(*https://www.ferc.gov/industries-data/natural-gas/environment/environmental-documents*). If eSubscribed, you will receive instant email notification when the environmental document is issued.

With this notice, the Commission is asking agencies with jurisdiction by law and/or special expertise with respect to the environmental issues of this project to formally cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document.[3] Agencies that would like to request cooperating agency status should follow the instructions for filing comments provided under the *Public Participation* section of this notice.

Consultation Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

In accordance with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's implementing regulations for section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Commission is using this notice to initiate consultation with the applicable State Historic Preservation Office(s), and to solicit their views and those of other government agencies, interested Indian tribes, and the public on the project's potential effects on historic properties.[4] The environmental document for this project will document findings on the impacts on historic properties and summarize the status of consultations under section 106.

Environmental Mailing List

The environmental mailing list includes federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; Native American Tribes; environmental and public interest groups; other interested parties; and local libraries and media outlets. This list also includes all affected landowners (as defined in the Commission's regulations) who are potential right-of-way grantors, whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes, or who own homes within certain distances of aboveground facilities, and anyone who submits comments on the project and includes a mailing address with their comments. Commission staff will update the environmental mailing list as the analysis proceeds to ensure that Commission notices related to this environmental review are sent to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project.

If you need to make changes to your name/address, or if you would like to remove your name from the mailing list, please complete one of the following steps:

(1) Send an email to *GasProjectAddressChange@ferc.gov* stating your request. You must include the docket number CP26–581–000 in your request. If you are requesting a change to your address, please be sure to include your name and the correct address. If you are requesting to delete your address from the mailing list, please include your name and address as it appeared on this notice. This email address is unable to accept comments.

OR

(2) Return the attached ''Mailing List Update Form'' (appendix 2).

Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the FERC website at *www.ferc.gov* using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on ''General Search'' and enter the docket number in the ''Docket Number'' field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at *FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

Public sessions or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at *https://www.ferc.gov/news-events/events* along with other related information.

(Authority: 18 CFR 2.1)

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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Secretary.

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[3] Cooperating agency responsibilities are addressed in Section 107(a)(3) of NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4336(a)(3)).

[4] The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulations are at Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 800. Those regulations define historic properties as any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC26–43–000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–725R); Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the extension of the information collection FERC–725R (OMB# 1902–0268) Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System: BAL Reliability Standards.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due January 4, 2027.

ADDRESSES: You may submit copies of your comments (identified by Docket No. IC26–43–000) by one of the following methods:

Please submit comments via email to *DataClearance@FERC.gov.* You must specify the Docket No. (IC26–43–000) and the FERC Information Collection number (FERC–725R) 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: Contact Kayla Williams at *DataClearance@FERC.gov,* telephone at (202) 502–6468.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC–725R, Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System: BAL Reliability Standards.

OMB Control No.: 1902–0268.

Type of Request: OMB renewal of the FERC–725R information collection requirements, with no changes to the requirements.

Abstract: The FERC 725R information collection includes four reliability standards.

- BAL–001–2, Real Power Balancing Control Performance; (effective July 1, 2016)
- BAL–002–3, Disturbance Control Standard—Contingency Reserve for Recovery from a Balancing Contingency Event; (effective April 1, 2019)
- BAL–003–2, Frequency Response and Frequency Bias Setting; (effective December 1, 2020)
- BAL–005–1, Balancing Authority Control. (effective January 1, 2019)

On August 8, 2005, Congress enacted into law the Electricity Modernization

Act of 2005, which is Title XII, Subtitle A, of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct 2005).[1] EPAct 2005 added a new section 215 to the Federal Power Act (FPA), which required a Commission-certified Electric Reliability Organization (ERO) to develop mandatory and enforceable Reliability Standards, which are subject to Commission review and approval. Once approved, any Reliability Standard may be enforced by the ERO subject to Commission oversight, or the Commission may independently enforce Reliability Standards.[2]

On February 3, 2006, the Commission issued Order No. 672, implementing section 215 of the FPA.[3] Pursuant to Order No. 672, the Commission certified one organization, North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), as the ERO.[4] The Reliability Standards developed by the ERO and approved by the Commission apply to users, owners and operators of the Bulk-Power System as set forth in each Reliability Standard.

