

an application under section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to amend the existing Order Issuing Certificates and Approving Abandonment issued on January 19, 2017 (Order) for the Leach XPress Project (LXP) in Docket No. CP15-514-000. In the LXP Amendment, Columbia Gas proposes to modify its operation of the Ceredo Compressor Station authorized in the Order and requests modifying the Order noise level requirement for the Ceredo and Crawford Compressor Stations. The proposed LXP Amendment would allow Columbia Gas to operate the Ceredo and Crawford Compressor Stations under the modified full load scenario, and ensure that the noise level requirement associated with the compressor stations would be consistent with the Commission's policy.

On November 19, 2019, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) issued its Notice of Application for the LXP Amendment. Among other things, that notice alerted agencies issuing federal authorization of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on a request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission's staff's Environmental Assessment (EA) for the LXP Amendment. This instant notice identifies the FERC staff's planned schedule for completion of an EA for the LXP Amendment.

#### Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA—May 7, 2020  
90-day Federal Authorization Decision  
Deadline—August 5, 2020

If a schedule change becomes necessary, additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the LXP Amendment's progress.

#### Project Description

Columbia Gas is proposing to modify its operation of the Ceredo Compressor Station authorized in the Order to reduce operational noise levels on noise sensitive areas by: (1) Modifying the full-load operation of the Ceredo Compressor Station to limit the use of the seven existing legacy reciprocating units operating prior to the LXP Order to four units at a given time; and (2) allowing for the use of additional horsepower (hp) at the Ceredo Compressor Station that is available from existing electric-driven compressor units installed since issuance of the LXP Order. Columbia Gas also requests amending the Order noise level requirement for the Ceredo and Crawford Compressor Stations to conform to the Commission staff

recommended environmental condition 31 in the September 2016 final Environmental Impact Statement for the LXP rather than environmental condition 31 of the Order.

#### Background

On February 26, 2020, the Commission issued a *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Leach XPress Project Amendment and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues* (NOI). The NOI was sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. In response to the NOI, the Commission received one comment letter from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency raising issues including: Expected noise impacts and existing and potential alternative noise mitigation applicable to noise sensitive receivers in the vicinity of the compressor stations; and clarification of what facility modifications Columbia Gas carried out at the compressor stations under the LXP Order. All substantive comments received from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will be addressed in the EA.

#### Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to [www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp](http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp).

Additional information about the LXP Amendment is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (866) 208-FERC or on the FERC website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)). Using the "eLibrary" link, select "General Search" from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and "Docket Number" excluding the last three digits (i.e., CP20-12), and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to eLibrary, the helpline can be reached at (866) 208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659, or at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). The eLibrary link on the FERC website also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

Dated: April 1, 2020.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC20-14-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-725T); 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-725T, Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System: TRE Reliability Standards.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due June 8, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC20-14-000) 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, at Health and Human Services, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

*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).

*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](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), telephone at (202) 502-8663.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* FERC–725T, Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System: TRE<sup>1</sup> Reliability Standards.

*OMB Control No.:* 1902–0273.

*Type of Request:* Three-year extension of the FERC–725T information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

*Abstract:* TRE Reliability Standards apply to entities registered as Generator Owners (GOs), Generator Operators (GOPs), and Balancing Authorities (BAs) within the Texas Reliability Entity region.

The information collection requirements entail the setting or configuration of the Control System software, identification and recording of events, data retention, and submitting frequency measurable events to the compliance enforcement authority (Regional Entity or NERC).

Submitting frequency measurable events. The BA has to identify and post

information regarding Frequency Measurable Events (FME). Further, the BA has to calculate and report to the Compliance Enforcement Authority data related to Primary Frequency Response (PFR) performance of each generating unit/generating facility.

Data retention. The BA, GO, and GOP shall keep data or evidence to show compliance, as identified below, unless directed by its Compliance Enforcement Authority to retain specific evidence for a longer period of time as part of an investigation. Compliance audits are generally about three years apart.

- The BA shall retain a list of identified Frequency Measurable Events and shall retain FME information since its last compliance audit.

- The BA shall retain all monthly PFR performance reports since its last compliance audit.

- The BA shall retain all annual Interconnection minimum Frequency Response calculations, and related methodology and criteria documents, relating to time periods since its last compliance audit.

- The BA shall retain all data and calculations relating to the Interconnection’s Frequency Response, and all evidence of actions taken to increase the Interconnection’s Frequency Response, since its last compliance audit.

- Each GOP and GO shall retain evidence since its last compliance audit.

*Type of Respondents:* NERC Registered entities: Balancing Authorities, Generator Owners, Generator Operators.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*<sup>2</sup> The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden for the information collection as:

**FERC–725T (MANDATORY RELIABILITY STANDARDS FOR THE BULK-POWER SYSTEM: TRE RELIABILITY STANDARDS)**

	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden & cost per response <sup>3</sup>	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost	Cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
Maintenance and Submission of Event Log Data.	4 <sup>1</sup>	1	1	16 hrs.; \$821.44 .....	16 hrs.; \$821.44 .....	821.44
Evidence Retention .....	5 <sup>1</sup> 130	1	130	2 hrs.; 102.68 .....	260 hrs.; 13,348.4 .....	102.68
Total .....	.....	.....	131	.....	276 hrs.; 14,169.84 .....	.....

*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: April 1, 2020.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 1835–290]

**Nebraska Public Power District; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment**

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s regulations, 18 CFR part

380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47879), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for non-capacity license amendment for the North Platte/Keystone Diversion Dam Hydroelectric Project, located on the North/South Platte Rivers in Lincoln and Keith counties, Nebraska, and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA). In the EA, Commission staff analyzes the potential environmental effects of the proposed license amendment and concludes that issuing an order approving the proposal, with appropriate environmental measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all

—Electrical Engineer (code 17–2071), \$68.17.

The average hourly burden cost for this collection is \$51.34 [\$34.50 + \$68.17 = 51.335] and is rounded to \$51.34.

<sup>4</sup> BA (balancing authority).

<sup>5</sup> BA (balancing authority), GO (generator owner), and GOP (generator operator).

<sup>1</sup> Texas Reliability Entity.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> The figures for May 2018 posted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the Utilities sector (available at [http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics2\\_22.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics2_22.htm)) and updated March 2019 for benefits information (at <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/ecec.nr0.htm>). The hourly estimates for salary plus benefits are:

—File Clerks (code 43–4071), \$34.50.