

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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 11322-000]

Tuolumne Utilities District; Notice of Existing Licensee's Failure To File a Notice of Intent To File a Subsequent License Application, And Soliciting Notices of Intent To File a License Application and Pre-Application Documents

The current license for Columbia Water Supply Hydroelectric Project No. 11322 was issued to Tuolumne Utilities District on August 28, 1995, for a term of 30 years, ending July 31, 2025.¹ The 350-kilowatt (kW) project is located near the town of Sonora in Tuolumne County, California.

The project consists of: (1) The 5-mile-long Columbia Ditch from its terminus to the project boundary of the Phoenix Hydroelectric Project No. 1061, licensed to Pacific Gas and Electric Company; (2) an intake structure on the Columbia Ditch; (3) an 18,700-foot-long steel penstock; (4) a powerhouse containing one generating unit with an installed capacity of 350 kW; (5) a 500-foot-long tailrace returning water to the Bureau of Reclamation's existing New Melones Reservoir; (6) a 2,600-foot-long transmission line; and (7) appurtenant facilities.

At least five years before the expiration of a license for a minor water power project in which sections 14 and 15 of the Federal Power Act were waived, the Commission's regulations require the licensee to file with the Commission a notice of intent (NOI) that contains an unequivocal statement of the licensee's intention to file or not to file an application for a subsequent license, details on the principal project works and installed plant capacity, and other information.²

If such a licensee does not inform the Commission that it intends to file an application for, in this case, a subsequent license for the project, the licensee may not file an application for a subsequent license, either individually or in conjunction with an entity or entities that are not currently licensees of the project.³

Because the existing license expires on July 31, 2025, the NOI was due to be filed no later than the close of business on July 31, 2020. Tuolumne Utilities District, the existing licensee for the Columbia Water Supply Hydroelectric Project, failed to file an NOI for the project by this date.

Any party interested in filing a license application for the Columbia Water Supply Hydroelectric Project must first file an NOI⁴ and a pre-application document (PAD)⁵ pursuant to Part 5 of the Commission's regulations. Although the integrated licensing process (ILP) is the default pre-filing process, section 5.3(b) of the Commission's regulations allows a potential license applicant to request to use alternative licensing procedures when it files its NOI.⁶

This notice sets a deadline of 120 days from the date of this notice for interested applicants, other than the existing licensee, to file NOIs, PADs, and requests to use the traditional licensing process or alternative procedures.

Applications for a subsequent license from potential applicants must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license.⁷ Because the existing license expires on July 31, 2025, applications for license for this project must be filed by July 31, 2023.⁸

Questions concerning this notice should be directed to Shannon Boyle at (202) 502-8417 or shannon.boyle@ferc.gov.

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³ 18 CFR 16.24(b).

⁴ 18 CFR 5.5.

⁵ 18 CFR 5.6.

⁶ 18 CFR 5.3(b).

⁷ 18 CFR 16.20.

⁸ To the extent an interested applicant files an NOI and PAD and elects or is required to use the Commission's ILP, a process plan will be issued within 180 days of this notice, which accelerates the steps of the ILP to allow for filing a subsequent license application by the July 31, 2023 deadline.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER21-251-000]

Degrees3 Transportation Solutions, LLC; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of Degrees3 Transportation Solutions, LLC's application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is November 19, 2020.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically may mail similar pleadings to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. Hand delivered submissions in docketed proceedings should be delivered to Health and Human Services, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the eLibrary link. Enter

¹ *Tuolumne Utilities Dist.*, 72 FERC 62,178 (1995).

² 18 CFR 16.19(b) (2020) (citing 18 CFR 16.6(b)).

the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room, due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TYY, (202) 502-8659.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC21-3-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (Ferc-725d); Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

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 a renewal of currently approved information collection, FERC-725D (Facilities Design, Connections and Maintenance Reliability Standards).

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due January 4, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC21-3-000) by one of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's Website:* <http://www.ferc.gov>.

