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Dated: January 18, 2023.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC22-30-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-725N); Comment Request; Extension

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**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 FERC-725N, (Mandatory Reliability Standards TPL-007-4, Transmission System Planned Performance for Geomagnetic Disturbance Events), which will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review. No Comments were received on the 60-day notice published on September 29, 2022.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due February 23, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments on FERC-725N 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 (1902-0264) in the subject line of your comments. Comments should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** FERC-725N, Mandatory Reliability Standards TPL-007-4, Transmission System Planned Performance for Geomagnetic Disturbance Events.

**OMB Control No.:** 1902-0264.

**Type of Request:** Extension of the currently approved collection.

**Abstract:** On August 8, 2005, Congress enacted into law the Electricity Modernization Act of 2005, which is Title XII, Subtitle A, of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAAct 2005).<sup>1</sup> EPAAct 2005 added a new section 215 to the Federal Power Act (FPA), which requires a Commission-certified Electric Reliability Organization (ERO) to develop mandatory and enforceable Reliability Standards, which are subject to Commission review and approval. Once approved, the Reliability Standards may be enforced by the ERO subject to Commission oversight, or the Commission can independently enforce Reliability Standards.<sup>2</sup>

On February 3, 2006, the Commission issued Order No. 672, implementing section 215 of the FPA.<sup>3</sup> Pursuant to Order No. 672, the Commission certified one organization, North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), as the ERO.<sup>4</sup> The Reliability Standards developed by the ERO and approved by the Commission apply to users, owners and operators of the Bulk-Power System as set forth in each Reliability Standard.

Pursuant to section 215(d)(2) of the FPA,<sup>5</sup> the Commission approved Reliability Standard TPL-001-5 (Transmission System Planning Performance Requirements). The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), the Commission-certified Electric Reliability Organization (ERO), submitted the

<sup>1</sup> Energy Policy Act of 2005, Public Law 109-58, Title XII, Subtitle A, 119 Stat. 594, 941 (codified at 16 U.S.C. 824a).

<sup>2</sup> 16 U.S.C. 824a(e)(3).

<sup>3</sup> *Rules Concerning Certification of the Electric Reliability Organization; and Procedures for the Establishment, Approval, and Enforcement of Electric Reliability Standards*, Order No. 672, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,204, *order on reh'g*, Order No. 672-A, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,212 (2006).

<sup>4</sup> *North American Electric Reliability Corp.*, 116 FERC ¶ 61,062, *order on reh'g and compliance*, 117 FERC ¶ 61,126 (2006), *order on compliance*, 118 FERC ¶ 61,190, *order on reh'g*, 119 FERC ¶ 61,046 (2007), *aff'd sub nom. Alcoa Inc. v. FERC*, 564 F.3d 1342 (D.C. Cir. 2009).

<sup>5</sup> 16 U.S.C. 824a(d)(2).

proposed Reliability Standard TPL-001-5 for Commission approval to address: (1) reliability issues concerning the study of single points of failure of protection systems discussed in Order No. 754;<sup>6</sup> and (2) directives from Order No. 786<sup>7</sup> regarding planned maintenance outages and stability analysis for spare equipment strategy.

On February 7, 2020, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation filed a petition seeking approval of proposed Reliability Standard TPL-007-4 (Transmission System Planned Performance for Geomagnetic Disturbance Events). The Reliability Standard TPL-007-4

requires owners and operators of the Bulk-Power System to conduct initial and on-going vulnerability assessments of the potential impact of defined geomagnetic disturbance events on Bulk-Power System equipment and the Bulk-Power System as a whole. Specifically, the Reliability Standard requires entities to develop corrective action plans for vulnerabilities identified through supplemental geomagnetic disturbance vulnerability assessments and requires entities to seek approval from the Electric Reliability Organization of any extensions of time for the completion of corrective action plan items.

*Type of Respondents:* Generator Owners, Planning Coordinators, Distribution Providers and Transmission Owners.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*<sup>8</sup> Our estimates are based on the NERC Compliance Registry Summary of Entities as of September 16, 2022.

The individual burden estimates include the time needed to gather data, run studies, and analyze study results. These are consistent with estimates for similar tasks in other Commission-approved standards. Estimates for the additional average annual burden and cost<sup>9</sup> as follows:

**FERC-725N—MANDATORY RELIABILITY STANDARDS TPL-001-5.1 AND TPL-007-4, TRANSMISSION SYSTEM PLANNED PERFORMANCE FOR GEOMAGNETIC DISTURBANCE EVENTS**

	Annual number <sup>1</sup> of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden hours and cost (\$) per response	Total annual burden hours and cost (\$) (rounded)	Cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
<b>Mandatory Reliability Standard TPL-001-5.1</b>						
TPL-001-5.1 Reliability Standard.	63(PC) 205(TP)	1 1	63 205	143 hrs.; \$9,030.45 ..... 44 hrs.; \$2,778.60 .....	9,020 hrs.; \$569,613 ..... 9,020 hrs.; \$569,613 .....	\$9,030.45 2,778.60
Total for TPL-001-5.1 .....	.....	.....	268	.....	18,040 hrs.; \$1,139,226 .....	.....
<b>Mandatory Reliability Standard TPL-007-4</b>						
GO <sup>10</sup> .....	1,107	1	1,107	36 hrs.; \$2,273.40 .....	39,880 hrs.; \$2,598,182 .....	2,273.40
PC <sup>11</sup> .....	61	1	61	264 hrs.; \$16,671.60 .....	16,101 hrs.; \$1,016,778.15 .....	16,671.60
TP <sup>12</sup> .....	205	1	205	127 hrs.; \$8,020.05 .....	25,981 hrs.; \$1,640,700.15 .....	8,020.05
TO <sup>13</sup> .....	326	1	326	43 hrs.; \$2,715.45 .....	13,960 hrs.; \$881,574 .....	2,715.45
Total for TPL-007-4 .....	.....	.....	1,699	.....	95,922 hrs.; \$6,057,474.3 .....	.....
Total for FERC-725N .....	.....	.....	1,967	.....	113,962 hrs.; \$7,196,700.30 .....	.....

