

Powerlink (SWPL) 500-kV transmission line. This La Rumorosa Wind Energy Project is now referred to as the ESJ Wind Project. The proposed transmission facilities would be about two-thirds of a mile long inside the United States and two miles long inside Mexico, and consist of either a double-circuit 230-kilovolt (kV) or a single-circuit 500-kV electric transmission line that would cross the U.S.-Mexico international border in the vicinity of Jacumba, San Diego County, California. The proposed facilities would include a loop-in substation on the SWPL. The proposed loop-in substation, known as the East County Substation (ECO Sub), would be owned and operated by SDG&E. From the U.S.-Mexico border, the proposed transmission line would continue south approximately two additional miles to its origination point at a future 230/500-kV substation. The proposed transmission line located in Mexico and the 230/500-kV substation would be constructed, owned, operated, and maintained by a subsidiary of Sempra Energy Mexico.

The proposed transmission line would be used to transmit the entire electrical output of the first phase of the ESJ Wind Project from Mexico to the United States (about 130 MW). Energy would not be exported from the United States to Mexico, except for the small amount of electrical energy needed for wind turbine lubrication, hydraulic, and control systems when the wind generators are not operating. Any entity exporting such electrical energy from the United States would require an electricity export authorization issued by DOE under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

This Notice now announces the availability for public comment of the Interconnection Facilities Studies prepared as part of the application by Sempra Generation in conjunction with the California Independent System Operator that controls the grid connected to the project and SDG&E, which is the participating transmission owner. These technical transmission studies are available on DOE's project Web site at <http://esjprojecteis.org>; first go to the "Document Library" and then select the "Reliability Studies" section that has been added at the very top of that page.

All comments received in response to this Notice will be posted on DOE's project Web site and made a part of the record in this proceeding to be considered by DOE before making a final determination on the issuance of a Presidential permit for the ESJ Project.

Before a Presidential permit may be issued or amended, DOE must

determine that the proposed action is in the public interest. In making that determination, DOE considers the environmental impacts of the proposed project pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, determines the project's impact on electric reliability by ascertaining whether the proposed project would adversely affect the operation of the U.S. electric power supply system under normal and contingency conditions, and any other factors that DOE may also consider relevant to the public interest. Also, DOE must obtain the concurrences of the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense before taking final action on a Presidential permit application.

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Brian Mills,

Director, Permitting and Siting, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RD11-3-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-725A); Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

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-725A, Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System as contained in the Commission Order in Docket No. RD11-3-000, 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. In compliance with section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Commission previously solicited comments on the information collection requirements associated with a modification to a Mandatory Reliability Standard, in an order published in the **Federal Register** (76 FR 72197, 11/22/2011). FERC received no comments in response to

that notice and has made this notation in its submission to OMB.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due by March 9, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Comments filed with OMB, identified by OMB Control No. 1902-0244, should be sent via email to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs: oir_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. RD11-3-000, 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-725A, Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System.

OMB Control No.: 1902-0244.

Type of Request: Three-year approval of the FERC-725A information collection requirements associated with FERC Docket No. RD11-3-000.

Abstract: This information collection relates to FERC-approved Reliability Standard FAC-013-2—Assessment of Transfer Capability for the Near-Term Transmission Planning Horizon. This modified Reliability Standard upgrades the existing planning requirements contained in FAC-013-1, and specifically requires planning coordinators to have a methodology for and to perform an annual assessment identifying potential future transmission system weaknesses and limiting facilities that could impact the bulk

electric system's ability to reliably transfer energy in the near-term transmission planning horizon. FAC-013-2 imposes relatively minimal new requirements beyond the existing requirements of FAC-013-1, primarily limited to specification of information that must be included in the documented methodology for identifying potential future transmission system weaknesses, the frequency of the assessment required, and the number of days allocated to make the assessment results available to other entities.

While the document retention requirements are being increased under the new Reliability Standard (from one to three years), the usual and customary practice currently is to retain documentation needed to demonstrate compliance for the period since the last

audit, which is on a three year schedule. In addition, while planning coordinators must ensure that they perform an appropriate transfer capability assessment at least once per year, they are already required to establish transfer capabilities and disseminate information about those capabilities. Thus, there should be no increase in burden other than the one-time cost of (1) setting up a procedure to ensure that the assessment will be performed at least once per year, and (2) adjusting the methodology (if needed) to comply with the more specific requirements set out in the new Reliability Standard. The estimated burden of complying with these modified requirements is listed in the estimated annual burden section below.

Type of Respondents: Planning Coordinators¹

Estimate of Annual Burden: FAC-013-2 will require applicable entities to review their transfer capability methodologies and document compliance with the Reliability Standard's requirements. Those planning coordinators that do not already comply with FAC-013-2's requirement for having a documented methodology for assessing transfer capability in the Near-Term Transmission Planning Horizon will be required to update their methodology documents and compliance protocols. In addition, planning coordinators must ensure that the required assessment will be performed at least once per calendar year. The estimated burden² is as follows:

Data collection	No. of respondents	No. of responses per respondent	Hours per respondent per response	Total annual hours
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A × B × C)
Review and possible revision of methodology (one-time)	3 ²⁰	1	80	1,600
Procedure to perform the Transfer Capability Assessment annually (one-time)	80	1	80	6,400
Total				8,000

The total estimated one-time cost resulting from this Reliability Standard is \$960,000, representing 8,000 hours at \$120 per hour.⁴

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: February 2, 2012.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 459-313]

Union Electric Company (Ameren); Notice of Application for Amendment of License and 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. *Application Type:* Application to amend project boundary.
- b. *Project No:* 459-313.
- c. *Date Filed:* January 31, 2012.
- d. *Applicant:* Union Electric Company (Ameren).
- e. *Name of Project:* Osage Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* The Osage Hydroelectric Project is located on the Osage River in Benton, Camden, Miller, and Morgan counties, Missouri.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a-825r.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Jeff Green, Shoreline Supervisor, AmerenUE, P.O. Box 993, Lake Ozark, MO 65049, (573) 365-9214.

i. *FERC Contact:* Robert Fletcher at (202) 502-8901, or email: robert.fletcher@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests:* March 5, 2012.

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>. 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. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 1 (866) 208-3676, or for TTY,

¹ Planning Coordinators are as identified in NERC's compliance registry. See <http://www.nerc.com/page.php?cid=3□25> for more information.

² 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 a further explanation of what is included in the information collection burden, reference 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

³ As of August 29, 2011, NERC listed 80 entities as registered planning authorities (synonymous with planning coordinator). The burden calculation

is based on the expectation that 25% of all planning coordinators will have to update their methodology documents.

⁴ The hourly reporting cost is based on the estimated cost of an engineer to implement the requirements of the rule.