Types of Respondents: Balancing authorities and a Frequency Response Sharing Group (FRSG).

Estimate of Annual Burden:[5] The estimated burdens of the FERC 725R include the Reliability Standards: BAL–001–2, BAL–002–3, BAL–003–2, and BAL–005–1.[6]

The requirements for each Reliability Standard go as follows:

BAL–001–2: Real Power Balancing Control Performance. Reliability Standard BAL–001–2 is designed to ensure that applicable entities balance generation and load by maintaining system frequency within narrow bounds around a scheduled value, and it improves reliability by adding a frequency component to the measurement of a Balancing Authority's Area Control Error (ACE).[7]

BAL–002–3: Disturbance Control Standard—Contingency Reserve for Recovery from a Balancing Contingency Event. This standard ensures that a responsible entity, either a balancing authority or reserve sharing group, can recover from system contingencies by deploying adequate reserves to return their Area Control Error to defined values and replacing the capacity and energy lost due to generation or transmission equipment outages.

BAL–003–2: Frequency Response and Frequency Bias Setting. This standard requires sufficient Frequency Response from the Balancing Authority (BA) to maintain Interconnection Frequency within predefined bounds by arresting frequency deviations and supporting frequency until the frequency is restored.

BAL–005–1: Balancing Authority Control. This standard establishes requirements for acquiring data necessary to calculate Reporting Area Control Error (Reporting ACE). The standard also specifies a minimum periodicity, accuracy, and availability requirement for acquisition of the data and for providing the information to the System Operator. It requires balancing authorities to maintain minimum levels of annual availability of 99.5% for each balancing authority system for calculating Reporting ACE.

Our estimates are based on the NERC Compliance Registry as of July 21, 2026, which indicates that there are for unique US only 97 registered balancing authorities, 6 registered reserve sharing group (RSG) and 1 frequency response sharing group (FRSG).

Estimates for the average annual burden and cost[8] follow.

FERC–725R—BAL–001–2

[Real Power Balancing Control Performance]

Function	Number & type of respondents	Number of annual responses per respondent	Total No. of annual responses	Average burden hours & cost ($) per response	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost ($)	Cost per respondent ($)
	(1)	(2)	(1) × (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) × (4) = (5) rounded	(5) ÷ (1)
Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping	97 (BA)	1	97	12 hrs.; $1,000.68	1,164 hrs.; $97,066.	$1,000.68
TOTAL for FERC–725R BAL–001–2			97		1,164 hrs.; $97,066.	

[1] Energy Policy Act of 2005, Public Law 109–58, Title XII, Subtitle A, 119 Stat. 594, 941 (codified at 16 U.S.C. 824*o*).

[2] 16 U.S.C. 824*o*(e)(3).

[3] *Rules Concerning Certification of the Electric Reliability Organization; and Procedures for the Establishment, Approval, and Enforcement of Electric Reliability Standards,* Order No. 672, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,204, *order on reh'g,* Order No. 672–A, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,212 (2006).

[4] *North American Electric Reliability Corp.,* 116 FERC ¶ 61,062, *order on reh'g and compliance,* 117 FERC ¶ 61,126 (2006), *order on compliance,* 118 FERC ¶ 61,190, *order on reh'g,* 119 FERC ¶ 61,046 (2007), *aff'd sub nom. Alcoa Inc.* v. *FERC,* 564 F.3d 1342 (D.C. Cir. 2009).

[5] Burden is defined as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by people 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.

[6] The Reliability Standard BAL–007–1.1 (Near-Term Energy Reliability Assessments) will become in April 2027 and be included in the future 725R renewals.

