

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. IC26–36–000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (Ferc–521); 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 (PRA), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on FERC–521: Payments for Benefits from Headwater Improvements (OMB Control No 1902–0087) which will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a review of the information collection requirements. There are no proposed changes to the reporting requirements. No comments were received in the 60-day comment period.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due October 19, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments on FERC–521 to OMB through https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRA/icrPublicCommentRequest?ref_nbr=202607-1902-007. You can also visit <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/>

PRAMain and use the drop-down under “Currently under Review” to select the “Federal Energy Regulatory Commission” where you can see the open opportunities to provide comments. Comments should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice.

Please submit a copy of your comments to the Commission via email to DataClearance@FERC.gov. You must specify the docket No. (IC26–36–000) and the FERC Information Collection number (FERC–521) 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:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

- *All other delivery methods:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the 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–521, Payments for Benefits from Headwater Improvements
OMB Control No.: 1902–0087

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC–521 information collection

requirements with no changes to the reporting requirements.

Abstract: The purpose of FERC–521 is to implement information collections pursuant to Section 10(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA). Section 10(f) of the FPA requires hydropower licensees to reimburse upstream headwater project owners for an equitable portion of the benefits it receives as a result of construction work related to headwater improvements. These benefits, referred to as headwater benefits, are the additional energy production possible at a downstream hydropower project resulting from the regulation of river flows by an upstream storage reservoir. The Commission requires federal agencies and owners of non-federal hydropower projects to file data for determining headwater benefits as outlined in 18 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 11.

Type of Respondents: There are two types of entities that respond, Federal and Non-Federal storage and hydropower project owners. The Federal entities that typically respond include the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Reclamation. The Non-Federal entities may consist of any Municipal or Non-Municipal hydropower project owner.

Estimate of Annual Burden¹ and cost:² The Commission estimates the total Public Reporting Burden for this information collection as:

	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden & cost per response	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost	Cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
Federal and Non-Federal project owners.	3	1	3	40 hrs.; \$4,080	120 hrs.; \$12,240	\$4,080

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: September 15, 2026.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 10441–020]

City of Aspen, Colorado; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed

¹ 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, refer to 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

² FERC estimates that industry hourly costs are similar to the Commission FY 2026 average salary plus benefits of \$213,003 per year (or \$102/hour).

with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application*: Subsequent Minor License.

b. *Project No.*: 10441–020.

c. *Date filed*: April 8, 2025.

d. *Applicant*: City of Aspen, Colorado.

e. *Name of Project*: Maroon Creek Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location*: The existing project is located on Maroon Creek near the city of Aspen in Pitkin County, Colorado. The project occupies 0.575 acres of land managed by the U.S. Forest Service in the White River National Forest.

g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)–825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact*: Mr. Phil Overeynder, Utility Director, 427 Rio Grande Place, Aspen, CO 81611 (970) 920–5000, phil.overeynder@aspen.gov.

i. *FERC Contact*: Jane Dalglish, Coordinator, West Branch, Division of Hydropower Licensing; (503) 552–2718; jane.dalglish@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests*: By 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on November 16, 2026.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene and protests and requests for cooperating agency status using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FEROnline.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 10,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at, (866) 208–3676 (toll free), or (202) 502–8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy via U.S. Postal Service to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. All filings must clearly identify the project name and docket number on the first page: Maroon Creek Hydroelectric Project P–10441–020.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. This application has been accepted but is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. *Project Description*: The existing project works consist of (a) a 10-foot-high, 40-foot-long reinforced concrete dam with a crest elevation of 8,245.75 feet (the Maroon Creek diversion dam); (b) a small impoundment; (c) an intake structure at the dam; (d) a 39-inch-diameter, 5,563-foot-long buried reinforced concrete penstock; (e) a 27-inch-diameter, 1,317-foot-long buried reinforced concrete penstock together with a 110-foot section of steel penstock at the plant site; (f) a powerhouse with a 450 kW turbine-generator unit; (g) a 200-foot-long trapezoidal open channel tailrace, returning the water to Maroon Creek; (h) 0.48 kV generator leads to a three-phase, 0.48/24.9 kV step-up transformer; (i) an approximately 400-foot-long, 24.9 kV overhead power line tap connection to the Aspen Highlands circuit operated by Holy Cross Energy; and (j) appurtenant facilities.

The application describes the addition of up to 50 kW of generating capacity through two new small turbines, with two new attached generators placed at the existing diversion dam. These new units would generate power from the bypass flows released from the diversion dam without changing the time or the amount of those releases. Flows utilized by new generation equipment would be returned to the same location on the stream immediately below the dam and headgate.

m. A copy of the application can be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket

number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FEROnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (866) 208–3676 or (202) 502–8659 (TTY).

You may also register online at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FEROnline.aspx> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. 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.

o. Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, and 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST" or "MOTION TO INTERVENE"; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name of the person submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.

p. *Procedural schedule*: The application will be processed according to the following schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate

Milestone	Date
Issue Scoping Notice	October 2026.
Scoping Comments Due	November 2026.
Issue Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis	January 2027.

(Authority: 18 CFR 2.1.)

