

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-725A(1B) information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Abstract: The FERC-725A(1B)¹ Under section 215 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), the Commission proposes to approve Reliability Standards TOP-010-11 (Real-time Reliability Monitoring and Analysis Capabilities) submitted by North American Electric Corporation (NERC). In this order, the Reliability Standards build on monitoring, real-time assessments and support effective situational awareness. The Reliability Standards accomplish this by requiring applicable entities to: (1) Provide

notification to operators of real-time monitoring alarm failures; (2) provide operators with indications of the quality of information being provided by their monitoring and analysis capabilities; and (3) address deficiencies in the quality of information being provided by their monitoring and analysis capabilities. FERC-725A(1B) addresses situational awareness objectives by providing for operator awareness when key alarming tools are not performing as intended. These collections will improve real-time situational awareness capabilities and enhance reliable operations by requiring reliability coordinators, transmission operators,

and balancing authorities to provide operators with an improved awareness of system conditions analysis capabilities, including alarm availability, so that operators may take appropriate steps to ensure reliability. These functions include planning, operations, data sharing, monitoring, and analysis.

Type of Respondent: Balancing Authority (BA), Transmission Operations (TOP) and Reliability Coordinators (RC).

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*² The Commission estimates the total annual burden and cost for this information collection in the table below.

FERC-725A(1B)—MANDATORY RELIABILITY STANDARDS FOR THE BULK POWER SYSTEM³

Entity	Requirements	Number of respondents ⁴	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden & cost per response ⁵	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost	Cost per respondent (\$)
		(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
BA ⁶	Annual reporting ..	98	1	98	42 hrs.; \$3,234.84	4,116 hrs.; \$317,014.32	\$3,234.84
TOP ⁷	Annual reporting ..	168	1	168	40 hrs.; \$3,080.80	6,720 hrs.; \$517,574.40	3,080.80
BA/TOP	Annual Record Retention.	266	1	266	2 hrs.; \$84.70	532 hrs.; \$22,530.20	84.70
Total Burden Hours Per Year (Reporting).	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10,836 hrs. \$834,588.72	.....
Total Burden Hours Per Year (Record Retention).	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	532 hrs.; \$22,530.20 .....	.....

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC23-8-000]

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

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of information collection and request for comments.

¹ The 725(1B) collection was created as a temporary collection number originally used at the time of the RD16-6-000, because OMB cannot review two pending requests with the same OMB control no. at a given time. The FERC 725A is still pending at OMB for an unrelated matter, thus we are renewing the temporary number and the related collection at this time.

² "Burden" is 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, refer to Title 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

³ Our estimates are based on the NERC Compliance Registry Summary of Entities and

Functions as of November 4, 2022, which indicates there are 266 entities registered as BA and TOP.

⁴ The number of respondents is the number of entities in which a change in burden from the current standards to the proposed standards exists, not the total number of entities from the current or proposed standards that are applicable.

⁵ The estimated hourly costs (salary plus benefits) are based on Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) information, as of May 2022 (at http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics2_22.htm, with updated benefits information for March 2022 at <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/ecec.nr0.htm>), for an electrical engineer (code 17-2071, \$77.02/hour), and for information and record clerks record keeper (code 43-4199, \$42.35/hour). The hourly figure for engineers is used for reporting; the hourly figure for

information and record clerks is used for document retention.

⁶ Balancing Authority (BA). The following Requirements and associated measures apply to balancing authorities: Requirement R1: A revised data specification and writing the required operating process/operating procedure; and Requirement R2: quality monitoring logs and the data errors and corrective action logs.

⁷ Transmission Operations (TOP). The following Requirements and associated measures apply to transmission operators: Requirement R1: A revised data specification and writing the required operating process/operating procedure; and Requirement R3: alarm process monitor performance logs to maintain performance logs and corrective action plans.

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-725T, Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System: Texas Reliability Entity (TRE) Reliability Standards.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due May 1, 2023.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC23-8-000) by either of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's Website:* <https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>.
- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:*

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, at Health and Human Services, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Instructions: All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <https://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).

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/docs-filing/docs-filing.asp>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Brown may be reached by email at DataClearance@FERC.gov, telephone at (202) 502-8663.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title: FERC-725T, Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System: TRE Reliability Standards BAL-001-TRE-2 (Primary Frequency Response in the ERCOT Region).

OMB Control No.: 1902-0273.
Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-725T information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

Abstract: TRE Reliability Standards apply to entities registered as Generator Owners (GOs), Generator Operators (GOPs), and Balancing Authorities (BAs) within the Texas Reliability Entity region.

The information collection requirements entail the setting or configuration of the Control System software, identification and recording of events, data retention, and submitting frequency measurable events to the compliance enforcement authority (Regional Entity or NERC).

Submitting frequency measurable events—The BA is required to identify and post information regarding Frequency Measurable Events (FME). Further, the BA must calculate and report to the Compliance Enforcement Authority data related to Primary Frequency Response (PFR) performance of each generating unit/generating facility.

Data retention—The BA, GO, and GOP shall keep data or evidence to show compliance, as identified below, unless directed by its Compliance Enforcement Authority to retain specific evidence for a longer period of time as part of an investigation. Compliance audits are generally about three years apart.

- The BA shall retain a list of identified Frequency Measurable Events and shall retain FME information since its last compliance audit.
- The BA shall retain all monthly PFR performance reports since its last compliance audit.
- The BA shall retain all annual Interconnection minimum Frequency Response calculations, and related methodology and criteria documents, relating to time periods since its last compliance audit.
- The BA shall retain all data and calculations relating to the Interconnection's Frequency Response, and all evidence of actions taken to increase the Interconnection's Frequency Response, since its last compliance audit.
- Each GOP and GO shall retain evidence since its last compliance audit.

Type of Respondents: NERC Registered entities: Balancing Authorities, Generator Owners, Generator Operators.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*¹ The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden for the information collection as:

FERC-725T (MANDATORY RELIABILITY STANDARDS FOR THE BULK-POWER SYSTEM: TRE RELIABILITY STANDARDS)

	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden & cost per response ²	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost	Cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
Maintenance and submission of event log data.	³ 1	1	1	16 hrs.; \$891.20	16 hrs.; \$891.20	\$891.20
Evidence Retention	⁴ 420	1	420	2 hrs.; 111.40	840 hrs.; 46,788	111.40
Total			421		856 hrs.; \$47,679.20 ..	

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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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¹ 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. For further explanation of what is included in the information collection burden, reference 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

² The figures for May 2022 posted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the Utilities sector (available

at http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics2_22.htm) and updated May 2022 for benefits information (at <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/ecec.nr0.htm>). The hourly estimates for salary plus benefits are:

—File Clerks (code 43-4071), \$34.38.
 —Electrical Engineer (code 17-2071), \$77.02.

The average hourly burden cost for this collection is \$55.70 [(\$34.38 + \$77.02)/2 = 55.70].

³ BA (balancing authority).

⁴ BA (balancing authority) (1), GO (generator owner) (233), and GOP (generator operator) (186) = 420 functional entities numbers based on NERC Compliance Registry November 4, 2022. The large increase is due to counting each entity function separately instead of considering overlap. Also, there has been an increase in number of renewable energy entities in the Texas region.