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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC13–15–000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–582); Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection, FERC–582 (Electric Fees,

Annual Charges, Waivers, and Exemptions).

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due July 22, 2013.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC13–15–000) 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: Ellen Brown may be reached by email at DataClearance@FERC.gov, telephone at (202) 502–8663, and fax at (202) 273–0873.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Electric Fees, Annual Charges, Waivers, and Exemptions.

OMB Control No.: 1902–0132.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC–582 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

Abstract: The information required by FERC–582 is contained within 18 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 381¹ and part 382.²

The Commission uses the FERC–582 to implement the statutory provisions of the Independent Offices Appropriation Act of 1952 (IOAA)³ which authorizes the Commission to establish fees for its

services. In addition, the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986 (OBRA)⁴ authorizes the Commission to assess and collect fees and annual charges in any fiscal year in amounts equal to all the costs incurred by the Commission in that fiscal year.

To comply with the FERC–582 respondents submit to the Commission the sum of the megawatt-hours (MWh) of all unbundled transmission (including MWh delivered in wheeling transactions and MWh delivered in exchange transactions) and the megawatt-hours of all bundled wholesale power sales (to the extent the bundled wholesale power sales were not separately reported as unbundled transmission). The data collected within the FERC–582 is drawn directly from the FERC Form 1 transmission data. The Commission sums the costs of its electric regulatory program and subtracts all electric regulatory program filing fee collections to determine the total collectible electric regulatory program costs. Then, the Commission uses the data submitted under FERC–582 to determine the total megawatt-hours of transmission of electric energy in interstate commerce.

Respondents (e.g. public utilities, power marketers) subject to these annual charges must submit FERC–582 data to the Commission by April 30 of each year.⁵ The Commission issues bills for annual charges to respondents. Then, respondents must pay the charges within 45 days of the Commission’s issuance of the bill.

Respondents file requests for waivers and exemptions of fees and charges⁶ based on need. The Commission’s staff uses the filer’s financial information to evaluate the request for a waiver or exemption of the obligation to pay a fee or an annual charge.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*⁷ The Commission estimates the total Public Reporting Burden for this information collection as:

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	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden hours per response	Estimated total annual burden
	(A)	(B)	(A) × (B) = (C)	(D)	(C) × (D)
FERC–582 ⁸	114	1	114	1	114

¹ Title 18 CFR, Sections 381.105, 381.106, 381.108, 381.302, and 381.305.

² Title 18 CFR, Sections 382.102, 382.103, 382.105, 382.106, and 382.201.

³ 31 U.S.C. 9701.

⁴ 42 U.S.C. 7178.

⁵ 18 CFR 382.201.

⁶ 18 CFR parts 381 and 382.

⁷ 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 CFR 1320.3.

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$7,980 [114 hours * \$70/hour⁹ = \$7,980].

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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Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2454-072]

ALLETE, Inc.; Notice of Application for Temporary 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:* Temporary Amendment of License.

b. *Project No:* 2454-072.

c. *Date Filed:* April 30, 2013.

d. *Applicant:* ALLETE, Inc.

e. *Name of Project:* Sylvan Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the Crow Wing River in Cass, Crow Wing, and Morrison counties, Minnesota.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Bonnie L. Carlson, Minnesota Power, 30 West Superior Street, Duluth, MN 55802-2093, (218) 722-5642.

i. *FERC Contact:* Christopher Chaney, (202) 502-6778, christopher.chaney@ferc.gov.

⁸ Includes requirements of 18 CFR 381.105 (methods of payment), 381.106 (waiver), 381.108 (exemption), 381.302 (declaratory order), 381.303 (review of DOE remedial order), 381.304 (DOE denial of adjustment, and 381.305 (OGC interpretation).

⁹ FY2013 Estimated Average Hourly Cost per FERC FTE, including salary plus benefits.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests:* June 17, 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>. 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-2454-072) on any comments or motions filed.

k. *Description of Application:* ALLETE, Inc., d/b/a Minnesota Power, is requesting a temporary amendment of Article 401 of its license in order to address spillway structure stability concerns. The applicant initiated a drawdown of 1.5 feet from the normal reservoir elevation of 1177.0 feet on December 17, 2012. The applicant proposes to maintain the elevation within ± 0.25 feet of 1175.5 feet under normal operations until spillway repairs are completed, and the reservoir is refilled. As currently planned, the reservoir will be refilled during the fall of 2014.

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-2454) to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/subscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. 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 so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene:* Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments 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 comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents:* Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" as applicable; (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, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). All comments, motions to intervene, or protests should relate to project works which are the subject of the amendment application. 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. If an intervener 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. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

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Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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