

and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 3025 is issued to Green Mountain Power Corporation for a period effective April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025, or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first.

If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before April 31, 2025, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

If the project is not subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that Green Mountain Power Corporation is authorized to continue operation of the Kelley's Falls Hydroelectric Project under the terms and conditions of the prior license until the issuance of a subsequent license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first.

Dated: April 10, 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; 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 (PRA), 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 Status or Foreign Utility Company Status, OMB Control Number 1902-0166, which will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due May 16, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments on FERC-598 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 (1902-0166) 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).

Please submit copies of your comments to the Commission. You may submit copies of your comments (identified by Docket No. IC24-8-000) by one of the following methods. Electronic filing through <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview> 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 U.S. Postal Service 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:** Deliver to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

**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/ferc-online/overview>. 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/ferc-online/overview>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jean Sonneman may be reached by email at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), or 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 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

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

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: April 10, 2024.

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory  
 Commission**

[Docket No. CP24-80-000]

**Mississippi Hub, LLC; Notice of  
 Scoping Period Requesting Comments  
 on Environmental Issues for the  
 Proposed MS Hub Capacity Expansion  
 Project**

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental document that will discuss the environmental impacts of the MS Hub Capacity Expansion Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Mississippi Hub, LLC (MS Hub) in Simpson, Covington, and

Jefferson Davis Counties, Mississippi. The Commission will use this environmental document in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies regarding the project. As part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process, the Commission takes into account concerns the public may have about proposals and the environmental impacts that could result from its action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. This gathering of public input is referred to as “scoping.” The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the environmental document on the important environmental issues. Additional information about the Commission’s NEPA process is described below in the *NEPA Process and Environmental Document* section of this notice.

By this notice, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of issues to address in the environmental document. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on May 10, 2024. Comments may be submitted in written form. Further details on how to submit comments are provided in the *Public Participation* section of this notice.

Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects,

reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues it needs to evaluate in the environmental document. Commission staff will consider all written comments during the preparation of the environmental document.

If you submitted comments on this project to the Commission before the opening of this docket on March 5, 2024, you will need to file those comments in Docket No. CP24-80-000 to ensure they are considered as part of this proceeding.

This notice is being sent to the Commission’s current environmental mailing list for this project. State and local government representatives should notify their constituents of this proposed project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, a pipeline company representative may contact you about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable easement agreement. You are not required to enter into an agreement. However, if the Commission approves the project, the Natural Gas Act conveys the right of eminent domain to the company. Therefore, if you and the company do not reach an easement agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in court. In such instances, compensation would be determined by a judge in accordance with state law. The Commission does not subsequently grant, exercise, or oversee the exercise of that eminent domain authority. The

<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

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.