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Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.
Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: 2024–08–14 SA 4321 MidAmerican-MidAmerican GIA (J1529) to be effective 8/5/2024.
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Docket Numbers: ER24–2771–000.
Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.
Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: 2024–08–14 SA 4322 MidAmerican-MidAmerican GIA (J1530) to be effective 8/5/2024.
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Docket Numbers: ER24–2772–000.
Applicants: Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.
Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: Amendment to Rate Schedule FERC No. 36 to be effective 10/15/2024.
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Docket Numbers: ER24–2773–000.
Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.
Description: Tariff Amendment: Notice of Cancellation of CSA, SA No. 6543; Queue No. AC1–033 to be effective 3/27/2024.
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Docket Numbers: ER24–2774–000.
Applicants: Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.
Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: Amendment to Rate Schedule FERC No. 18 to be effective 10/15/2024.
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Accession Number: 20240814–5051.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/4/24.
Docket Numbers: ER24–2776–000.
Applicants: Southern California Edison Company.
Description: Compliance filing: WDAT Order 2023 Compliance Filing to be effective 8/15/2024.
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Docket Numbers: ER24–2777–000.
Applicants: San Diego Gas & Electric.
Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: SDG&E WDAT Update Volume 6 to be effective 8/15/2024.
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Docket Numbers: ER24–2778–000.
Applicants: California Independent System Operator Corporation.
Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: 2024–08–14 Modernize Legacy Reporting Requirements to be effective 10/14/2024.
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Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/4/24.
Docket Numbers: ER24–2779–000.
Applicants: Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.
Description: Tariff Amendment: Notice of Cancellation of Letter Agreement Related to Last Hour to be effective 10/15/2024.
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Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/4/24.
Docket Numbers: ER24–2780–000.
Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.
Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: Original WMPA, Service Agreement No. 7339; AF1–330 to be effective 12/31/9998.
Filed Date: 8/14/24.
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Dated: August 14, 2024.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC24–24–000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–725V); 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 (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection, FERC–725V, Mandatory Reliability Standards: COM Reliability Standards. There are no changes to the reporting requirements with this information collection.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due October 21, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may submit copies of your comments (identified by Docket No. IC24–24–000) by one of the following methods:

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- **Mail via U.S. Postal Service Only:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doug Reimel may be reached by email at DataClearance@FERC.gov, telephone at (202) 502-6461.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC-725V, Mandatory Reliability Standards: COM Reliability Standards.

OMB Control No.: 1902-0277.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-725V information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

Abstract: On August 15, 2016, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) filed a petition for Commission approval, pursuant to section 215(d)(1) of the Federal Power Act (“FPA”) ¹ and Section 39.5 ² of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s regulations, for Reliability Standard COM-001-3 (Communications), the associated Implementation Plan, retirement of currently-effective Reliability Standard COM-001-2.1, and Violation Risk Factors (“VRFs”) and Violation Severity Levels (“VSLs”) associated with new Requirements R12 and R13 in Reliability Standard COM-001-3.

Reliability Standard COM-001-3 reflects revisions developed under Project 2015-07 Internal Communications Capabilities, in compliance with the Commission’s directive in Order No. 888 that NERC “develop modifications to COM-001-2, or develop a new standard, to address the Commission’s concerns regarding ensuring the adequacy of internal communications capability whenever internal communications could directly affect the reliability opera.

Reliability Standards COM-001-2 and COM-002-4 do not require responsible entities to file information with the Commission. COM-001-2 requires that transmission operators, balancing authorities, reliability coordinators, distribution providers, and generator operators to maintain documentation of interpersonal communication capability and designation of Alternate Interpersonal Communication, as well as evidence of testing of the Alternate Interpersonal Communication facilities. COM-002-4 requires balancing authorities, distribution providers, reliability coordinators, transmission operators, and generator operators to develop and maintain documented communication protocols, and to be able to provide evidence of training on

the protocols in their annual assessment. Additionally, all applicable entities (balancing authorities, reliability coordinators, transmission operators, generator operators, and distribution providers) must be able to provide evidence of three-part communication when issuing or receiving an operating instruction during an Emergency.

The one-time consideration of responsibility for COM-002-4 associated with Requirement R1 is no longer needed as entities previously developed protocols associated with effective communication. The ongoing work for COM-001-3 and COM-002-4 will remain the same, but the type of job responsibilities to follow the requirements will be split between an engineer and record-keeper, instead of just an engineer. Since the previous renewal, there has been an incremental increase in the number of respondents who must meet the requirements of these two COM reliability standards.

Type of Respondents: Public utilities.

Estimate of Annual Burden: ³ The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden for the information collection as:

FERC-725V, MANDATORY RELIABILITY STANDARDS: COM RELIABILITY STANDARDS

	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)
Maintain evidence of Interpersonal Communication capability [COM-001-3 R7 and R8].	(DP) 300	1	300	4 hrs. \$282.68	1,200 hrs. \$84,804 ...	\$282.68
	(GOP) 1,028	1	1,028	4 hrs. \$282.68	4,112 hrs. \$290,595.04.	282.68
Maintain evidence of training and assessments [COM-002-4 R2, R4, R5 and R6].	(BA) 98	1	98	8 hrs. \$565.36	784 hrs. \$55,405.28	565.36
	(RC) 12	1	12	8 hrs. \$565.36	96 hrs. \$6,784.32	565.36
	(TOP) 165	1	165	8 hrs. \$565.36	1,320 hrs. \$93,284.40.	565.36
Maintain evidence of training [COM-002-4 R3 and R6].	(DP) 300	1	300	8 hrs. \$565.36	2,400 hrs. \$169,608	565.36
	(GOP) 1,028	1	1,028	8 hrs. \$565.36	8,224 hrs. \$581,190.08.	565.36
Total	2,931	18,136 hrs. \$1,281,671.12.

