

collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

*Abstract:* This survey covers outreach under the Office of Public Participation, Office of External Affairs.<sup>1</sup> FERC collects voluntarily-provided information on individual or stakeholder interests to engage with them by providing, to the extent possible, targeted information consistent with their expressed interest. FERC also

collects contact information to keep email distributions to be used to inform interested individuals of technical conferences, workshops, user group meetings, certain proceedings or of press releases or newsletters.

This information collection is used to conduct customer engagement activities. Customer engagement is critical to further the Commission’s goal of facilitating the public’s understanding

of FERC’s work and encouraging their participation in FERC matters. This data allows FERC to understand which areas of its work are of greater interest to the public and where additional public outreach and educational materials or other resources are needed the most.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*<sup>2</sup> The following tables set forth the estimated annual burden and cost<sup>3</sup> for the information collections:

Subscriber type	Number of respondents (1)	Annual number of responses per respondent (2)	Total number of responses (1) * (2) = (3)	Average burden hours & cost (\$) per response (4)	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost (\$) (3) * (4) = (5)	Cost per respondent (\$) (5) ÷ (1)
Customer Engagement .....	2,000	1	2,000	0.083 hrs.; \$8.47 .....	166 hrs.; \$16,940 .....	\$8.47
OPP .....	20	1	20	0.13 hrs.; \$13.26 .....	2.6 hrs.; \$265.20 .....	13.26
			220		168.6 hrs.; \$17,205.20	

*Comments:* Comments are invited on: (1) whether the collections of information are 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 estimates of the burden and cost of the collections of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collections; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collections of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: February 19, 2026.

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

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[Project No. 8606–010]

**Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P.; Notice of Waiver of Water Quality Certification**

On October 31, 2023, Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P. filed an application for an amendment of license exemption (non-capacity) for the Schuylerville

Hydroelectric Project (project) in the above captioned docket. On February 10, 2025, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (New York DEC) received a request for a Clean Water Act section 401(a)(1) water quality certification from Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P., in conjunction with the above captioned project.

On August 11, 2025, staff provided New York DEC with written notice that the applicable reasonable period of time for it to act on the certification request was one (1) year from the date of receipt of the request, after which the certification requirement would be waived if the certifying authority failed to act by February 10, 2026. Because New York DEC did not act by February 10, 2026, we are notifying you pursuant to section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1341(a)(1), that waiver of the certification requirement has occurred.

(Authority: 18 CFR 2.1)

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*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CX26–1–000]

**Order Adopting Categorical Exclusions From Tennessee Valley Authority Under the National Environmental Policy Act; Notice of Adoption of Categorical Exclusions Under the National Environmental Policy Act**

On February 19, 2026, the Commission issued an order in Docket No. CX26–1–000, pursuant to section 109 of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4336c, adopting five categorical exclusions from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) relating to electric transmission infrastructure, above ground buildings, infrastructure systems, plant equipment, and facility grounds associated with power generation facilities. *Order Adopting Categorical Exclusions from TVA under NEPA*, 194 FERC ¶ 61,128 (2026). The adopted categorical exclusions will be used for actions concerning water power projects.

The adoption becomes effective 31 days after the issuance date of the Commission’s order, *i.e.*, on March 22, 2026.

The Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of its order via the internet through the Commission’s Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the “eLibrary” link.

<sup>1</sup> FERC–1002 covers two areas of outreach for customer engagement from the Office of Public Participation: Subscribe for Updates From the Office of Public Participation | Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ([ferc.gov](http://ferc.gov)); FERC Insight Newsletter | Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

<sup>2</sup> Burden is defined 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, see 5 CFR 1320.3.

<sup>3</sup> Commission staff estimates that industry is similarly situated in terms of hourly cost (for wages plus benefits). Based on the Commission’s FY (Fiscal Year) 2026 average cost (for wages plus benefits), \$102/hour is used.