

Standards that are proposed to the ERO by a Regional Entity.¹ A Regional Entity is an entity that has been approved by the Commission to enforce Reliability Standards under delegated authority from the ERO.² On June 8, 2008, the Commission approved eight regional Reliability Standards submitted by the ERO that were proposed by WECC.³

WECC promotes bulk electric system reliability in the Western Interconnection and is the Regional Entity responsible for compliance monitoring and enforcement. In addition, WECC provides an environment for the development of Reliability Standards and the coordination of the operating and planning activities of its members as set forth in the WECC Bylaws.

There are several regional Reliability Standards in the WECC region. These regional Reliability Standards generally require entities to document compliance

with substantive requirements, retain documentation, and submit reports to WECC.

In RD26–5–000, FERC is retiring Regional Reliability Standard BAL–002–WECC–3 (Contingency Reserve), which requires balancing authorities and reserve sharing groups to document compliance with the contingency reserve requirements. NERC and WECC explain that “Regional Reliability Standard BAL–002–WECC–3 requires applicable WECC entities to maintain reserves at levels that exceed those required under the continent-wide Reliability Standard BAL–002–3—Disturbance Control Standard—Contingency Reserve for Recovery from a Balancing Contingency Event. Following a recent review of the regional standard, WECC identified that no technical basis supports the continued applicability of the standard,

and that rather than advance reliability in the Western Interconnection, the regional standard may be presenting unnecessary challenges.

Type of Respondents: Balancing authorities and reserve sharing groups.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*⁴ Our estimates for a reduction in burden under 725E are specific to just BAL–002–WECC–3 entities no longer needing to be compliant with the applicable Requirements. Additionally, the estimate used information from the NERC Compliance Registry Summary of Entities as of February 9, 2026.

The individual burden estimates include the time needed to gather data, run studies, and analyze study results. These are consistent with estimates for similar tasks in other Commission-approved standards. Estimates for the additional average annual burden and cost⁵ as follows:

FERC–725E, MANDATORY RELIABILITY STANDARDS FOR THE WESTERN ELECTRIC COORDINATING COUNCIL, RETIREMENT OF BAL–002–WECC–3 CHANGES IN DOCKET NO. RD26–5–000

Reliability standard or process	Type and number of entities ⁶	Annual number of responses per entity	Total number of responses	Average burden hours & cost per response (\$)	Total annual burden hours & cost (\$) (rounded)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)
Annual review and record retention	34 (BA) 1 (RSG)	1 1	34 1	12 hrs.; \$762.24 1 hrs.; \$63.52	408 hrs.; \$25,916.00 1 hrs.; \$64.00
Total for retirement BAL–002–WECC–3			35		409 hrs; \$25,980.00

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 20, 2026.

Carlos D. Clay,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2725–076]

Oglethorpe Power Corporation; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On December 6, 2024, Oglethorpe Power Corporation (OPC) filed an application to relicense the 904-

megawatt (MW) Rocky Mountain Pumped Storage Project No. 2725. The project is located on Heath Creek, near the Town of Rome, Floyd County, Georgia.

In accordance with the Commission’s regulations, on May 13, 2026, Commission staff issued a notice that the project was ready for environmental analysis (REA notice). Based on the information in the record, including comments filed on the REA Notice, staff does not anticipate that relicensing the project would constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, staff intends to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) on the application to relicense the project.¹

¹ 16 U.S.C. 824o(e)(4).

² 16 U.S.C. 824o(a)(7) and (e)(4).

³ *N. Am. Electric Reliability Corp.*, 119 FERC ¶ 61,260 (2007).

⁴ 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. See 5 CFR 1320 for additional information on the definition of information collection burden.

⁵ 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).

⁶ The “Number of Entity” data is compiled from the February 9, 2026, edition of the NERC Compliance Registry. “BA” means balancing authority; “RSG” means reserve sharing group.

¹ For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX–019–20–000–1785762214.

The EA will be issued and circulated for review by all interested parties. All comments filed on the EA will be analyzed by staff and considered in the Commission's final licensing decision.

For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, contact the Office of Public Participation at (202) 502-6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

The application will be processed according to the following schedule. The EA will be issued for a 30-day comment period. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Commission issues EA	June 22, 2027.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to David Gandy at 202-502-8560 or david.gandy@ferc.gov.

(Authority: 18 CFR 2.1.)

Dated: August 19, 2026.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
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 Corporate filings:

Docket Numbers: EC26-151-000.