- *U.S. Postal Service Mail:* Persons unable to file electronically may mail similar pleadings to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426

- Effective 7/1/2020, delivery of filings other than by eFiling or the U.S. Postal Service should be delivered to 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>

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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>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen Brown may be reached by email at DataClearance@FERC.gov, telephone at (202) 502-8663.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC-725D,¹ Facilities Design, Connections and Maintenance Reliability Standards.

OMB Control No.: 1902-0247.

Type of Request: Three-year approval of the FERC-725D information collection requirements, with no changes to the reporting or recordkeeping requirements. (There are adjustments to the estimates to update the totals that represent the numbers reflected in the NERC Compliance Registry as of July 17, 2020.)

Abstract: On August 8, 2005, The Electricity Modernization Act of 2005, which is Title XII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct 2005), was enacted into law. EPAct 2005 added a new section 215 to the Federal Power Act (FPA), which requires a Commission-certified Electric Reliability Organization (ERO) to develop mandatory and enforceable Reliability Standards, subject to Commission review and approval. Once approved, the Reliability Standards may be enforced by the ERO, subject to Commission oversight, or by the Commission independently. Section 215 of the FPA requires a Commission-certified ERO to develop mandatory and enforceable Reliability Standards, subject to Commission review and approval. Once approved, the Reliability Standards may be enforced by the ERO subject to Commission oversight or by the Commission independently. In 2006, the Commission certified NERC (now called the North American Electric Reliability Corporation) as the ERO pursuant to section 215 of the FPA. On March 16, 2007 (pursuant to section 215(d) of the FPA), the Commission issued Order No. 693, approving 83 of the 107 initial Reliability Standards filed by NERC. In the intervening years, numerous changes have been made to update, eliminate, or establish various Reliability Standards.

¹ This renewal is being submitted to extend the OMB expiration date and will not have an effect on the Docket No. RD20-4 that is being addressed separately.

The information collected by FERC-725D is required to implement the statutory provisions of section 215 of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. 824c). Pursuant to section 215 of the Federal Power Act (FPA),² in Order 836,³ the commission approved the following standards, FAC-001-2 (Facility Interconnection Requirements), FAC-002-2 (Facility Interconnection Requirements) FAC-001-3 (Facility Interconnection Requirements). Reliability Standard FAC-001-2 requires each transmission owner and applicable generator owner to document facility interconnection requirements, and to make them available upon request to entities seeking to interconnect. In addition, Reliability Standard FAC-001-2 requires each transmission owner and applicable generator owner to include procedures for coordinating studies to determine the impact of interconnecting facilities on existing interconnections as well as on affected systems.

Reliability Standard FAC-002-2 requires each transmission planner and each planning coordinator to study the reliability impact of interconnecting new—or materially modifying existing—generation, transmission, or electricity end-user facilities on affected systems. In particular, Reliability Standard FAC-002-2 requires transmission planners and planning coordinators to perform steady-state, short-circuit, and dynamic studies to evaluate system performance under both normal and contingency conditions. In addition, Reliability Standard FAC-002-2 requires each generator owner seeking to interconnect, each transmission owner, each distribution provider, and each load-serving entity that is seeking to interconnect new—or materially modifying existing—transmission facilities or end-user facilities to coordinate and cooperate on studies with its transmission planner and planning coordinator. Reliability Standard FAC-001-3 (Transmission Owners) are set out to avoid adverse impacts on the reliability of the Bulk Electric System, Transmission Owners and applicable Generator Owners must document and make Facility interconnection requirements available so that entities seeking to interconnect will have the necessary information.

Type of Respondents: PA/PC, TP, TO, DP, & GO.⁴

² 16 U.S.C. 824(o).

³ Order 836 in Docket No. RM16-13 was issued on 9/20/2017 and is posted at <https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/common/opennat.asp?fileID=14684897>.

⁴ PA = Planning Authority; PC = Planning Coordinator; TO = Transmission Owner; GO =