

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC23–13–000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (Ferc–583); 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–583, Annual Kilowatt Generating Report (Annual Charges).

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due October 10, 2023.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC23–13–000) by either of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission’s Website:* <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>

- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, at 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/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).

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/docs-filing/docs-filing.asp>.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* FERC–583, Annual Kilowatt Generating Report (Annual Charges).

OMB Control No.: 1902–0136.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC–583 information collection requirements with no changes to the existing collection.

Abstract: Section 10(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) ¹ requires the Federal Energy Commission (FERC or Commission) to collect annual charges from entities that generate electricity with hydropower in accordance with Commission authorization. Such charges reimburse the federal government for the cost of administering Part I of the FPA,² the use of tribal lands, the use of federal lands, and the use of federal dams.

The regulations at 18 CFR 11.1(c)(5) and 11.1(d)(4) require annual kilowatt generating reports from licensees and exemptees. The Commission’s Financial Services Division uses the reports to determine the amount of annual charges to be assessed each licensee and exemptee.

Types of Respondent: (1) Hydropower licensees of projects more than 1.5 megawatts of installed capacity; (2) Holders of exemptions under section 30 of the FPA;³ and (3) exemptees under sections 405 and 408 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policy Act.⁴

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*⁵ The following table shows the estimated annual burden and cost:

FERC–583 ESTIMATED ANNUAL BURDENS

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Type of response	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses (Col. B × Col. C)	Average Hours & cost ⁶ per response	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost (Col. D × Col. E)	Cost per respondent (Col. F ÷ Col. B)
Annual kilowatt generating report 18 CFR 11.1(c)(5) and 11.1(d)(4).	550	1	550	2 hrs.; \$192	1,100 hrs.; \$105,600	\$192
Application of a State or municipal licensee or exemptee for total or partial exemption from the assessment of annual charges 18 CFR 11.6.	50	1	50	2 hrs.; \$192	100 hrs.; \$9,600	192
Appeals and requests for rehearing of billing for annual charges 18 CFR 11.20.	2	1	2	40hrs.; \$3,840 ...	80hrs.; \$7,680	3,840
Totals	602	602	1,280hrs.; \$122,880

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: August 3, 2023.
Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Deputy Secretary.
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[Docket No. AD23–9–000]

Reliability Technical Conference; Notice of Technical Conference

Take notice that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will convene its annual Reliability

¹ 16 U.S.C. 803(e).

² 16 U.S.C. 791 through 823d.

³ 16 U.S.C. 823a.

⁴ 16 U.S.C. 2705.

⁵ “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.

⁶ 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 2023 annual average full-time equivalent of \$199,867 per year (for salary plus benefits), the average hourly cost is \$96.00 per hour.

Technical Conference in the above-referenced proceeding on Thursday, November 9, 2023, from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time. The conference will include Commissioner-led and staff-led panels. The conference will be held in-person at the Commission's headquarters at 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426 in the Commission Meeting Room.

The purpose of this conference is to discuss policy issues related to the reliability and security of the Bulk-Power System. The conference will also discuss the impact of the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed rule under section 111 of the Clean Air Act on electric reliability.¹

The conference will be open for the public to attend, and there is no fee for attendance. Supplemental notices will be issued prior to the conference with further details regarding the agenda, how to register to participate, and the format. Information on this technical conference will also be posted on the Calendar of Events on the Commission's website, www.ferc.gov, prior to the event.

The conference will also be transcribed. Transcripts will be available for a fee from Ace Reporting, (202) 347-3700.

Commission conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations, please send an email to accessibility@ferc.gov, call toll-free (866) 208-3372 (voice) or (202) 208-8659 (TTY), or send a fax to (202) 208-2106 with the required accommodations.

For more information about this technical conference, please contact Michael Gildea at Michael.Gildea@ferc.gov or (202) 502-8420. For information related to logistics, please contact Sarah McKinley at Sarah.Mckinley@ferc.gov or (202) 502-8368.

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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Deputy Secretary.

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¹ New Source Performance Standards for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from New, Modified, and Reconstructed Fossil Fuel-Fired Electric Generating Units; Emission Guidelines for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Existing Fossil Fuel-Fired Electric Generating Units; and Repeal of the Affordable Clean Energy Rule, 88 FR 33,240 (proposed May 23, 2023) (to be codified at 40 CFR 60).

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Combined Notice of Filings

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas and Oil Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

Filings Instituting Proceedings

Docket Numbers: RP23-955-000.

Applicants: Columbia Gas

Transmission, LLC.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Direct Energy to NRG Name Change—Capacity Release Amendment to be effective 8/1/2023.

Filed Date: 8/2/23.

Accession Number: 20230802-5147.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 8/14/23.

Docket Numbers: RP23-956-000.

Applicants: Rockies Express Pipeline LLC.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: REX 2023-08-03 Negotiated Rate Agreement to be effective 8/4/2023.

Filed Date: 8/3/23.

Accession Number: 20230803-5001.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 8/15/23.

Docket Numbers: RP23-957-000.

Applicants: Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: 8.3.23 Negotiated Rates—Mercuria Energy America, LLC R-7540-02 to be effective 8/15/2023.

Filed Date: 8/3/23.

Accession Number: 20230803-5004.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 8/15/23.

Any person desiring to intervene, to protest, or to answer a complaint in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211, 214, or 206 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214, or 385.206) 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.

Filings in Existing Proceedings

Docket Numbers: PR23-48-002.

Applicants: Spire Storage Salt Plains LLC.

Description: Amendment Filing: Salt Plains revised SOC August 2023 to be effective 4/1/2023.

Filed Date: 8/3/23.

Accession Number: 20230803-5005.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 8/21/23.

Protest Date: 5 p.m. ET 8/21/23.

Any person desiring to protest in any of the above proceedings must file in 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 (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.asp>) by 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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Deputy Secretary.

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[Project/Docket No. CP23-214-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission, L.L.C.; Notice of Waiver Period for Water Quality Certification Application

On June 15, 2023, Columbia Gas Transmission, L.L.C. submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) a copy of its application for a Clean Water Act section 401(a)(1) water quality certification filed with New York Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in conjunction with the above captioned project. Pursuant to 40 CFR 121.6 and section 157.22 of the Commission's regulations,¹ we hereby notify the New York Department of Environmental Conservation of the following:

—Date of Receipt of the Certification Request: June 15, 2023

¹ 18 CFR 157.22.