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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC-606: Notification of Request for Federal Authorization and Requests for Further Information.

OMB Control No.: 1902-0241.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-606 information collection requirements with no changes to the reporting requirements.

Abstract: The FERC-606 information collection requires agencies (Federal agency or officer, or State agency or officer acting pursuant to delegated Federal authority, responsible for a Federal authorization) responsible for issuing, conditioning, or denying requests for Federal authorizations for a proposed natural gas project to report regarding the status of an authorization request. This reporting requirement is intended to allow agencies to assist the Commission to make better informed

decisions in establishing due dates for agencies' decisions. The Commission authorizes the construction and operation of proposed natural gas projects under NGA Sections 3 and 7. However, the Commission does not have jurisdiction over every aspect of each natural gas project. For a natural gas project to progress the Commission must approve and several different agencies must typically reach favorable findings regarding other aspects of the project. To coordinate better the activities of the separate agencies with varying responsibilities over proposed natural gas projects, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct 2005) modified FERC's role. Section 313 of EPAct 2005 directs FERC to establish a schedule for agencies to review requests for federal authorizations required for a project.

Type of Respondents: Government agencies responsible for issuing authorizations for proposed natural gas projects.

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

FERC-606: NOTIFICATION OF REQUEST FOR FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION AND REQUESTS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

| Number of respondents (A) | Number of responses per respondent (B) | Total number of responses (A) × (B) = (C) | Average burden hours per response (D) | Estimated total annual burden (C) × (D) |
|------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 4 |

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$276 [4 hours ÷ 2,080 hours/year³ * \$143,540/year⁴ = \$276].

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: March 11, 2013.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC13-08-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-556); 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 Form No. 556, "Certification of Qualifying Facility (QF) Status for a Small Power Production or Cogeneration Facility" (Form No. 556), 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 issued a Notice in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 77067, 12/31/2012) requesting public comments. FERC received no comments on the FERC-556 and is making this notation in its submittal to OMB.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due by April 15, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Comments filed with OMB, identified by the OMB Control No.

¹ Amended 15 U.S.C. 717n (Section 15).

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

³ 2,080 hours = 52 weeks * 40 hours per week (i.e., 1 year of full-time employment).

⁴ Average salary plus benefits per full-time equivalent employee.

1902-0075, 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.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title: FERC Form No. 556, Certification of Qualifying Facility (QF) Status for a Small Power Production or Cogeneration Facility.

OMB Control No.: 1902-0075.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the Form No. 556 information

collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

Abstract: The Commission requires the Form No. 556 to implement the statutory provisions in Sections 201 and 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA).¹ FERC is authorized to encourage cogeneration and small power production and to prescribe such rules as necessary in order to carry out the statutory directives.

A primary statutory objective is the conservation of energy through efficient use of energy resources and facilities by electric utilities. One means of achieving this goal is to encourage production of electric power by cogeneration facilities which make use of reject heat associated with commercial or industrial processes, and by small power production facilities which use other wastes and renewable resources. PURPA, encourages the development of small power production facilities and cogeneration facilities which meet certain technical and corporate criteria through establishment of various regulatory benefits. Facilities that meet these criteria are called Qualifying Facilities or QFs.

FERC's regulations² specify:

- the certification procedures which must be followed by owners or operators of small power production and cogeneration facilities;
- the criteria which must be met;
- the information which must be submitted to FERC in order to obtain qualifying status;
- the PURPA benefits which are available to QFs to encourage small power production and cogeneration; and
- the requirements pertaining to PURPA implementation plans regarding

the transaction obligations that electric utilities have with respect to QFs.

Among PURPA provisions in Part 292 are requirements for electric utilities to:

- purchase energy and capacity from QFs favorably priced on the basis of the avoided cost of the power that is displaced by the QF power (i.e. the incremental cost to the purchasing utility if it had generated the displaced power or purchased it from another source);
- sell backup, maintenance and other power services to QFs at rates based on the cost of rendering the services;
- provide certain interconnection and transmission services priced on a nondiscriminatory basis;
- operate in "parallel" with other interconnected QFs so that they may be electrically synchronized with electric utility grids; and
- make available to the public avoided cost information and system capacity needs.

