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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,¹ 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).

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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. 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:

Kayla Williams may be reached by email at DataClearance@FERC.gov, or by telephone at (202)502–6468.

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 (EPAc 2005), was enacted into law. EPAc 2005 added a new section 215 to the Federal Power Act

(FPA),¹ 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

¹ 18 CFR 4.34(b)(5)(iii).

¹ 16 U.S.C. 824o.

transmission operators (TOP) who are applicable to CIP-014-3. The estimate is based on a zero change in burden from the current standard to the standard approved in this Order. The Commission based the burden estimate on staff experience, knowledge, and expertise.

For the new Reliability Standard CIP-014-3, the burden for entities remains the same as they will still need to provide the same evidence to demonstrate compliance whether it is kept on-site or loaded electronically into the SEL.

Respondents: Business or other for profit, and not for profit institutions.

Frequency of Responses: On occasion.

Burden Estimates: The Commission estimates the following in the annual public reporting burden and cost² as indicated below:

FERC-725U: (MANDATORY RELIABILITY STANDARDS: RELIABILITY STANDARD CIP-014)

	Number of respondents ³	Number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden hours & cost per response	Total burden hours & total cost	Average cost per respondent
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5) (rounded)	(5) ÷ (1)
Change Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping.	341 (TO)	1	341	32 hrs.; \$2,032.64	10,912 hrs.; \$693,130.	32 hrs.; \$2,032.64
	170 (TOP)	1	170	32 hrs.; \$2,032.64	5,440 hrs.; \$345,549.	32 hrs.; \$2,032.64
Total FERC-725U	511	16,352 hrs.; \$1,038,679	

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.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Phasedown of Hydrofluorocarbons: Allocation of 2026 Production and Consumption Allowances Set Aside for Metered Dose Inhalers

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is providing notice that the Agency allocated hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) set-aside allowances to general pool production and consumption allowance holders. For the calendar year 2026 allocation of HFC allowances, the EPA withheld a limited number of allowances from all general pool allowance holders. These allowances were set aside to accommodate unforeseen HFC needs for metered dose inhaler (MDI) end users. Entities that use HFCs as a propellant in MDIs had until April 30, 2026, to apply for these allowances, and the EPA received no applications. Accordingly, the EPA allocated all of the set-aside allowances pro rata amongst general pool allowance holders. This notice is announcing that allocation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Connor Henderson, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Chemicals, Coatings, and Products Division, Office of Clean Air Programs, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 202-564-2177; email address: henderson.connor@epa.gov. You may also visit the EPA's website at <https://www.epa.gov/climate-hfcs-reduction> for further information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EPA first established the regulations for

issuing allowances in the 2021 final rule titled *Phasedown of Hydrofluorocarbons: Establishing the Allowance Allocation and Trading Program Under the American Innovation and Manufacturing Act*¹ and updated previously established methodology in the final rule titled *Phasedown of Hydrofluorocarbons: Allowance Allocation Methodology for 2024 and Later Years*² (2024 Allocation Framework Rule) and the final rule titled *Phasedown of Hydrofluorocarbons: Review and Renewal of Eligibility for Application-Specific Allowances*³ (2025 Application-specific Allowance Review and Renewal Rule). The 2025 Application-specific Allowance Review and Renewal Rule established an annual set-aside of 1,000,000 metric tons exchange value equivalent (MTEVe) of allowances to be available for the use of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) as a propellant in metered dose inhalers ("MDI set-aside") if the requester meets the criteria for the unique circumstances established in 40 CFR 84.13(b)(1)(iii). These allowances were withheld by the EPA from the October 1, 2025, allocation of 2026 HFC general pool allowances in order to accommodate unforeseen HFC needs, related to use as a propellant in MDIs, resulting from a global pandemic, other public health emergencies, or other healthcare system needs. Entities that use HFCs as a

² The estimated hourly cost (salary plus benefits) is a combination of the following categories from the BLS website, http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics2_22.htm: 75% of the average of an Electrical Engineer (17-2071) \$71.19/hr., × .75 = 53.3925 (\$53.39-rounded) (\$53.39/hour); and 25% of an

Information and Record Clerk (43-4199) \$40.51/hr., \$40.51 × .25 = 10.1275 (\$10.13 rounded) (\$10.13/hour), for a total (\$53.39 + \$10.13 = \$63.52/hour).

³ The number for TOs (341) and TOPs (170) represent the number of unique US entities and is

taken from the NERC compliance registry information as of April 20, 2026.

¹ 86 FR 55116, October 5, 2021.

² 88 FR 46836, July 20, 2023.

³ 90 FR 41676, August 26, 2025.