

Filed Date: 12/21/21.

Accession Number: 20211221–5165.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 1/11/22.

Docket Numbers: ER22–702–000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Revisions to OATT Sch. 12-Appendices re: 2022 RTEP Annual Cost Allocations to be effective 1/1/2022.

Filed Date: 12/21/21.

Accession Number: 20211221–5175.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 1/11/22.

Take notice that the Commission received the following PURPA 210(m)(3) filings:

Docket Numbers: QM22–6–000.

Applicants: South Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Description: Application of South Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. to Terminate Its Mandatory Purchase Obligation under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978.

Filed Date: 12/21/21.

Accession Number: 20211221–5143.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 1/18/22.

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric reliability filings:

Docket Numbers: RR21–3–001.

Applicants: North American Electric Reliability Corporation.

Description: Joint Compliance Filing of The North American Electric Reliability Corporation and Texas Reliability Entity, Inc. for Approval of Amendment to the Bylaws of Texas Reliability Entity, Inc.

Filed Date: 12/21/21.

Accession Number: 20211221–5174.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 1/11/22.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the links or querying the docket number.

Any person desiring to intervene or protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, service, and qualifying facilities filings can be found at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf>. For other information, call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Dated: December 21, 2021.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

[FR Doc. 2021–28209 Filed 12–27–21; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717–01–P

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15239–000]

PacifiCorp; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On October 13, 2021, PacifiCorp filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Crooked Creek Pumped Storage Project (Crooked Creek Project or project) to be located near Valley Falls, Lake County, Oregon. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed project would consist of the following: (1) An upper reservoir with a surface area of 52 acres and a storage volume of approximately 2,344 acre-feet created by a 4,200-foot-long, 100-foot-high embankment dam; (2) a lower reservoir with a surface area of 50 acres and a storage volume of approximately 2,052 acre-feet created by a 4,300-foot-long, 130 foot-high embankment dam; (3) a 2-mile-long excavated tunnel and 1.3-mile-long steel penstock totaling 3.3 miles with a diameter of 18-feet connecting the upper reservoir with the powerhouse/pump station; (4) a 150-foot-long, 50-foot-wide concrete powerhouse/pump station located on the lower reservoir shoreline containing three 167-megawatt generating/pumping units; (5) a 19.7-mile, 500-kilovolt transmission line interconnecting to PacifiCorp's existing Mile Hi substation in Lakeview, Oregon; (6) an 8.7 mile underground pipeline diverting water from the Chewaucan River to the project for initial and maintenance fill; and, (7) appurtenant facilities. The estimated annual generation of the Crooked Creek Project would be 1,460 gigawatt-hours.

Applicant Contact: Tim Hemstreet, Managing Director, Renewable Energy Development, PacifiCorp, 825 NE Multnomah, Suite 1800, Portland, OR

97232; email: Tim.Hemstreet@pacificorp.com;

phone: (503) 813–6170.

FERC Contact: Kristen Sinclair; email: kristen.sinclair@ferc.gov; phone: (202) 502–6587.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. 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. The first page of any filing should include docket number P–15239–000.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P–15239) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: December 21, 2021.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

[FR Doc. 2021–28203 Filed 12–27–21; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717–01–P

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RD21–6–000]

Commission Information Collection Activity (FERC–725B4); 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 information collection requirements associated with Reliability Standards CIP-004-7 and CIP-011-3 in Docket No. RD21-6-000. The burden for the requirements will be included in FERC-725B4 (Mandatory Reliability Standards for Critical Infrastructure Protection [CIP] Reliability Standards).

DATES: Comments on the collections of information are due February 28, 2022.

ADDRESSES: You may submit your comments (identified by Docket No. RD21-6-000) on FERC-725B4 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, 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:

Ellen Brown may be reached by email at DataClearance@FERC.gov, or by telephone at (202) 502-8663.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC-725B4, Mandatory Reliability Standards: Critical Infrastructure Protection Reliability Standards CIP-004-7 and CIP-011-3.¹

OMB Control No.: TBD.

Type of Request: Approval of proposed changes as described in Docket No. RD21-6-000.

Abstract: On September 15, 2021 the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) filed a petition requesting approval of two Reliability Standards CIP-004-7 (Cyber Security, Personnel and Training) and CIP-011-3 (Cyber Security, Information Protection). NERC described the proposed Reliability Standards as “Addressing Bulk Electric System Cyber System Information Access Management.” The petition was noticed on September 22, 2021, with interventions and comments due by October 6, 2021.² The Commission did not receive any interventions or comments.

On December 7, 2021, the Designated Letter Order (DLO) in Docket No. RD21-6-000 approved the proposed

Reliability Standards, and found that the modified Reliability Standards enhance security as discussed below.

At present, Reliability Standards CIP-004-6 require Responsible Entities to control access to Bulk Electric System Cyber System Information (BCSI) by managing access to a designated storage location, such as an electronic document or physical file room. Reliability Standard CIP-004-7 removes references to “designated storage locations” of BCSI and requires an access management program to authorize, verify and revoke provisioned access to BCSI. This change updates CIP-004 by focusing on controls at the file level (e.g., rights, permissions, privileges) of BCSI and reduces the need for access to only a physical, designated storage location for BCSI.

Reliability Standard CIP-011-3 clarifies the requirements of protecting and handling BCSI with the goal of providing flexibility for Responsible Entities to use third-party data storage and analysis systems. Specifically, Reliability Standard CIP-011-3 requires Responsible Entities to implement specific controls related to BCSI during storage handling use, and disposal of information when implementing services provided by third parties.

