

| FAC-008-3 | Applies to: | Additional reporting beyond FAC-008-1 and FAC-009-1 | Additional recordkeeping beyond FAC-008-1 and FAC-009-1 |
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| R1 | Generator owners | None, this requirement is derived from R1 of FAC-008-1. | Retention period increased by 2 years. |
| R2 | Generator owners | None, this requirement is derived from R1 of FAC-008-1. | Retention period increased by 2 years. |
| R3 | Transmission owners | None, this requirement is derived from R1 of FAC-008-1. | Retention period increased by 2 years. |
| R4 | Generator owners and Transmission owners. | None, this requirement is derived from R2 of FAC-008-1. | Retention period increased by 2 years. |
| R5 | Generator owners and Transmission owners. | None, this requirement is derived from R3 of FAC-008-1. | Retention period increased by 2 years. |
| R6 | Generator owners and Transmission owners. | None, this requirement is derived from R1 of FAC-008-1. | Retention period increased by 2 years. |
| R7 | Generator owners | None, this requirement is derived from R2 of FAC-008-1. | Retention period increased by 2 years. |
| R8 | Generator owners that are subject to R2 and Transmission owners. | Newly added reporting of the next most limiting equipment and the thermal rating for the next most limiting equipment. | New retention period of 3 years. |

Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this proposed collection is estimated as:

| Additional proposed burden in FERC-725A | Number of respondents per compliance registry summary as of August 29, 2011 (A) | Number of responses per respondent (B) | Hours per respondent per response (C) | Total annual hours (A × B × C) |
|--|--|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Report the next most limiting equipment and the thermal rating for the next most limiting equipment. | ² 83 Generator owners | 1 | 80 | 6,640 |
| Report the next most limiting equipment and the thermal rating for the next most limiting equipment. | 342 Transmission owners | 1 | ³ 20 | 6,840 |
| Increase in retention time by 2 years for R1 through R7 | 833 Generator owners | 1 | 2 | 1,666 |
| Increase in retention time by 2 years for R1 through R7 | 342 Transmission owners | 1 | 2 | 684 |
| Compliance sub-total | | | | 13,480 |
| Recordkeeping sub-total | | | | 2,350 |
| Total | | | | 15,830 |

Estimated cost burden to respondents is \$1,683,400; [*i.e.*, (13,480 hours @ \$120 an hour (compliance cost)) + (2,350 hours @ \$28 an hour (recordkeeping cost))]. The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide the information including: (1) Reviewing instructions, (2) developing, acquiring, installing, and utilizing technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, verifying, processing, maintaining, disclosing and providing information, (3) adjusting the existing ways to comply with any

²Requirement R8 applies to generator owners that own facilities between the step-up transformer and the point of interconnection. We estimate that 10% of all NERC registered generator owners own such facilities.

³Transmission Owner estimate based on the supplemental work required to report the next most limiting equipment and assumes all prerequisite work was performed in compliance with currently effective Reliability Standard FAC-008-1.

previously applicable instructions and requirements, (4) training personnel to respond to a collection of information, (5) searching data sources, (6) completing and reviewing the collection of information, and (7) transmitting, or otherwise disclosing the information.

The estimate of cost for respondents is based upon salaries for professional and clerical support, as well as direct and indirect overhead costs. Direct costs include all costs directly attributable to providing this information, such as administrative costs and the cost for information technology. Indirect or overhead costs are costs incurred by an organization in support of its mission. These costs apply to activities which benefit the whole organization rather than any particular function or activity.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RD11-8-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-7251); Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Comment request.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D), the Federal Energy

Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is submitting the information collection FERC-725I, Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Northeast Power Coordinating Council, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review of the information collection requirements. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission solicited comments in an order published in the **Federal Register** (76 FR 66057, 10/25/2011) requesting public comments. FERC received no comments on the FERC-725I and is making this notation in its submission to OMB.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due by February 24, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Comments filed with OMB, identified by collection FERC-725I, should be sent via email to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs: *oira_submission@omb.gov*. Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. The Desk Officer may also be reached via telephone at (202) 395-4718.

A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, identified by the Docket No. RD11-8-000, by either of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's Web Site:* <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>.

- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Instructions: All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp>. For user assistance contact FERC Online Support by email at *ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov*, or by phone at: (866) 208-3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502-8659 for TTY.

Docket: Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket or in viewing/downloading comments and issuances in this docket may do so at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/docs-filing.asp>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen Brown may be reached by email at *DataClearance@FERC.gov*, by telephone at (202) 502-8663, and by fax at (202) 273-0873.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC-725I, Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Northeast Power Coordinating Council.

OMB Control No.: To be determined.
Type of Request: Three-year approval of the FERC-725I information collection requirements.

Abstract: This information collection relates to FERC-approved Reliability Standard, PRC-002-NPCC-01—Disturbance Monitoring. This Northeast Power Coordinating Council (NPCC) regional Reliability Standard requires respondents to provide recording

capability necessary to monitor the response of the Bulk-Power System to system disturbances, including scheduled and unscheduled outages; requires each reliability coordinator to establish requirements for its area's dynamic disturbance recording needs; and establishes disturbance data reporting requirements.

Reliability Standard PRC-002-NPCC-01 introduces several new mandatory and enforceable requirements for the applicable entities. However, NPCC presently has criteria¹ and published guidance² addressing similar requirements that the new Reliability Standard make mandatory. Thus, it is currently usual and customary for affected entities within NPCC to create, maintain and store some of the same or equivalent information identified in Reliability Standard PRC-002-NPCC-01. Therefore, many of the requirements contained in PRC-002-NPCC-01 do not impose new burdens on the affected entities.³

Several requirements contained in regional Reliability Standard PRC-002-NPCC-01 do introduce entirely new responsibilities for the applicable entities and each of these is listed in the estimated annual burden section below.