[7] Area Control Error is the ''instantaneous difference between a Balancing Authority's net actual and scheduled interchange, taking into accounts the effects of Frequency Bias, correction for meter error, and Automatic Time Error Correction (ATEC), if operating in the ATEC mode. ATEC is only applicable to Balancing Authorities in the Western Interconnection.'' NERC Glossary.

[8] The estimated hourly cost (salary plus benefits) is a combination of the following categories from the BLS website, Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics—source for hourly wages: 75% of the average of an Electrical Engineer (17–2071) $92.32/hr., × .75 = $69.24 ($69.24/hour); and 25% of an Information and Record Clerk (43–4199) $56.60/hr., $56.60 × .25 = $14.15 ($14.15/hour), for a total ($69.24/hour + $14.15/hour = $83.39/hour).

[9] Allotting 10 hours for balancing authorities and the FRSG to compile the information on candidate events, (*the information is automatically generated from computer databases. However, time is allotted to compile, verify, and review the information.*) Multiplied by 28 events per balancing authority (or FRSG) per year yields 280 hours per year per balancing authority as the regulatory burden for compliance. (*Assuming an average of between 20 and 35 events per year would result in average of 27.5 responses, rounded to 28.*) as approved in Docket No. RD20–9–000. Procedure for ERO Support of Frequency Response and Frequency Bas Setting Standard Clean Version, is the source material for reviewing frequency events information.

FERC–725R—BAL–002–3

[Disturbance Control Standard—Contingency Reserve for Recovery from a Balancing Contingency Event]

Function	Number & type of respondents (1)	Number of annual responses per respondent (2)	Total No. of annual responses (1) × (2) = (3)	Average burden hours & cost ($) per response (4)	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost ($) (3) × (4) = (5) Rounded	Cost per respondent ($) (5) ÷ (1)
Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping	97 (BA)	1	97	12 hrs.; $1,000.68	1,164 hrs.; $97,066.	$1,000.68
	6 (RSG)	1	6	12 hrs.; $1,000.68	72 hrs.; $6,004	$1,000.68
TOTAL for FERC–725R BAL–002–3			103		1,236 hrs.; $103,070.	

FERC–725R—BAL–003–2

[Frequency Response and Frequency Bias Setting]

Function	Number & type of respondents (1)	Number of annual responses per respondent [9] (2)	Total No. of annual responses (1) × (2) = (3)	Average burden hours & cost ($) per response (4)	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost ($) (3) × (4) = (5) rounded	Cost per respondent ($) (5) ÷ (1)
Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping	97 (BA)	28	2,716	10 hrs.; $833.90	27,160 hrs.; $2,264,873.	$23,349.20
1 (FRSG)	28	28	10 hrs.; $833.90	280 hrs.; $23,349	$23,349.20.	
TOTAL for FERC–725R BAL–003–2			2744		27,440 hrs.; $2,288,222.	

FERC–725R—BAL–005–1

[Balancing Authority Control]

Function	Number & type of respondents (1)	Number of annual responses per respondent (2)	Total No. of annual responses (1) × (2) = (3)	Average burden hours & cost ($) per response (4)	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost($) (3) × (4) = (5) rounded.	Cost per respondent ($) (5) ÷ (1)
Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping.	97 (BA)	1	97	1 hr.; $83.39	97 hrs.; $8,089	$83.39
TOTAL for FERC–725R BAL–005–1.			97		97 hrs.; $8,089	

	Standard	Total No. of annual responses	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost ($) rounded
Total annual reporting and recordkeeping for 725R	BAL–001–2	97	1,164 hrs.; $97,066
	≤BAL–002–3	103	1,236 hrs.; $103,070
	BAL–003–2	2744	27,440 hrs.; $2,288,222
	BAL–005–1	97	97 hrs.; $8,089
	Total FERC 725R	3,041	29,937 hrs.; $2,496,446

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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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Secretary.

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