

those markets, fair competition, and the protection of consumers. FERC-551 uses the information provided by pipelines as part of its overall implementation of the statutory provisions of section 23 of the Natural Gas Act, 16 U.S.C. 717t-2. More specifically, the Commission relies, in part, on section 23(a)(1) of the Natural Gas Act, for authority to collect this information and uses the pipelines' FERC-551 postings as part of fulfilling the transparency provisions of section 23(a)(1) of the Natural Gas Act. The data requirements for pipelines are in listed the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR 284.13, reporting requirements for interstate pipelines. The Commission has directed that the data requirements under FERC-551 are to be posted on interstate pipelines' websites and provided in downloadable

file formats, in conformity with 18 CFR 284.12.

The posting requirements are based on the Commission's authority under section 23 of the NGA (as added by the Energy Policy Act of 2005), which provides, in relevant part, that the Commission may issue such rules as necessary and appropriate to provide for the dissemination of "information about the availability and prices of natural gas at wholesale and in interstate commerce."¹ This provision enhances the Commission's authority to ensure confidence in the nation's natural gas markets. The Commission's market-oriented policies for the wholesale natural gas industry require that interested persons have broad confidence that reported market prices accurately reflect the interplay of legitimate market forces. Without confidence in the efficiency of price formation, the true value of transactions

is very difficult to determine. Further, price transparency facilitates ensuring that jurisdictional prices are "just and reasonable."²

The posting of FERC-551 information occurs on a daily basis. The data must be available for download for not less than 90 days from the date of posting and must be retained by the pipeline for three years.

The daily posting requirements for major non-interstate pipelines prescribed in the Commission's Order No. 720 are no longer required. The number of respondents used to develop the burden estimates do not include any major non-interstate pipelines.

Type of Respondents: Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines.

*Estimate of Annual Burden*³: The Commission estimates the total public reporting burden and cost for this information collection as follows:

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	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden & cost per response ⁵	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost	Burden hour & cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
FERC-551	172	365	62,780	0.5 hours; \$25.59 ...	31,390 hrs.; \$1,606,540.20.	182.5 hrs.; \$9,340.35

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. 3409-032]
Boyne USA, Inc.; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission and Soliciting Additional Study Requests and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Relicensing and a Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.
 a. *Type of Application:* Subsequent Minor License.
 b. *Project No.:* 3409-032.
 c. *Date Filed:* January 31, 2020.

¹ Section 23(a)(2) of the NGA, 15 U.S.C. 717t-2(a)(2) (2000 & Supp. V 2005).
² See sections 4 and 5 of the NGA, 15 U.S.C. 717c and 717d.
³ 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, refer to 5 CFR 1320.3.

⁴ The hourly figures in the 30-day notice differ from the wages used in the 60-day notice. The figures used here are the most current figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the National Industry-Specific Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates.
⁵ The hourly figure (wages plus benefits) is based on the average of the occupational categories for 2018 found on the Bureau of Labor Statistics website (http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics2_

22.htm and <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/ecec.nr0.htm>):
 —*Management (Occupation Code: 11-0000):* \$66.67
 —*Business (Occupation Code: 13-0000):* \$41.98
 —*Financial (Occupation Code: 13-2051):* \$44.92
 These various occupational categories' wage (and benefits) figures are averaged and weighted equally, giving an average of \$51.19/hour. The resulting wage figure is rounded to \$51.00/hour for use in calculating wage figures in the FERC-551 renewal.

d. *Applicant*: Boyne USA, Inc.
 e. *Name of Project*: Boyne River Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location*: On the Boyne River in Boyne Valley Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan.

g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791 (a)–825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact*: Randall Sutton, Boyne Mountain Resort Area Manager Boyne USA, Inc., P.O. Box 19, Boyne Falls, MI 49713; (231) 549–6076; rsutton@boynemountain.com.

i. *FERC Contact*: Patrick Ely at patrick.ely@ferc.gov or (202) 502–8570.

j. *Cooperating Agencies*: Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues that wish to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document should follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item l below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. *See*, 94 FERC 61,076 (2001).

k. Pursuant to section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the application, and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

l. *Deadline for filing additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status*: March 31, 2020.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208–3676 (toll free), or (202) 502–8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P–3409–032.

m. The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

n. The Boyne River Hydroelectric Project (project) consists of a reservoir with a gross storage capacity of 356 acre-feet and a surface area of 68 acres at a pool elevation of 636.8 feet National

Geodetic Vertical Datum 1988. The project includes: (a) An existing 610-foot-long by 30-foot-high (left) earth-fill dam embankment, a 180-foot-long by 18-foot-high (right) earth-fill dam embankment, a 75-foot-long concrete spillway; (b) a 132-foot-long by 50 to 72-foot-wide by 12-foot-deep concrete lined headrace channel; (c) a 74-foot-long steel penstock consisting of two 5-foot-diameter and one 7-foot-diameter sections; (d) a 20-foot-long by 8.3-foot-wide to 16-foot-wide by 4-foot-deep stilling basin; and (e) a 24-foot-long by 24-foot-wide concrete powerhouse with a single 250-kilowatt propeller turbine. The project also consists of a 2.5-mile-long, 12.5-kilovolt transmission line and appurtenant facilities. The project generates about 661 megawatt-hours annually. The applicant proposes to continue to operate the project in a run-of-river mode.

o. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the eLibrary link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

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. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

p. *Procedural schedule and final amendments*: The application will be processed according to the following preliminary schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Issue Deficiency Letter (if necessary)—March 2020

Request Additional Information (if necessary)—March 2020

Issue Scoping Document 1 for comments—July 2020

Request Additional Information (if necessary)—September 2020

Issue Scoping Document 2 (if necessary)—October 2020

Issue Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis—October 2020

Commission issues EA—April 2021

Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

Dated: February 11, 2020.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Filing

	Docket Nos.
Balfour, Scott C.	ID–7646–004
Bennett, Robert R.	ID–7647–002
Blunden, Gregory W.	ID–7981–001
Muldoon, Daniel P.	ID–8749–001
Schwartz, David E.	ID–3396–002
Strickland, Valerie C.	ID–8254–001
Weatherford, William W.	ID–8850–000

Take notice that on February 10, 2020, Scott C. Balfour, Robert R. Bennett, Gregory W. Blunden, Daniel P. Muldoon, David E. Schwartz, Valerie C. Strickland, and William W. Weatherford, submitted for filing, applications for authority to hold interlocking positions, pursuant to section 305(b) of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 825d(b) (2019) and section 45.8 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR part 45.8 (2019).

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the eFiling link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the eLibrary link and is available for electronic review in the Commission's Public