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

¹ 16 U.S.C. 824o (2012).

² 18 CFR 39.5 (2015).

³ The Commission defines burden 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.

⁴ BA = balancing authority, RC = Reliability Coordinator, DP = distribution provider, TOP = transmission operator; GOP = generator operators. These values were derived from the NERC Compliance data of April 16, 2024, using only unique United States registered entities.

⁵ The estimated hourly cost (salary plus benefits) is a combination based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), as of 2024, for 75% of the average

of an Electrical Engineer (17-2071) \$79.31/hr., 79.31 × .75 = 59.4825 (\$59.48-rounded) (\$59.48/hour) and 25% of an Information and Record Clerk (43-4199) \$44.74/hr., \$44.74 × .25% = 11.185 (\$11.19 rounded) (\$11.19/hour), for a total (\$59.48 + \$11.19 = \$70.67/hour).

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: August 13, 2024.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RD24-3-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-725B); 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 (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection, FERC-725B, Mandatory Reliability Standards, Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) (Update for CIP-012-1 to version CIP-012-02) Cyber Security—Communications between Control Centers. The 60-day notice comment period ended on July 23, 2024, with no comments received.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due September 19, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments on FERC-725B (1902-0248) to OMB through www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. Please identify the OMB Control Numbers 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.

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- **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. 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, or by phone at: (866) 208-3676 (toll-free).

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC-725B, Mandatory Reliability Standards, Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) (Update to CIP-012-2).

OMB Control No.: 1902-0248.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved FERC-725B information collection requirements with changes to the reporting requirements.

Abstract: On August 8, 2005, Congress enacted the Energy Policy Act of 2005.¹ The Energy Policy Act of 2005 added a new section 215 to the Federal Power Act (FPA),² which requires a Commission-certified Electric Reliability Organization to develop mandatory and enforceable Reliability Standards,³ including requirements for

cybersecurity protection, which are subject to Commission review and approval. Once approved, the Reliability Standards may be enforced by the Electric Reliability Organization subject to Commission oversight, or the Commission can independently enforce Reliability Standards.

On February 3, 2006, the Commission issued Order No. 672,⁴ implementing FPA Section 215. The Commission subsequently certified the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) as the Electric Reliability Organization. The Reliability Standards developed by NERC become mandatory and enforceable after Commission approval and apply to users, owners, and operators of the Bulk-Power System, as set forth in each Reliability Standard.⁵ The CIP Reliability Standards require entities to comply with specific requirements to safeguard bulk electric system (BES) Cyber Systems⁶ and their associated BES Cyber Assets. These standards are results-based and do not specify a technology or method to achieve

Commission, to provide for reliable operation of existing bulk-power system facilities, including cybersecurity protection, and the design of planned additions or modifications to such facilities to the extent necessary to provide for reliable operation of the Bulk-Power System. However, the term does not include any requirement to enlarge such facilities or to construct new transmission capacity or generation capacity.

⁴ *Rules Concerning Certification of the Elec. Reliability Org.; and Procedures for the Establishment, Approval, and Enft of Elec. Reliability Standards*, Order No. 672, 71 FR 8661 (Feb. 17, 2006), 114 FERC ¶ 61,104, *order on reh'g*, Order No. 672-A, 71 FR 19814 (Apr. 28, 2006), 114 FERC ¶ 61,328 (2006).

⁵ NERC uses the term “registered entity” to identify users, owners, and operators of the Bulk-Power System responsible for performing specified reliability functions with respect to NERC Reliability Standards. *See, e.g., Version 4 Critical Infrastructure Protection Reliability Standards*, Order No. 761, 77 FR 24594 (Apr. 25, 2012), 139 FERC ¶ 61,058, at P 46, *order denying clarification and reh'g*, 140 FERC ¶ 61,109 (2012). Within the NERC Reliability Standards are various subsets of entities responsible for performing various specified reliability functions. We collectively refer to these as “entities.”

⁶ NERC defines BES Cyber System as “[o]ne or more BES Cyber Assets logically grouped by a responsible entity to perform one or more reliability tasks for a functional entity.” NERC, *Glossary of Terms Used in NERC Reliability Standards*, at 5 (2020), *Glossary of Terms.pdf* (nerc.com). NERC defines BES Cyber Asset as A Cyber Asset that if rendered unavailable, degraded, or misused would, within 15 minutes of its required operation, mis-operation, or non-operation, adversely impact one or more Facilities, systems, or equipment, which, if destroyed, degraded, or otherwise rendered unavailable when needed, would affect the reliable operation of the Bulk Electric System. Redundancy of affected Facilities, systems, and equipment shall not be considered when determining adverse impact. Each BES Cyber Asset is included in one or more BES Cyber Systems. *Id.* at 4.

¹ Energy Policy Act of 2005, Public Law 109-58, sec. 1261 *et seq.*, 119 Stat. 594 (2005).

² 16 U.S.C. 824o.

³ Section 215 of the FPA defines Reliability Standard as a requirement, approved by the