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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC22–35–000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–725J); 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–725J (Definition of the Bulk Electric System), which will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The Commission published a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** on September 28, 2022 and received no comments on the 60-day notice.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due January 9, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments on FERC 725J to OMB through [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain), Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. Please identify the OMB Control Number 1902–0259 (Definition of the Bulk Electric System) in the subject line. Your comments should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

<sup>1</sup> *Revisions to Electric Reliability Organization Definition of Bulk Electric System and Rules of Procedure*, Order No. 773, 141 FERC ¶ 61,236 (2012); *order on reh'g*, Order No. 773–A, 143 FERC ¶ 61,053 (2013); *order on reh'g and clarification*, 144 FERC ¶ 61,174 (2013); *aff'd sub nom.*, *People of the State of New York and the Pub. Serv. Comm'n of New York v. FERC*, No. 13–2316 (2d. Cir. 2015). On June 13, 2013, the Commission granted NERC's request for extension of time and extended the effective date for the revised definition of bulk electric system and the Rules of Procedure exception process to July 1, 2014. *Revisions to Electric Reliability Organization Definition of Bulk Electric System and Rules of Procedure*, 143 FERC ¶ 61,231, at P 13 (2013). On March 20, 2014, the Commission approved NERC's revisions to the definition of bulk electric system and determined the revisions either adequately

Please submit copies of your comments (identified by Docket No. IC22–35–000 and the form) to the Commission as noted below. 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 to:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

Please reference the specific collection number(s) and/or title(s) in your comments.

**Instructions:** OMB submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Using the search function under the “Currently Under Review field,” select Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; click “submit” and select “comment” to the right of the subject collection. FERC 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) and telephone at (202) 502–8663.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

address the Commission's Order Nos. 773 and 773–A directives or provide an equally effective and efficient approach. See *order approving revised definition*, 146 FERC ¶ 61,199 (2014).

<sup>2</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>3</sup> The estimated hourly cost (salary plus benefits) is based on the figures for August 2022 posted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the Utilities sector (available at Sector 22—Utilities—May 2021 OEWS Industry-Specific Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates ([bls.gov](https://www.bls.gov))) and updated June 2022 for benefits information (at Employer Costs for Employee Compensation Summary—2022 Q01

*Title:* FERC–725J (Definition of the Bulk Electric System).

*OMB Control No.:* 1902–0259.

*Type of Request:* Three-year extension of the FERC–725J with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

*Abstract:* On December 20, 2012, the Commission issued Order No. 773, a Final Rule approving NERC's modifications to the definition of “bulk electric system” and the Rules of Procedure exception process to be effective July 1, 2013. On April 18, 2013, in Order No. 773–A, the Commission largely affirmed its findings in Order No. 773. In Order Nos. 773 and 773–A, the Commission directed NERC to modify the definition of bulk electric system in two respects: (1) modify the local network exclusion (exclusion E3) to remove the 100 kV minimum operating voltage to allow systems that include one or more looped configurations connected below 100 kV to be eligible for the local network exclusion; and (2) modify the exclusions to ensure that generator interconnection facilities at or above 100 kV connected to bulk electric system generators identified in inclusion I2 are not excluded from the bulk electric system.<sup>1</sup> Each year the Regions and NERC may need to act on exception requests submitted by U.S. only transmission owners, generator owners and distribution providers. We have revised the estimate for exception requests from 20 exception requests to 10, which is more accurate to the volume of received exception requests. Regarding Implementation Plans and Compliance, FERC estimates that 10% of the U.S. registered entities may have to perform this task on a continuing basis.

*Type of Respondents:* Generator owners, distribution providers, other NERC-registered entities.

*Estimate of Annual Burden.*<sup>2</sup> The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden and cost<sup>3</sup> for the information collection as:

Results ([bls.gov](https://www.bls.gov)). The hourly estimates for salary plus benefits are:

—Legal (code 23–0000), \$145.35

—File Clerks (code 43–4071), \$34.38

—Electrical Engineer (code 17–2071), \$77.02

The average hourly burden cost for this collection is \$85.58 [(\$145.35 + \$34.38 + \$77.02)/3 = \$85.58] and is rounded to \$86.00 an hour.

## FERC-725J (DEFINITION OF THE BULK ELECTRIC SYSTEM)

	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden (hrs.) & cost (\$ per response	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost (\$)	Cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
Generator Owners, Distribution Providers, and Transmission Owners (Exception Request).	10	1	10	120 hrs.; \$10,320 .....	1,200 hrs.; \$103,200 .....	\$10,320
All Registered Entities (Implementation Plans and Compliance).	157	1	157	350 hrs.; \$30,100 .....	54,950 hrs.; \$4,725,700 .....	30,100
Local Distribution Determinations ...	1	1	1	92 hrs.; \$7,912 .....	92 hrs.; \$7,912 .....	7,912
Total .....			168	.....	56,242 hrs.; \$4,836,812 .....	.....

*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 estimates 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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AC23-6-000]

#### Empire Pipeline, Inc.; Notice of Filing

Take notice that on November 15, 2022, Empire Pipeline, Inc. submitted a request for waiver of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) requirement to provide its certified public accountant (CPA) certification statement for the 2022 FERC Form No. 2 on the basis of the calendar year ending December 31.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of

intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://ferc.gov>) using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room, due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (888) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically may mail similar pleadings to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. Hand delivered submissions in docketed proceedings should be delivered to Health and Human Services, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on January 5, 2023.

Dated: December 2, 2022.

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### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Combined Notice of Filings #2

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

*Docket Numbers:* ER22-1192-003.

*Applicants:* Constellation Mystic Power, LLC.

*Description:* Compliance filing: Compliance Filing of Settlement Tariff Sheets to be effective 6/1/2022.

*Filed Date:* 12/2/22.

*Accession Number:* 20221202-5079.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 12/23/22.

*Docket Numbers:* ER23-175-001.

*Applicants:* Daggett Solar Power 3 LLC.

*Description:* Tariff Amendment: Amendment to Market-Based Rate Application to be effective 12/26/2022.

*Filed Date:* 12/2/22.

*Accession Number:* 20221202-5111.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 12/23/22.

*Docket Numbers:* ER23-545-000.

*Applicants:* PacifiCorp.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing:

OATT Revised Attachment H-1— Attachment 14 to be effective 2/2/2023.

*Filed Date:* 12/2/22.

*Accession Number:* 20221202-5019.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 12/23/22.

*Docket Numbers:* ER23-546-000.

*Applicants:* Meadowlark Wind I LLC.

*Description:* Baseline eTariff Filing:

Reactive Power Compensation Baseline to be effective 1/31/2023.

*Filed Date:* 12/2/22.

*Accession Number:* 20221202-5032.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 12/23/22.

*Docket Numbers:* ER23-547-000.

*Applicants:* Midcontinent

Independent System Operator, Inc.