DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Proposed Agency Information Collection


ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) invites public comment on a proposed collection of information that DOE is developing for submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed collection in support of the DOE’s Small Business Vouchers (SBV) pilot will gather quantitative estimates of the pilot’s impacts as well as capture implementation lessons learned. The information is needed to assess the impacts of the SBV Pilot, documenting that the investment is producing the expected results, and to determine ways to improve the pilot should it be expanded in scope.

The SBV Pilot is a funding mechanism structured to allow small businesses engaged in the renewable energy and energy efficiency sectors to collaborate with researchers at the DOE National Laboratories and to take advantage of the resources at the Labs that assist small businesses in proceeding through commercialization challenges. Respondents will include small businesses participating in the pilot as well a comparison group of businesses with Cooperative Research and Development Agreements (CRADA) outside of the SBV Pilot.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before February 9, 2016. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed in ADDRESSES as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be emailed to: Jeff.Dowd@ee.doe.gov or mailed to Jeff Dowd, U.S. Department of Energy, EE–61P, 1000 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be emailed to: Jeff.Dowd@ee.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains: (1) OMB No. “New”; (2) Information Collection Request Title: Web-survey of Participating and Nonparticipating Small Businesses for DOE’s Small Business Vouchers Pilot (3) Type of Request: New; (4) Purpose: To evaluate the effectiveness and impacts of DOE’s Small Business Vouchers (SBV) pilot program, to capture lessons learned, and make recommendations; the information collection will be through a web based survey, allowing participating SBV firms and the comparison firms to answer questions at a time most convenient for them. The web survey will consist of two full-length surveys, conducted once after the first year of vouchers has been completed and once five years after the pilot began, and three abbreviated surveys in the interim years (years two, three and four). The first full-length survey (30 minutes in length for about 70 SBV participants and about 70 comparison firms) will stress questions about the application, selection, work agreement and completion processes and also ask about commercialization progress and other outcomes. The survey in year five (30 minutes in length) will ask about 300 firms participating in SBV from Years 1–4 and about 100 comparison firms about interest in continuing to engage with the national Laboratories, but concentrate on commercialization and other outcomes and how much the DOE program contributed to the outcomes. The abbreviated, interim-year surveys will be 15 minutes in length and will provide status updates on SBV pilot impacts such as commercialization and other outcomes. The purpose of also surveying small business firms that have completed similar work through the existing CRADA process is to investigate similarities and differences in the two small business engagement programs. The data collected in the year five survey will also be used to perform a benefit-cost calculation and benchmark comparison of voucher firms to firms in the DOE Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program, based on existing SBIR data. (5) Annual Estimated Number of Respondents Year 1 Survey: 140; Year 5 Survey: 400; Year 2, 3 and 4 Survey: 300. (6) Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses: Year 1 Survey: 140; Year 5 Survey: 400; Year 2, 3 and 4 Survey: 300 (7) Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours (Total): Year 1 Survey: 70; Year 5 Survey: 200; Year 2, 3 and 4 Survey: 75 (8) Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: Year 1 Survey: $0; Year 5 Survey: $0; Year 2, 3 and 4 Survey: $0.


Issued in Washington, DC.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL00–95–288]


Take notice that on December 4, 2015, Exelon Generation Company, LLC, submitted its Opinion No. 536 Fuel Cost Allowance Compliance Filing.1 Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the

Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the “eFiling” link at http://www.ferc.gov. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at http://www.ferc.gov, using the “eLibrary” link and is available for review in the Commission’s Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an “eSubscription” link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC document, e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659. Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on December 28, 2015.

Dated: December 7, 2015.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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Combined Notice of Filings #2

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric corporate filings:

Applicants: Slate Creek Wind Project, LLC.
Description: Clarification to November 9, 2015 Application for Authorization under Section 203 of the FPA of Slate Creek Wind Project, LLC.
Filed Date: 12/4/15.
Accession Number: 20151204–5287.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/14/15.

Take notice that the Commission received the following exempt wholesale generator filings:


Applicants: Javelina Interconnection, LLC.
Description: Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status of Javelina Interconnection, LLC.
Filed Date: 12/7/15.
Accession Number: 20151207–5121.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/28/15.

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

Docket Numbers: ER15–2423–000.
Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.
Description: Report Filing: 1890R4 Westar Energy, Inc. Refund Report to be effective N/A.
Filed Date: 12/7/15.
Accession Number: 20151207–5095.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/28/15.
Docket Numbers: ER15–2433–000.
Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.
Description: Report Filing: 1897R4 Westar Energy, Inc. Refund Report to be effective N/A.
Filed Date: 12/7/15.
Accession Number: 20151207–5101.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/28/15.
Docket Numbers: ER15–2498–000.
Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.
Description: Report Filing: 2491R3 Westar Energy, Inc. Refund Report to be effective N/A.
Filed Date: 12/7/15.
Accession Number: 20151207–5093.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/28/15.
Docket Numbers: ER15–2507–000.
Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.
Description: Report Filing: 1976R4 Kaw Valley Electric Cooperative Inc. Refund Report to be effective N/A.
Filed Date: 12/7/15.
Accession Number: 20151207–5099.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/28/15.
Docket Numbers: ER15–2520–000.
Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.
Description: Report Filing: 2041R4 Kansas City Board of Public Utilities Refund Report to be effective N/A.
Filed Date: 12/7/15.
Accession Number: 20151207–5097.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/28/15.
Docket Numbers: ER15–2679–000.
Applicants: Latigo Wind Park, LLC.
Description: Amendment to September 21, 2015 and October 22, 2015 Latigo Wind Park, LLC tariff filings.
Filed Date: 12/4/15.
Accession Number: 20151204–5301.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/14/15.

Applicants: Huntley Power LLC.
Description: Tariff Amendment: Amendment to the Application for Reliability Must Run Service to be effective 3/1/2016.
Filed Date: 12/7/15.
Accession Number: 20151207–5183.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/28/15.
Docket Numbers: ER16–454–000.
Applicants: Seward Generation, LLC.
Description: Errata to December 3, 2015 Seward Generation, LLC tariff filing.
Filed Date: 12/3/15.
Accession Number: 20151203–5220.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/24/15.
Docket Numbers: ER16–472–000.
Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.
Filed Date: 12/7/15.
Accession Number: 20151207–5098.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/28/15.
Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2015–12–07 GRE-Amended JPZ RS 28 to be effective 1/1/2016.
Filed Date: 12/7/15.
Accession Number: 20151207–5132.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/28/15.
Applicants: Central Antelope Dry Ranch C LLC.
Description: Baseline eTariff Filing: Central Antelope Dry Ranch C LLC MBR Tariff to be effective 2/1/2016.
Filed Date: 12/7/15.
Accession Number: 20151207–5167.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/28/15.
Docket Numbers: ER15–12–07.
The filings are accessible in the Commission’s eLibrary system by clicking on the links or querying the docket number.

Any person desiring to intervene or protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission’s Regulations (18 CFR § 385.211 and § 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, service, and qualifying facilities filings can be found at: http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/efiling-req.pdf. For other information, call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.