For TPL-001-5.1 the number of respondents has been increased slightly to reflect the type of entities—planning coordinators reflected and average over a three-year timeframe that was reported from RD20-3 ongoing burden from the previous approval, and tried to account for overlap between entities, but the overall annual manhours remain about the same. With this renewal the table more accurately represent the entities on a yearly basis.

The entities with responsibility for these standards—planning coordinators (PC=61) and transmission planners (TP=205) are taken from the NERC Compliance Registration information of

November 4, 2022 (updated from the 60-day notice) for unique US entities.

For TPL-007-4 the number of respondents has been reduced as the standard (TPL-007-4) was revised several times and individual information collection respondent counts result in same type of entity being counted multiple times. The change also corrects in TPL-007-4 the distribution provided (DP) was used instead of transmission provider (TP) so was a contributing factor to the overall decrease in number of respondents. The updated values more truly represent the cumulative responsibility of each entity on the work they must do, and the

overall annual manhours remains about the same. With this renewal the table for TPL-007-4 more accurately represent the entities on a yearly basis.

The entities with responsibility for these standards have been updated to (generator owner (GO=1,107), transmission owner (TO=326), planning coordinator (PC=61), and transmission planner (TP=205)) are taken from the NERC Compliance Registration information of November 4, 2022, for unique US entities.

*Comments:* Comments are invited on: (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the

<sup>6</sup> In Order No. 754, the Commission determined that there is “an issue concerning the study of the non-operation of non-redundant primary protection systems; e.g., the study of a single point of failure on protection systems.” *Interpretation of Transmission Planning Reliability Standard*, Order No. 754, 136 FERC ¶ 61,186, at P 19 (2011). The phrases “non-operation of a non-redundant component of a protection system” and “protection system single points of failure” are used interchangeably in this memorandum.

<sup>7</sup> *Transmission Planning Reliability Standards*, Order No. 786, 145 FERC ¶ 61,051 (2013).

<sup>8</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>9</sup> Both Electrical Engineers (\$77.02/hr.) and Information and Record Clerks (\$42.35/hr.) support

the information collection and a composite percent split (60/40) cost per hour will be used. Cost per Response = [(\$77.02 \* (0.60)) + (\$42.35 \* (0.40))] = [\$46.21 + \$16.94] = \$63.15/hr. from the Bureau of Labor and Statistics at [http://bls.gov/oes/current/naics3\\_221000.htm](http://bls.gov/oes/current/naics3_221000.htm), as of June 2022.

<sup>10</sup> Generator Owner.

<sup>11</sup> Planning Coordinator.

<sup>12</sup> Distribution Provider.

<sup>13</sup> Transmission Owner.

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: January 18, 2023.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 2570-034]

**Eagle Creek Racine Hydro, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment**

On November 30, 2021, Eagle Creek Racine Hydro, LLC filed a relicense application for the 47.5-megawatt Racine Hydroelectric Project No. 2570 (Racine Project). The Racine Project is located at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) Racine Locks and Dam on the Ohio River near the Town of Racine in Meigs County, Ohio. The project occupies 27.99 acres of federal land administered by the Corps.

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, on November 1, 2022, Commission staff issued a notice that the project was ready for environmental analysis (REA Notice). Based on the information in the record, including comments filed on the REA Notice, staff does not anticipate that relicensing the project would constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, staff intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the application to relicense the project.

The EA will be issued and circulated for review by all interested parties. All comments filed on the EA will be analyzed by staff and considered in the Commission's final licensing decision.

The application will be processed according to the following schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Commission issues EA .....	July 2023. <sup>1</sup>

Milestone	Target date
Comments on EA .....	August 2023.

<sup>1</sup>The Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) regulations under 40 CFR 1501.10(b)(1) require that EAs be completed within 1 year of the federal action agency's decision to prepare an EA. This notice establishes the Commission's intent to prepare an EA for the Racine Hydroelectric Project. Therefore, in accordance with CEQ's regulations, the EA must be issued within 1 year of the issuance date of this notice.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Jay Summers at (202) 502-8764 or [jay.summers@ferc.gov](mailto:jay.summers@ferc.gov).

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Secretary.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. IC22-32-000]

**Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-551) 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 a renewal of currently approved information collection, FERC-551, (Reporting of Flow Volume and Capacity by Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines), which will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review. No Comments were received on the 60-day notice published on September 29, 2022.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due February 23, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments on FERC-551 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 (1902-0243) in the subject line of your comments. Comments should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

≤**Title:** FERC-551, Reporting of Flow Volume and Capacity by Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines.

**OMB Control No.:** 1902-0243.

**Type of Request:** Three-year extension of the FERC-551 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

**Abstract:** The Commission is authorized to facilitate price transparency in markets for the sale or transportation of natural gas in interstate commerce, regarding the public interest, the integrity of those markets, fair competition, and the protection of consumers. FERC-551 uses the information provided by pipelines as part of its overall implementation of the statutory