18 CFR part 292 exempts QFs from certain corporate, accounting, reporting and rate regulation requirements, certain state laws and in certain instances, regulation under the Federal Power Act³ and the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005.⁴

Type of Respondents: Respondents to the Form No. 556 are cogeneration facilities and small power producers with a generating capacity greater than 1Megawatt (MW) who are self-certifying their status as a cogenerator facility or small power producer facility or who are submitting an application for FERC certification of their status as a cogenerator facility.

*Estimate of Annual Burden*⁵: The Commission estimates the total Public Reporting Burden for this information collection as:

FORM NO. 556 (IC13-8-000): CERTIFICATION OF QUALIFYING FACILITY (QF) STATUS FOR A SMALL POWER PRODUCTION OR COGENERATION FACILITY

| Facility type | Filing type | Number of respondents (A) | Total number of responses (B) | Average burden hours per response (C) | Estimated total annual burden hours (A) × (B) × (C) |
|---|---|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|
| cogeneration facility > 1MW | self-certification | 53 | 2 | 8 | 848 |
| cogeneration facility > 1MW | application for FERC certification | 2 | 2 | 50 | 200 |
| small power production facility > 1 MW. | self-certification | 690 | 2 | 3 | 4,140 |
| small power production facility > 1 MW. | application for FERC certification | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 |

¹ Public Law 95-617, November 9, 1978, 92 Stat. 3117. Codified at 16 U.S.C. 46,2601-45.

² 18 CFR part 292.

³ 16 U.S.C. 791, *et seq.*

⁴ 42 U.S.C. 16, 451-63.

⁵ The Commission defines burden 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.

FORM NO. 556 (IC13-8-000): CERTIFICATION OF QUALIFYING FACILITY (QF) STATUS FOR A SMALL POWER PRODUCTION OR COGENERATION FACILITY—Continued

| Facility type | Filing type | Number of respondents (A) | Total number of responses (B) | Average burden hours per response (C) | Estimated total annual burden hours (A) × (B) × (C) |
|--|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|
| cogeneration and small power production facility ≤ 1MW (not required to file). | self-certification | 192 | 2 | 3 | 1,152 |
| Totals | | 937 | | | 6,340 |

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$374,757.40 [6,340 * \$59.11].⁶

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: March 7, 2013.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2210-207]

Appalachian Power Company; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing 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:* Revised filing of updated shoreline management plan as a result of settlement proceedings.

b. *Project No:* 2210-207.

⁶ The cost figures are derived by multiplying the total hours to prepare a response (hours) by an hourly wage estimate of \$59.11 (a composite estimate that includes legal, engineering and support staff wages and benefits obtained from the Bureau of Labor Statistic data at http://bls.gov/oes/current/naics3_221000.htm and <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/eccc.nr0.htm> rates.

c. *Date Filed:* February 28, 2013.

d. *Applicant:* Appalachian Power Company.

e. *Name of Project:* Smith Mountain Pumped Storage Project.

f. *Location:* Headwaters of the Roanoke River, in Bedford, Campbell, Franklin, and Pittsylvania Counties, Virginia.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Frank Simms, American Electric Power Service Corporation, 40 Franklin Rd. SW., Roanoke, VA 24011, (540) 985-2875, fmsimms@aep.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* Mark Carter, (678) 245-3083, mark.carter@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests:* April 8, 2013.

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, (202) 502-8659. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and seven copies to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please include the project number (p-2210-207) on any comments or motions filed.

k. *Description of Application:* Appalachian Power Company (licensee) filed on January 3, 2011, and supplemented on February 18, 2011, an updated shoreline management plan (updated SMP) for Smith Mountain Lake and Leesville Lake, the two project

reservoirs. In response to the Commission's March 17, 2011 public notice of the updated SMP, two parties filed motions to intervene in opposition and several parties filed comments in opposition to the updated SMP. Between December 9, 2011, and February 6, 2013, the licensee, intervening parties, and non-decisional Commission staff participated in settlement proceedings to resolve disputed issues with the updated SMP. On February 28, 2013, the licensee filed a Revised SMP Update that is the result of the settlement proceedings, and proposes several minor changes and the following major changes to the January 3, 2011 SMP filing: (1) Replacing the "50% Rebuild Rule" with three new provisions for permitting, maintaining, and replacing existing structures; (2) revising the process for obtaining a variance from SMP procedures; (3) adding language to clarify the expectation that replacement vegetative cover would flourish; and (4) clarifying the actions the licensee may take if shoreline uses or occupancies are not constructed according to a permit.

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> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field (P-2210) to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should