Type of Respondents: Businesses and other for-profit entities.

Estimate of Annual Burden: The Commission estimates 686 responses annually, and per-response burdens of 10 hours and \$850.20. The total estimated burdens per year are 6,860 hours and \$583,237.20. These burdens are itemized in the following table:

	A. Number of respondents ³	B. Annual number of responses per respondent	C. Total number of responses (Column A × Column B)	D. Average burden hours ⁴ & cost per response ⁵	E. Total annual burden hours & total annual cost ⁶ (Column C × Column D)	F. Cost per respondent (\$) (Column E ÷ Column A)
CIP-004-7	343	1	343	10 hours & \$850.20	3,430 hours & \$291,619.60	10 hours & \$850.20.
CIP-011-3	343	1	343	10 hours & \$850.20	3,430 hours & \$291,619.60	10 hours & \$850.20.
Totals	686	6,860 hours & \$583,237.20	20 hours & \$1,700.40

¹ FERC-725B4 is an interim information collection number to accommodate the need to seek timely approval during the pendency of an unrelated information collection request pertaining to FERC-725B (OMB Control No. 1902-0248). In addition, the implementation plan for CIP-004-7 and CIP-011-3 provides that those Reliability Standards become effective on the first day of the first calendar quarter that is 24 calendar months after the effective date of the Commission’s order, so that Responsible Entities have sufficient time to come into compliance with the revised Reliability Standards. Thus, FERC-725B continues to cover the current requirements of the standards, before

implementation of the revised requirements of Docket No. RD21-6-000.

² 86 FR 52667, at 52668.

³ The number of respondents is based on the NERC Compliance Registry as of June 22, 2021. Currently there are 1,508 unique NERC Registered Entities, subtracting 16 Canadian Entities yields 1,492 U.S. NERC Registered Entities subject to the CIP Standards. However, only those NERC Registered Entities that own Medium Impact or High Impact BES Cyber System are subject to the CIP Standards in this filing which is estimated to be 343 NERC Registered Entities.

⁴ Of the average estimated twenty (20) hours per response, all twenty (20) hours are for the one-time effort of updating or changing documentation for record-keeping burden that is already accounted for.

⁵ Commission staff estimates that the average industry hourly cost for this information collection is \$85.02/hour based on the following occupations from the Bureau of Labor Statistics: (1) Manager (Occupational Code: 11-0000): \$97.89/hour; and (2) Electrical Engineer (Occupational Code 17-2071): \$72.15/hour. Source: http://bls.gov/oes/current/naics3_221000.htm, as of June 2021.

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: December 21, 2021.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

[FR Doc. 2021-28206 Filed 12-27-21; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717-01-P

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15246-000]

PacifiCorp; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On October 13, 2021, PacifiCorp filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Winter Ridge Pumped Storage Project (Winter Ridge Project or project) to be located near Summer Lake and Paisley, Lake County, Oregon. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

Two alternatives are being considered for the Winter Ridge Project. Alternative 1 would consist of the following: (1) An upper reservoir approximately two miles west of Summer Lake with a surface area of 85 acres and a storage volume of approximately 4,285 acre-feet created by a 4,700-foot-long, 120-foot-high embankment dam; (2) a lower reservoir with a surface area of 43.6 acres and a storage volume of approximately 2,156 acre-feet created by a 5,320-foot-long, 80-foot-high embankment dam; (3) a 2.23-mile-long steel penstock with a diameter of 15-feet connecting the upper reservoir with the

powerhouse/pump station; (4) a 150-foot-long, 50-foot-wide concrete powerhouse/pump station located on the lower reservoir shoreline containing three 167-megawatt generating/pumping units; (5) a 9.3-mile, 500-kilovolt transmission line interconnecting to PacifiCorp's jointly owned Sycan substation; (6) a 19.2 mile underground pipeline diverting water from the Chewaucan River near Paisley to the project for initial and maintenance fill; and, (7) appurtenant facilities.

Alternative 2 would consist of the same facilities described in alternative 1 except: (1) The lower reservoir would have a surface area of 50 acres and a storage volume of approximately 2,000 acre-feet created by a 4,100-foot-long, 170-foot-high embankment dam; (2) the upper reservoir would connect to the powerhouse/pump station by a 0.9-mile-long excavated tunnel and 1.5-mile-long steel penstock both having a diameter of 15-feet; and (3) the transmission line would be 9.8 miles in length interconnecting to the same substation.

The estimated annual generation of the Winter Ridge Project would be 1,460 gigawatt-hours.

Applicant Contact: Tim Hemstreet, Managing Director, Renewable Energy Development, PacifiCorp, 825 NE Multnomah, Suite 1800, Portland, OR 97232; email: Tim.Hemstreet@pacificorp.com; phone: (503) 813-6170.

FERC Contact: Kristen Sinclair; email: kristen.sinclair@ferc.gov; phone: (202) 502-6587.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. 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. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-15246-000.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-15246) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: December 21, 2021.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

[FR Doc. 2021-28207 Filed 12-27-21; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717-01-P

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

Records Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(b), of the receipt of prohibited and exempt off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive a prohibited or exempt off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested proceeding, to deliver to the Secretary of the Commission, a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication.

Prohibited communications are included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not a part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become a part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such a request only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication shall serve the document on all parties listed on the