Applicants: EDF Power Solutions, Inc., KKR Lafayette Buyer, Inc.

Description: Joint Application for Authorization Under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act of Arrow Canyon Solar, LLC, et al.

Filed Date: 8/12/26.

Accession Number: 20260812-5178.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 10/13/26.

Take notice that the Commission received the following Electric Rate filings:

Docket Numbers: ER23-759-000; ER26-2273-000.

Applicants: Sempra Gas & Power Marketing, LLC, Sempra Gas & Power Marketing, LLC.

Description: Supplement to 04/03/2026, Sempra Gas & Power Marketing, LLC tariff filing.

Filed Date: 6/30/26.

Accession Number: 20260630-5330.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/10/26.

Docket Numbers: ER25-1998-001.

Applicants: New York Independent System Operator, Inc.

Description: Compliance filing: NYISO Effective Date Notice: Process to Procure Uncertainty Reserves to be effective 9/2/2026.

Filed Date: 8/19/26.

Accession Number: 20260819-5147.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/9/26.

Docket Numbers: ER25-2382-001.

Applicants: New York Independent System Operator, Inc.

Description: Compliance filing: NYISO Effective Date Notice: Enhance Duct-Firing Modeling to be effective 9/2/2026.

Filed Date: 8/19/26.

Accession Number: 20260819-5154.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/9/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26-2567-001.

Applicants: New York Independent System Operator, Inc.

Description: Compliance filing: NYISO Effective Date Notice: Further Enhance Duct Firing Modeling to be effective 9/2/2026.

Filed Date: 8/19/26.

Accession Number: 20260819-5156.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/9/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26-2703-001.

Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: Compliance filing: Compliance Filing in Response to Order Issued in ER26-2703 (CNPPID) to be effective 1/1/2027.

Filed Date: 8/20/26.

Accession Number: 20260820-5092.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/10/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26-2773-001.

Applicants: KPT Energy LLC.

Description: Tariff Amendment: Supplement to Application for Market-Based Rate Authority to be effective 8/10/2026.

Filed Date: 8/20/26.

Accession Number: 20260820-5147.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/10/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26-2867-001.

Applicants: Athos Storage, LLC.

Description: Tariff Amendment: Response to Request for Add'l Information and Req. for Shortened Comment Period to be effective 8/18/2026.

Filed Date: 8/20/26.

Accession Number: 20260820-5132.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/10/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26-3075-001.

Applicants: Spindle Battery LLC.

Description: Tariff Amendment: Response to Request for Add'l Information and Req. for Shortened Comment Period to be effective 8/31/2026.

Filed Date: 8/20/26.

Accession Number: 20260820-5143.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/10/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26-3077-001.

Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: Tariff Amendment: 1518R31 Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corp NITSA NOAs to be effective 9/1/2026.

Filed Date: 8/20/26.

Accession Number: 20260820-5023.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/10/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26-3559-000.

Applicants: Puget Sound Energy, Inc.

Description: Tariff Amendment: Termination of Long Term Firm Point to Point Service Agreement SA-1019 with PSE to be effective 7/1/2026.

Filed Date: 8/19/26.

Accession Number: 20260819-5162.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/9/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26-3560-000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Amendment to GIA, SA No. 7434; Project Identifier No. AF2-086 to be effective 10/20/2026.

Filed Date: 8/20/26.

Accession Number: 20260820-5016.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/10/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26-3561-000.

Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 4887 Kansas Electric Power Cooperative Provisional Load Process Agreement to be effective 8/1/2026.

Filed Date: 8/20/26.

Accession Number: 20260820-5028.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/10/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26-3562-000.

Applicants: Southern California Edison Company.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: GIA, Mill Creek 1 Power House (WDT010/SA No. 1436) to be effective 8/21/2026.

Filed Date: 8/20/26.

Accession Number: 20260820-5038.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/10/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26-3563-000.

Applicants: Southern California Edison Company.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: GIA, Ontario 1 Power House with SCE Generation Department (WDT010/SA No. 1437) to be effective 8/21/2026.

Filed Date: 8/20/26.

Accession Number: 20260820-5042.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/10/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26-3564-000.

Applicants: Southern California Edison Company.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: GIA, Mill Creek 3 Power House (WDT010/SA No. 1440) to be effective 8/21/2026.

Filed Date: 8/20/26.

Accession Number: 20260820-5043.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/10/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26-3565-000.