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**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. IC20-6-000]

**Commission Information Collection Activities (Ferc-725a(1b); Comment Request; Extension**

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection, FERC-725A(1B), (Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk Power System)

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due April 27, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC20-6-000) by either of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's website:* <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](mailto: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:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* FERC-725A(1B), (Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk Power System).

*OMB Control No.:* 1902-0292.

*Type of Request:* Three-year extension of the FERC-725A(1B) information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

*Abstract:* The FERC-725A(1B) Under section 215 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), the Commission proposes to approve Reliability Standards TOP-

010-1 (Real-time Reliability Monitoring and Analysis Capabilities) submitted by North American Electric Corporation (NERC). In this order, the Reliability Standards build on monitoring, real-time assessments and support effective situational awareness. The Reliability Standards accomplish this by requiring applicable entities to: (1) Provide notification to operators of real-time monitoring alarm failures; (2) provide operators with indications of the quality of information being provided by their monitoring and analysis capabilities; and (3) address deficiencies in the quality of information being provided by their monitoring and analysis capabilities. FERC-725A(1B) address situational awareness objectives by providing for operator awareness when key alarming tools are not performing as intended. These collections will improve real-time situational awareness capabilities and enhance reliable operations by requiring reliability coordinators, transmission operators, and balancing authorities to provide operators with an improved awareness of system conditions analysis capabilities, including alarm availability, so that operators may take appropriate steps to ensure reliability. These functions include planning, operations, data sharing, monitoring, and analysis.

*Type of Respondent:* Balancing Authority (BA), Transmission Operations (TOP) and Reliability Coordinators (RC).

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*<sup>1</sup> The Commission estimates the total annual burden and cost<sup>2</sup> for this information collection in the table below.

FERC-725A(1B), CHANGES DUE TO TOP-010-1 IN DOCKET NO. IC20-6-000<sup>3</sup>

Entity	Requirements & period	Number of respondents <sup>4</sup>	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden & cost per response <sup>5</sup>	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost	Cost per respondent (\$)
		(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
BA <sup>6</sup> .....	Year 1 Implementation (one-time reporting).	98	1	98	70 hrs.; \$4,494.00 .....	6,860 hrs.; \$440,412.00.	\$4,494.00
	Starting in Year 2 (annual reporting).	98	1	98	42 hrs.; \$2,696.40 .....	4,116 hrs.; \$264,247.20.	\$2,696.40
TOP <sup>7</sup> .....	Year 1 Implementation (one-time reporting).	169	1	169	70 hrs.; \$4,494.00 .....	11,830 hrs.; \$759,486.00.	\$4,494.00

<sup>1</sup> "Burden" is 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 Title 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

<sup>2</sup> Costs (for wages and benefits) are based on wage figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) for May 2019 (at [https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics2\\_22.htm](https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics2_22.htm)) and benefits information (at <https://www.bls.gov/news.release/ecec.nr0.htm>).

<sup>3</sup> Our estimates are based on the NERC Compliance Registry Summary of Entities and Functions as of January 31, 2019, which indicates there are registered as BA and TOP.

<sup>4</sup> The number of respondents is the number of entities in which a change in burden from the current standards to the proposed exists, not the total number of entities from the current or proposed standards that are applicable.

<sup>5</sup> The estimated hourly costs (salary plus benefits) are based on Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)

information, as of May 2019 (at [http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics2\\_22.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics2_22.htm), with updated benefits information for March 2019 at <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/ecec.nr0.htm>), for an electrical engineer (code 17-2071, \$68.17/hour), and for information and record clerks record keeper (code 43-4199, \$40.84/hour). The hourly figure for engineers is used for reporting; the hourly figure for information and record clerks is used for document retention.

