

Dated: December 5, 2014.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**

Deputy Secretary.

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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:* ER14-2742-000; ER14-2743-000; ER14-2744-000.

*Applicants:* Central Maine Power Company.

*Description:* eTariff filing per 35.19a(b): Refund Report to be effective N/A.

*Filed Date:* 12/2/14.

*Accession Number:* 20141202-5152.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 12/23/14.

*Docket Numbers:* ER14-2824-001.

*Applicants:* California Independent System Operator Corporation.

*Description:* Compliance filing per 35: 2014-12-03 Pro Forma APSA Compliance to be effective 11/10/2014.

*Filed Date:* 12/3/14.

*Accession Number:* 20141203-5105.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 12/24/14.

*Docket Numbers:* ER15-559-000.

*Applicants:* Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

*Description:* § 205(d) rate filing per 35.13(a)(2)(iii): Transmission Access Charge Balancing Account Adjustment (TACBAA) 2015 to be effective 3/1/2015.

*Filed Date:* 12/3/14.

*Accession Number:* 20141203-5009.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 12/24/14.

*Docket Numbers:* ER15-560-000.

*Applicants:* Duke Energy Florida, Inc.

*Description:* § 205(d) rate filing per 35.13(a)(2)(iii): Amendment of FMPA NITSA SA No. 148 to be effective 1/1/2015.

*Filed Date:* 12/3/14.

*Accession Number:* 20141203-5049.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 12/24/14.

*Docket Numbers:* ER15-561-000.

*Applicants:* Southwestern Public Service Company.

*Description:* § 205(d) rate filing per 35.13(a)(2)(iii): 12-3-14\_RS114-117,137-Ministerial to be effective 1/1/2014.

*Filed Date:* 12/3/14.

*Accession Number:* 20141203-5058.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 12/24/14.

*Docket Numbers:* ER15-562-000.

*Applicants:* Southwestern Public Service Company.

*Description:* § 205(d) rate filing per 35.13(a)(2)(iii): 12-3-14\_RS135-Ministerial to be effective 1/1/2014.

*Filed Date:* 12/3/14.

*Accession Number:* 20141203-5059.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 12/24/14.

*Docket Numbers:* ER15-563-000.

*Applicants:* New York Independent System Operator, Inc.

*Description:* § 205(d) rate filing per 35.13(a)(2)(iii): NYISO 205 filing re: blackstart and system restoration service to be effective 2/1/2015.

*Filed Date:* 12/3/14.

*Accession Number:* 20141203-5121.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 12/24/14.

*Docket Numbers:* ER15-564-000.

*Applicants:* PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

*Description:* § 205(d) rate filing per 35.13(a)(2)(iii): Service Agreement No. 3185; Queue No. W4-046 to be effective 11/10/2014.