accordance with Rule 211 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the links or querying the docket number.

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/filing-req.pdf. For other information, call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

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#### Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

# Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC16-6-000]

### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–725J); 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, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection, FERC–725J (Definition of the Bulk Electric System).

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due April 25, 2016. **ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC16–6–000) by either of the following methods:

• eFiling at Commission's Web site: http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ efiling.asp

• Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Instructions: All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: http://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), or (202) 502–8659 for TTY.

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 http://www.ferc.gov/docsfiling/docs-filing.asp.

# **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ellen Brown may be reached by email at *DataClearance@FERC.gov*, telephone at (202) 502–8663, and fax at (202) 273–0873.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* FERC–725J, Definition of the Bulk Electric System

OMB Control No.: 1902-0259

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

Abstract: On December 20, 2012, the Commission issued Order No. 773, a Final Rule approving NERC's modifications to the definition of "bulk electric system" and the Rules of Procedure exception process to be effective July 1, 2013. On April 18, 2013, in Order No. 773-A, the Commission largely affirmed its findings in Order No. 773. In Order Nos. 773 and 773-A, the Commission directed NERC to modify the definition of bulk electric system in two respects: (1) Modify the local network exclusion (exclusion E3) to remove the 100 kV minimum operating voltage to allow systems that include one or more looped configurations connected below 100 kV to be eligible for the local network exclusion; and (2) modify the exclusions to ensure that generator interconnection facilities at or above 100 kV connected to bulk electric system generators identified in inclusion I2 are not excluded from the bulk electric system.

Type of Respondents: Generator owners, distribution providers, other NERC-registered entities.

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

## FERC-725J (DEFINITION OF THE BULK ELECTRIC SYSTEM)

	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden and cost per response <sup>2</sup>	Total annual burden hours and total annual cost	Cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1)*(2)=(3)	(4)	(3)*(4)=(5)	(5)÷(1)
Generator Owners and Distribution Providers (Exception Request)	20	1	20	94 hrs.; \$5,864	1,880 hrs.; \$117,274	\$5,864
All Registered Entities (Implementation Plans and Compliance)	186	1	186	350 hrs.; \$21,833	65,100 hrs.; \$4,060,938	\$21,833
Total			206		66,980 hrs.; \$4,178,212	\$27,697

Comments: Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the

<sup>1</sup>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 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

information collection burden, reference 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The estimates for cost per response are derived using the following formula: Average Burden Hours per Response \* \$62.38/hour = Average Cost per

Response. The hourly cost figure (wages plus benefits) comes from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics2\_22.htm). The figure is for an electric engineer (Occupational Code: 17–2071).

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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#### Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

# Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### **Notice of Filing**

	Docket No.
Richardson, Alan C	ID-7484-003
Chahley, Kris	ID-7783-001

Take notice that on February 18, 2016, Alan C. Richardson and Kris Chahley submitted for filing, an application for authority to hold interlocking positions, pursuant to section 305(b) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) <sup>1</sup> and Part 45.8 (2015) of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) <sup>2</sup> Rules of Practice and Procedure.

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 <a href="http://www.ferc.gov">http://www.ferc.gov</a>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for electronic 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 Online service, please email <code>FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov</code>, or call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on March 10, 2016.

Dated: February 18, 2016.

## Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

# Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14749-000]

## Energy Resources USA Inc.; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On December 22, 2015, the Energy Resources USA Inc. filed an application for a preliminary permit under section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act proposing to study the feasibility of the proposed Caesar Creek Lake Dam Hydroelectric Project No. 14749–000, to be located at the existing Caesar Creek Dam on the Caesar Creek River, near the City of Waynesville, in Warren County, Ohio. The Caesar Creek Lake Dam is owned by the United States government and operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The proposed project would consist of: (1) A new 12-foot by 7.5-foot by 9foot concrete conduit fitted with a 7-foot by 8-foot discharge gate; (2) a new 90foot-long, 6-foot-diameter steel penstock fitted with a butterfly valve; (3) a new 65-foot by 45-foot reinforced concrete powerhouse containing two 1.4megawatt (MW) horizontal Francis turbine-generators having a total combined generating capacity of 2.8 MW; (4) a new 200-foot-long by 60-footwide tailrace; (5) a new 45-foot-long by 30-foot-wide substation; (6) a new 2mile-long, 69-kilovolt transmission line; and (7) appurtenant facilities. The project would have an estimated annual generation of 8.24 gigawatt-hours.

Applicant Contact: Mr. Ander Gonzalez, 350 Lincoln Road, 2nd Floor, Miami, FL 33139; telephone (954) 248– 8425.

FERC Contact: Tyrone A. Williams, (202) 502–6331.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications using the Commission's eFiling system at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ efiling.asp. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at http:// www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ ecomment.asp. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-14749-000.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's Web site at <a href="http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp">http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp</a>. Enter the docket number (P–14749) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: February 18, 2016.

#### Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

# Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### **Combined Notice of Filings #1**

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

Docket Numbers: ER14–153–004; ER14–154–004; ER10–3143–016; ER10– 2742–007.

Applicants: Gibson City Energy Center, LLC, Grand Tower Energy Center, LLC, Lakeswind Power Partners, LLC, Sabine Cogen, LP, Tilton Energy LLC.

Description: Amendment to June 26, 2015 Triennial Market-Based Rate Update Filing for the Central Region of the Rockland Sellers.

Filed Date: 2/17/16.

<sup>116</sup> U.S.C. 825d(b) (2015).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 18 CFR part 45 (2015).