FERC-725A(1B), CHANGES DUE TO TOP-010-1 IN DOCKET NO. IC20-6-000<sup>3</sup>—Continued

Entity	Requirements & period	Number of respondents <sup>4</sup>	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden & cost per response <sup>5</sup>	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost	Cost per respondent (\$)
		(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
BA/TOP .....	Starting in Year 2 (annual reporting).	169	1	169	40 hrs.; \$2,568.00 .....	6,760 hrs.; \$433,992.00.	\$2,568.00
	Annual Record Retention.	267	1	267	2 hrs.; \$75.38 .....	534 hrs.; \$20,126.46	\$75.38
Total Burden Hours Per Year.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19,224 hrs. \$1,220,024.46 (Year 1); 11,410 hrs. \$718,365.66 per year, (starting in Year 2).	

**Averaging One-Time Burden and Responses for FERC-725A(1B), Changes Due to TOP-010-1 in Docket No. IC20-6-000 Over Years 1-3**

- Year 1 has 19,224 hrs. of burden and record retention
- Years 2 and 3 have on-going annual burden and record retention of 11,410 hrs.

For purposes of this OMB clearance, the 19,224 one-time burden hours will be averaged over Years 1-3. After Year 3, the one-time burden hours will then be removed from the inventory. The estimated additional burden due to this Order is 14,014 [consisting of (19,224 + 11,410 + 11,410) ÷ 3].

*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.

<sup>6</sup> Balancing Authority (BA). The following Requirements and associated measures apply to balancing authorities: Requirement R1: A revised data specification and writing the required operating process/operating procedure; and Requirement R2: Quality monitoring logs and the data errors and corrective action logs.

<sup>7</sup> Transmission Operations (TOP). The following Requirements and associated measures apply to transmission operators: Requirement R1: A revised data specification and writing the required operating process/operating procedure; and Requirement R3: Alarm process monitor performance logs to maintain performance logs and corrective action plans.

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*  
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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-10005-70-OECA]

**Applicability Determination Index Data System Posting: EPA Formal Responses to Inquiries Concerning Compliance With Clean Air Act Stationary Source Program**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces applicability determinations, alternative monitoring decisions, and regulatory interpretations that EPA has made with regard to the New Source Performance Standards (NSPS); the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP); the Emission Guidelines and Federal Plan Requirements for existing sources; and/or the Stratospheric Ozone Protection Program.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** An electronic copy of each complete document posted on the Applicability Determination Index (ADI) data system is available on the internet through the Resources and Guidance Documents for Compliance Assistance page of the Clean Air Act Compliance Monitoring website under "Air" at: <https://www2.epa.gov/compliance/resources-and-guidance-documents-compliance-assistance>. The letters and memoranda on the ADI may be located by author, date, office of issuance, subpart, citation, control number, or by string word searches. For questions about the ADI or this document, contact Maria

Malave, Monitoring, Assistance and Media Programs Division by phone at: (202) 564-7027, or by email at: [malave.maria@epa.gov](mailto:malave.maria@epa.gov). For technical questions about individual applicability determinations or monitoring decisions, refer to the contact person identified in the individual documents, or in the absence of a contact person, refer to the author of the document.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

The General Provisions of the NSPS in 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 60 and the General Provisions of the NESHAP in 40 CFR part 61 provide that a source owner or operator may request a determination of whether certain intended actions constitute the commencement of construction, reconstruction, or modification. 40 CFR 60.5 and 61.06. The General Provisions in 40 CFR part 60 also apply to Federal and EPA-approved state plans for existing sources in 40 CFR part 62. See 40 CFR 62.02(b)(2). The EPA's written responses to source or facility-specific inquiries on provisions in 40 CFR parts 60, 61 and 62 are commonly referred to as applicability determinations. Although the NESHAP 40 CFR part 63 regulations [which include Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT) standards and/or Generally Available Control Technology (GACT) standards] contain no specific regulatory provision providing that sources may request applicability determinations, the EPA also responds to written inquiries regarding applicability for the 40 CFR part 63 regulations. In addition, the General Provisions in 40 CFR parts 60 and 63 allow sources to seek permission to use monitoring or recordkeeping that is different from the promulgated requirements. See 40 CFR 60.13(i), 61.14(g), 63.8(b)(1), 63.8(f), and 63.10(f). The EPA's written responses to these inquiries are commonly referred to as