

non-FOA related questions about DOE's consent-based siting activities, please send your inquiry via email to [consentbasedsiting@hq.doe.gov](mailto:consentbasedsiting@hq.doe.gov) or by phone at (301) 903-3301.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Issuance of this FOA is an important step toward building understanding between interested communities, organizations, and DOE about consent-based siting. While DOE is not soliciting volunteer sites to host consolidated interim storage facilities as part of this funding opportunity, the Department hopes to encourage engagement, open dialogue, and building capacity among interested stakeholders and communities about the consent-based siting process. In later phases, DOE will engage with communities that express interest in potentially hosting one or more facilities.

*Who should apply?:* This FOA invites proposals from communities and organizations located within the continental United States interested in learning more about consent-based siting. Eligible awardees include, but are not limited to: higher-education institutions (colleges, universities, and other institutions of higher learning); Tribal, State, and local governments (municipalities, towns, cities, and counties); Community foundations; and Non-governmental organizations (trade associations, 501(c)(3) organizations, and other public groups). Federally funded research and development centers are not eligible to apply for funding. More detailed information on eligibility is provided in the FOA.

*Public Information Webinar:* DOE hosted an informational webinar about this FOA on October 3, 2022, to discuss the scope and answer questions about the application process. The webinar was recorded and is available at <https://www.energy.gov/ne/consent-based-siting>.

### Background

Management of the nation's spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste is the US DOE's responsibility. This includes finding sites to store and dispose of the Nation's spent nuclear fuel. DOE is committed to a consent-based approach to siting and an integrated waste management system that enables broad participation and centers equity and environmental justice. In the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, and Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022, Congress appropriated funds to the Department for Federal interim storage activities using a consent-based approach. Interim storage is an important component of an integrated

waste management system and will enable near-term consolidation and temporary storage of spent nuclear fuel until a disposal capability is identified. A Federal interim storage capability will enable removal of spent nuclear fuel from reactor sites, provide useful research opportunities, and build trust and confidence with stakeholders and the public by demonstrating a consent-based approach to facility siting.

In December 2021, DOE issued a request for information on "*Using a Consent-Based Siting Process to Identify Federal Interim Storage Facilities*" (86 FR 68244). The 225 submissions received by the DOE (available at <https://www.energy.gov/ne/consent-based-siting>) included comments from Tribal, State, and local governments; Non-governmental organizations; members of academia, industry; other stakeholders and individual commenters. This consent-based siting FOA is responsive to public feedback on the need to provide resources for interested communities to learn more about consent-based siting and spent nuclear fuel management. Specifically, the FOA seeks to advance mutual learning between stakeholders, communities, and DOE and to foster open discussions about consent-based siting, spent nuclear fuel management, and the role one or more federal consolidated interim storage facilities could have in interested communities. For more information on DOE's consent-based siting activities, please go to <https://www.energy.gov/ne/consent-based-siting>.

*Confidential Business Information:* Pursuant to 10 CFR 1004.11, any person submitting information that he or she believes to be confidential and exempt by law from public disclosure should submit via email, postal mail, or hand delivery two well-marked copies: one copy of the document marked "confidential" including all the information believed to be confidential, and one copy of the document marked "non-confidential" with the information believed to be confidential deleted. Submit these documents via email, if feasible. DOE will make its own determination about the confidential status of the information and treat it according to its determination.

### Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on October 21, 2022, by Dr. Kathryn Huff, Assistant Secretary for the Office of Nuclear Energy, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative

purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on October 24, 2022.

**Treena V. Garrett,**

*Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC23-2-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-923); 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 requirements and burden of the information collection FERC-923 (Communication of Operational Information between Natural Gas Pipelines and Electric Transmission Operators), described below.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due December 27, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit your comments (identified by Docket No. IC23-2-000) by one of the following methods:

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.

○ *Hand (including courier) Delivery:* Addressed to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

*Instructions:* All 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), telephone at (202) 502-8663, and fax at: (202) 273-0873.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* FERC-923, Communication of Operational Information between Natural Gas Pipelines and Electric Transmission Operators.

*OMB Control No.:* 1902-0265.

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

*Abstract:* In 2013, the Commission revised its regulations to provide explicit authority to interstate natural gas pipelines and public utilities that own, operate, or control facilities used for the transmission of electric energy in interstate commerce to voluntarily share non-public, operational information with each other for the purpose of promoting reliable service and operational planning on either the pipeline's or public utility's system. This helped ensure the reliability of natural gas pipeline and public utility

transmission services by permitting transmission operators to share with each other the information that they deem necessary to promote the reliability and integrity of their systems. FERC removed actual or perceived prohibitions to the information sharing and communications between industry entities. The information shared is not submitted to FERC. Rather, the non-public information is shared voluntarily between industry entities. FERC does not prescribe the content, medium, format, or frequency for the information sharing and communications. Those decisions are made by the industry entities, depending on their needs and the situation.

*Type of Respondent:* Natural gas pipelines and public utilities.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*<sup>1</sup> The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden and cost <sup>2</sup> for FERC-923 as:

**FERC-923—COMMUNICATION OF OPERATIONAL INFORMATION BETWEEN NATURAL GAS PIPELINES AND ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION OPERATORS**

	Number of respondents (1)	Annual number of responses per respondent (2)	Total number of responses (1) * (2) = (3)	Average burden hrs. & cost (\$) per response (4)	Total annual burden hrs. & total annual cost (\$) (3) * (4) = (5)	Cost per respondent (\$) (5) ÷ (1)
Public Utility Transmission Operator, communications.	1 155	12	1,860	0.5 hrs.; \$45.50 .....	930 hrs.; \$84,630 .....	\$546
Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines, communications.	2 191	12	2,292	0.5 hrs.; \$45.50 .....	1,146 hrs.; \$104,286 ...	546
Total .....	.....	.....	4,152	.....	2,076 hrs.; \$188,916 ...	.....

<sup>1</sup> The estimate for the number of respondents is based on the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) Compliance Registry as of October 12, 2022, minus the Transmission Operators within ERCOT.

<sup>2</sup> The estimate is based on the number of respondents to the 2021 FERC Forms 2 and 2A (Major and Non-major Natural Gas Pipeline Annual Reports).

*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: October 21, 2022.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**Notice of Technical Meeting**

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Eagle Creek Hydro Power, LLC; Eagle Creek Water Resources, LLC; Eagle Creek Land Resources, LLC; .....	10482-122
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<sup>1</sup> Burden is defined 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. See 5 CFR

1320 for additional information on the definition of information collection burden.

<sup>2</sup> Commission staff estimates that the industry's skill set (wages and benefits) for FERC-923 is

comparable to the Commission's skill set. The FERC 2022 average salary plus benefits for one FERC full-time equivalent (FTE) is \$188,992 year (or \$91 per hour [rounded]).