

preferential, or otherwise unlawful. *Nestlewood Solar 1 LLC*, 186 FERC ¶ 61,050 (2024).

The refund effective date in Docket No. EL24–51–000, established pursuant to section 206(b) of the FPA, will be the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Any interested person desiring to be heard in Docket No. EL24–51–000 must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate, with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, in accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.214 (2022), within 21 days of the date of issuance of the order.

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The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFile" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

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Dated: January 19, 2024.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
Acting Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC24–8–000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–598); Comment Request

**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–598 (Self-Certification for Entities Seeking Exempt Wholesale Generator or Foreign Utility Company Status).

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due March 25, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC24–8–000) by any of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's Website:* <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>.
- *U.S. Postal Service Mail:* Persons unable to file electronically may mail similar pleadings to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.
- *Effective July 1, 2020,* delivery of filings other than by eFiling or the U.S. Postal Service should be delivered to Health and Human Services, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 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](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:** Jean Sonneman may be reached by email at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov) or by telephone at (202) 502–6362.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** FERC–598, Self-Certification for Entities Seeking Exempt Wholesale Generator or Foreign Utility Company Status.

**OMB Control No.:** 1902–0166.

**Type of Request:** Three-year renewal of FERC–598.

**Abstract:** Under 42 U.S.C. 16452(a), public utility holding companies and their associates must maintain, and make available to the Commission, certain books, accounts, memoranda, and other records. The pertinent records are those that the Commission has determined: (1) are relevant to costs incurred by a public utility or natural gas company that is an associate company of such holding company; and (2) are necessary or appropriate for the protection of utility customers with respect to jurisdictional rates.

Public utility holding companies and their associates may seek exemption from this requirement. The pertinent statutory and regulatory provisions, 42 U.S.C. 16454 and 18 CFR 366.7, authorize such entities to file with the Commission a notice of self-certification demonstrating that they are "exempt wholesale generators" (EWGs) or "foreign utility companies" (FUCOs). If the Commission takes no action on a good-faith self-certification filing within 60 days after the date of filing, the applicant is exempt from the requirements of 42 U.S.C. 16452(a).

An EWG is defined as "any person engaged directly, or indirectly through one or more affiliates . . . and exclusively in the business of owning or operating, or both owning and operating, all or part of one or more eligible facilities and selling electric energy at wholesale."<sup>1</sup> A FUCO is defined as "any company that owns or operates facilities that are not located in any state and that are used for the generation, transmission, or distribution of electric energy for sale or the distribution at retail of natural or manufactured gas for heat, light, or power, if such company: (1) derives no part of its income, directly or indirectly, from the generation, transmission, or distribution of electric energy for sale or the distribution at retail of natural or

<sup>1</sup> 18 CFR 366.1.

manufactured gas for heat, light, or power, within the United States; and (2) [n]either the company nor any of its subsidiary companies is a public-utility company operating in the United States.”<sup>2</sup>

In the case of EWGs, the person filing a notice of self-certification must also

file a copy of the notice of self-certification with the state regulatory authority of the state in which the facility is located. In addition, that person must represent to the Commission in its submission that it has filed a copy of the notice with the appropriate state regulatory authority.<sup>3</sup>

*Type of Respondents:* EWGs and FUCOs.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*<sup>4</sup> The Commission estimates the total annual burden and cost<sup>5</sup> for this information collection as follows.

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[Self-certification for entities seeking exempt wholesale generator status or foreign utility company status]

A. Number of respondents (EWGs and FUCOs)	B. Annual number of responses per respondent	C. Total number of responses  (Column A × Column B)	D. Average burden hrs. & cost (\$) per response	E. Total annual burden hours & total annual cost  (Column C × Column D)	F. Average cost per respondent (\$)  (Column E ÷ Column 1)
300 .....	1	300	6 hrs.; \$600 .....	1,800 hrs.; \$180,000 .....	\$600

*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: January 18, 2024.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
*Acting Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 3240-040—New Hampshire Rolfe Canal Hydroelectric Project; Project No. 6689-018—New Hampshire Penacook Upper Falls Hydroelectric Project; Project No. 3342-025—New Hampshire Penacook Lower Falls Hydroelectric Project]

**Briar Hydro Associates, LLC; Notice of Waiver Period for Water Quality Certification Application**

On November 28, 2023, Briar Hydro Associates, LLC submitted to the

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) a copy of its applications for Clean Water Act section 401(a)(1) water quality certifications filed with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, in conjunction with the above captioned projects. Pursuant to 40 CFR 121.6 and section [4.34(b)(5), 5.23(b), 153.4, or 157.22] of the Commission’s regulations,<sup>1</sup> we hereby notify the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services of the following:

*Date of Receipt of the Certification Requests:* November 28, 2023.

*Reasonable Period of Time to Act on the Certification Requests:* One year, November 28, 2024.

If the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services fails or refuses to act on the water quality certification requests on or before the above date, then the agency certifying authority is deemed waived pursuant to section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1341(a)(1).

Dated: January 19, 2024.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
*Acting Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. ER24-935-000]

**Frederick Energy Storage LLC; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization**

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of Frederick Energy Storage LLC’s application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant’s request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is February 8, 2024.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and

to or for a Federal agency. For further explanation of what is included in the information collection burden, refer to 5 CFR 1320.3.

<sup>5</sup> The Commission staff thinks that the average respondent for this collection is similarly situated

to the Commission, in terms of salary plus benefits. Based upon FERC’s FY 2024 annual full-time equivalent average of \$207,786 (for salary plus benefits), the average hourly cost is \$100 per hour.

<sup>1</sup> 18 CFR [4.34(b)(5)/5.23(b)/153.4/157.22].

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> 18 CFR 366.7(a).

<sup>4</sup> “Burden” is the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information