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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2489–049]

#### Green Mountain Power Corporation; Notice of Reasonable Period of Time for Water Quality Certification Application

On May 11, 2026, Green Mountain Power Corporation (GMP), submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) documentation from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (Vermont DEC) that it received a request for a Clean Water Act section 401(a)(1) water quality certification as defined in 40 CFR 121.5 from GMP, in conjunction with the above captioned project, on May 8, 2026. Pursuant to the Commission's regulations,<sup>1</sup> we hereby notify Vermont DEC of the following:

*Date of Receipt of the Certification Request:* May 8, 2026.

*Reasonable Period of Time to Act on the Certification Request:* One year, May 8, 2027.

If Vermont DEC fails or refuses to act on the water quality certification request on or before the above date, then the certifying authority is deemed waived pursuant to section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1341(a)(1). (Authority: 18 CFR 2.1)

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC26–29–000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–725U)

**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, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comments on the currently approved information collection, FERC–725U, Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk Power System; CIP Reliability Standards.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due July 27, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit comments via email to [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov). You must specify Docket No. (IC26–29–000) and the FERC Information Collection number (FERC–725U) in your email. If you are unable to file electronically, comments may be filed by USPS mail or by hand (including courier) delivery:

- *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 to:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

*Docket:* To view comments and issuances in this docket, please visit <https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/search>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* FERC–725U, Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk Power System; CIP Reliability Standards.

*OMB Control No.:* 1902–0274 (FERC–725U).

*Type of Request:* Three-year approval of the currently approved collection: FERC–725U with no changes to the reporting or recordkeeping requirements.

*Abstract:* On August 8, 2005, the Electricity Modernization Act of 2005, which is Title XII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAAct 2005), was enacted into law. EPAAct 2005 added a new section 215 to the Federal Power Act

(FPA),<sup>1</sup> which requires a Commission-certified Electric Reliability Organization (ERO) to develop mandatory and enforceable Reliability Standards, subject to Commission review and approval. Once approved, the Reliability Standards may be enforced by the ERO, subject to Commission oversight, or by the Commission independently. Section 215 of the FPA requires a Commission-certified ERO to develop mandatory and enforceable Reliability Standards, subject to Commission review and approval. Once approved, the Reliability Standards may be enforced by the ERO subject to Commission oversight or by the Commission independently. In 2006, the Commission certified NERC (now called the North American Electric Reliability Corporation) as the ERO pursuant to section 215 of the FPA. Reliability Standard CIP–014–3 (Physical Security) is part of the implementation of the Congressional mandate of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to develop mandatory and enforceable Reliability Standards to better ensure the reliability of the nation's Bulk Power system. Reliability Standard CIP–014–3 requires applicable transmission owners and transmission operators to identify and protect transmission stations and transmission substations, and their associated primary control centers that if rendered inoperable or damaged resulting from a physical attack could result in widespread instability, uncontrolled separation, or cascading within an Interconnection.

In terms of information collection requirements, an applicable entity must create or maintain documentation showing compliance, when appropriate, with each requirement of the Reliability Standard. This Reliability Standard CIP–014–3 has six requirements. Transmission owners and transmission operators must keep data or evidence to show compliance with the standard for three years unless directed by its Compliance Enforcement Authority. If a responsible entity is found non-compliant, it must keep information related to the non-compliance until mitigation is complete and approved, or for three years, whichever is longer.

The number of respondents below is based on an estimate of the NERC compliance registry for transmission owners and transmission operators. The Commission based its paperwork burden estimates on the NERC compliance registry as of April 20, 2026. According to the registry, there are 341 transmission owners (TO) and 170

<sup>1</sup> 18 CFR 4.34(b)(5)(iii).

<sup>1</sup> 16 U.S.C. 824o.