Dated: September 15, 2026.

Carlos D. Clay,

Deputy 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: EC26–172–000.

Applicants: Fern Solar LLC, Strauss Wind, LLC.

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

Filed Date: 9/14/26.

Accession Number: 20260914–5280.

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

Docket Numbers: EC26–173–000.

Applicants: Aquamarine Westside, LLC, Aquamarine Lessee, LLC, Castanea Project, LLC, Westlands Cherry, LLC, Westlands Grape, LLC, Westlands VI Project, LLC, Westlands Solar Blue (OZ) Owner, LLC, Westlands Transmission Project Owner, LLC.

Description: Joint Application for Authorization Under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act of Aquamarine Westside, LLC, et al.

Filed Date: 9/14/26.

Accession Number: 20260914–5282.

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

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

Docket Numbers: ER10–2918–030; ER19–1411–007.

Applicants: GenOn Bowline, LLC, Carr Street Generating Station, L.P.

Description: Notice of Non-Material Change in Status of Carr Street Generating Station, L.P., et al.

Filed Date: 9/11/26.

Accession Number: 20260911–5331.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 10/2/26.

Docket Numbers: ER23–222–001.

Applicants: EnerSmart Mesa Heights BESS LLC.

Description: Notice of Change in Status of EnerSmart Mesa Heights BESS LLC.

Filed Date: 9/11/26.

Accession Number: 20260911–5332.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 10/2/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–2936–002.

Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: Tariff Amendment: 1889R16 Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. NITSA NOA to be effective 9/1/2026.

Filed Date: 9/15/26.

Accession Number: 20260915–5068.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 10/6/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–2937–002.

Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: Tariff Amendment: 1891R16 Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. NITSA NOA to be effective 9/1/2026.

Filed Date: 9/15/26.

Accession Number: 20260915–5077.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 10/6/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–2940–002.

Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: Tariff Amendment: 1893R17 Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. NITSA NOA to be effective 9/1/2026.

Filed Date: 9/15/26.

Accession Number: 20260915–5082.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 10/6/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–2946–002.

Applicants: Public Service Company of New Mexico.

Description: Tariff Amendment: Response to Deficiency Letter and Request for Shortened Comment Period to be effective 8/24/2026.

Filed Date: 9/14/26.

Accession Number: 20260914–5257.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/24/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–3092–001.

Applicants: Oregon Trail Solar, LLC.

Description: Tariff Amendment: Response to Deficiency Letter to be effective 9/1/2026.

Filed Date: 9/15/26.

Accession Number: 20260915–5096.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 10/6/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–3417–001.

Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.

Description: Tariff Amendment: 2026–09–15_SA 4820 MEC-Beeline Solar Energy Sub FCA (GEN–2018–043) to be effective 7/29/2026.

Filed Date: 9/15/26.

Accession Number: 20260915–5100.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 10/6/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–3541–000.

Applicants: Overnight Solar LLC.

Description: Supplement to 08/17/2026, Overnight Solar LLC tariff filing.

Filed Date: 9/11/26.

Accession Number: 20260911–5326.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 10/2/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–3765–000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Amendment to GIA, Service Agreement No. 7916; Project Identifier No. AG1–553 to be effective 11/15/2026.

Filed Date: 9/15/26.

Accession Number: 20260915–5053.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 10/6/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–3766–000.

Applicants: Blue Branch Solar, LLC.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Blue Branch Solar, LLC MBR Tariff to be effective 11/11/2026.

Filed Date: 9/15/26.

Accession Number: 20260915–5060.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 10/6/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–3767–000.

Applicants: Blue Jay Road Solar, LLC.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Blue Jay Road Solar, LLC MBR Tariff to be effective 11/11/2026.

Filed Date: 9/15/26.

Accession Number: 20260915–5061.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 10/6/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–3768–000.

Applicants: Lapis Solar, LLC.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Lapis Solar, LLC MBR Tariff to be effective 11/11/2026.

Filed Date: 9/15/26.

Accession Number: 20260915–5064.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 10/6/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–3769–000.

Applicants: Romero Energy Center, LLC.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Notice of Succession and Revision to Market-Based Rate Tariff—Romero EC, LLC to be effective 4/30/2026.

Filed Date: 9/15/26.

Accession Number: 20260915–5080.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 10/6/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–3770–000.

Applicants: Romero Energy Center II, LLC.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Notice of Succession and Revision to Market-Based Rate Tariff—Romero EC II to be effective 4/30/2026.

Filed Date: 9/15/26.

Accession Number: 20260915–5081.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 10/6/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–3771–000.

Applicants: Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2026–09–15 MPPA-Chaska West Creek-220MW–797–0.0.0 to be effective 9/16/2026.

Filed Date: 9/15/26.

Accession Number: 20260915–5114.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 10/6/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–3772–000.

Applicants: Alabama Power Company, Georgia Power Company,

Mississippi Power Company.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Alabama Power Company submits tariff filing per 35.13(a)(2)(iii): Plumleaf Solar Project (Plumleaf Energy Reserve) LGIA Filing to be effective 9/4/2026.

Filed Date: 9/15/26.

Accession Number: 20260915–5116.