Type of Respondents: Transmission owners, generator owners and reliability coordinators within the NPCC region.⁴

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*⁵

| PRC-002-NPCC-01 | Number of respondents annually ⁶ | Number of responses per respondent | Average burden hours per response | Total annual hours |
|--|---|------------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (1×2×3) |
| R13: GO ⁷ and TO to document acquisition and installation of dynamic disturbance recorders. GO, TO, and RC to develop and employ implementation schedule. | 1 | 1 | Record Retention—10 | 10 |
| R14.5: GO and TO maintenance and testing program for stand-alone disturbance monitoring equipment includes monthly verification of active analog quantities. | 163 | 12 | Record Retention—5 | 9,780 |
| R14.7: GO and TO requirement to return failed units to service in 90 days. Record kept of efforts if greater than 90 days ⁸ . | 33 | 1 | Reporting (assessment and dist. of records)—10. | 330 |
| R17: RC maintains data on equipment, and provide to RE upon request. | 5 | 1 | Record Retention—10 | 330 |
| | | | Reporting (assessment and dist. of data)—5. | 25 |
| | | | Record Retention—10 | 50 |

¹ Disturbance Monitoring Equipment Criteria (Aug. 2007), available at <https://www.npcc.org/Standards/Criteria/A-15.pdf> (Disturbance Monitoring Criteria).

² Guide for Application of Disturbance Recording Equipment (Sept. 2006), available at

<https://www.npcc.org/Standards/Guides/B-26.pdf> (Application Guide).

³ 5 CFR 1320.3(b)(2) (2011).

⁴ These entity types are contained in the North American Electric Reliability Corporation's compliance registry. See <http://www.nerc.com/page.php?cid=3|25> for more information.

⁵ 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, reference 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

| PRC-002-NPCC-01 | Number of respondents annually ⁶ | Number of responses per respondent | Average burden hours per response | Total annual hours |
|------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (1×2×3) |
| <i>Sub-total</i> | | | <i>Reporting (assessment and dist).</i> | 355 |
| | | | <i>Record Retention</i> | 10,170 |
| Total | | | | 10,525 |

The total estimated annual cost resulting from this Reliability Standard is made up the hourly wage cost for record retention and reporting, and the compliance cost for new equipment. The total cost⁹ is \$1,077,360 (\$284,760 + \$42,600 + \$750,000). The individual components of this cost are:

- Estimated annual record retention cost¹⁰ = 10,170 hours @ \$28/hour = \$284,360

- Estimated annual reporting cost = 355 hours @ \$120/hour = \$ 42,600

Total estimated non-hourly annual compliance cost¹¹ (acquisition and installation of dynamic disturbance recorders) = \$750,000

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;

⁶The estimate below regarding the number of respondents is based on the NERC compliance registry as of August 29, 2011. After accounting for double counting, the net number of entities responding will be approximately 167 entities registered as a transmission owner, generation owner, or reliability coordinator.

⁷For purposes of this chart, generation owner is abbreviated to GO, transmission owner is abbreviated to TO, and reliability coordinator is abbreviated to RC.

⁸We estimate that an entity will experience a unit failure greater than 90 days once every five years. Therefore, 20 percent of NPCC's 163 generator owners and transmission owners will experience a unit failure of this duration each year.

⁹In the initial order there was a calculation error in the total cost and in the record retention cost. The difference is minor and has been corrected here.

¹⁰The hourly reporting cost is based on the estimated cost of an engineer to implement the requirements of the rule. The record retention cost comes from Commission staff research on record retention requirements.

¹¹We estimate that annually, approximately one entity within NPCC will have to procure dynamic disturbance recording capability and the total acquisition and installation cost will range between \$150,000 and \$750,000. We use the higher estimate here.

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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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 5042-001]

Boise Project Board of Control; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Types of Application:* Non-Capacity Amendment of a Conduit Exemption.

b. *Project No.:* 5042-001.

c. *Date Filed:* December 15, 2011.

d. *Applicant:* Boise Project Board of Control.

e. *Name of Project:* Fargo Drop No. 1 Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Exemptee's Wilder Irrigation District water supply system, near the town of Wilder, in Canyon County, Idaho.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Paul Deveau, Manager, Boise Project Board of Control, 2465 Overland Road, Boise, ID 83705-3155, and Albert P. Barker, Barker Rosholt & Simpson, 1010 W. Jefferson Street, Suite 102, Boise, ID 83701.

i. *FERC Contact:* Mrs. Anumzziatta Purchiaroni, (202) 502-6191, Anumzziatta.Purchiaroni@ferc.gov.

j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests, is 30 days from the issuance date of this notice. All documents may be filed electronically via the Internet. See, 18

CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and seven copies should be mailed to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments.

Please include the project number (P-5042-001) on any comments, motions, or recommendations filed.

k. *Description of proposed amendment:* The authorized but unconstructed project consists of: An inlet structure within the western bank of the Deer Flat low line canal; a 42 inch diameter, 900 foot long penstock; a powerhouse to contain two generating units with a combined rated capacity of 650 kW; a tailrace discharging directly into the Fargo High line canal. Now the exemptee proposes a design change that includes two horizontal Francis turbines and a single horizontal generator on a common shaft. The nameplate capacity of the project would increase from 650 kW to 1,100 kW, and the hydraulic capacity would increase from 100 cfs to 110 cfs. The proposed changes will not involve any change in the volume of water currently diverted for irrigation and will generate power using only water released for irrigation purposes.

l. *Locations of the Application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online