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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER21–352–000]

Flat Ridge Interconnection LLC; Supplemental Notice That Common Facilities Agreement Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of Flat Ridge Interconnection LLC's filing of an Amended and Restated Common Facilities Agreement, noting that such filing 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 27, 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://ferc.gov>) using the eLibrary link. Enter 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 TTY, (202) 502–8659.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC21–7–000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–598); Comment Request; Revision

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–598 (Self-Certification for Entities Seeking Exempt Wholesale Generator or Foreign Utility Company Status).

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due January 25, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC21–7–000) by any of the following methods:

- eFiling at Commission's website: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>.

- 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 July 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>. For user assistance, contact FERC Online Support by email at: 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>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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: FERC–598, Self-Certification for Entities Seeking Exempt Wholesale Generator or Foreign Utility Company Status.

OMB Control No.: 1902–0166.

Type of Request: Three-year renewal of FERC–598.

Abstract: Under 42 U.S.C. 16452(a), public utility holding companies and their associates must maintain, and make available to the Commission, certain books, accounts, memoranda, and other records. The pertinent records are those that the Commission has determined: (1) Are relevant to costs incurred by a public utility or natural gas company that is an associate company of such holding company; and (2) are necessary or appropriate for the protection of utility customers with respect to jurisdictional rates.

Public utility holding companies and their associates may seek exemption from this requirement. The pertinent statutory and regulatory provisions, 42 U.S.C. 16454 and 18 CFR 366.7, authorize such entities to file with the Commission a notice of self-certification demonstrating that they are exempt wholesale generators (EWGs) or foreign utility companies (FUCOs). If the Commission takes no action on a good-faith self-certification filing within 60 days after the date of filing, the applicant is exempt from the requirements of 42 U.S.C. 16452(a).

An EWG is defined as any person engaged directly, or indirectly through one or more affiliates . . . and exclusively in the business of owning or operating, or both owning and operating, all or part of one or more eligible facilities and selling electric energy at wholesale.¹ A FUCO is

¹ 18 CFR 366.1.

defined as “any company that owns or operates facilities that are not located in any state and that are used for the generation, transmission, or distribution of electric energy for sale or the distribution at retail of natural or manufactured gas for heat, light, or power, if such company: (1) Derives no part of its income, directly or indirectly, from the generation, transmission, or distribution of electric energy for sale or the distribution at retail of natural or

manufactured gas for heat, light, or power, within the United States; and (2) [n]either the company nor any of its subsidiary companies is a public-utility company operating in the United States.”²

In the case of EWGs, the person filing a notice of self-certification must also file a copy of the notice of self-certification with the state regulatory authority of the state in which the facility is located. In addition, that

person must represent to the Commission in its submission that it has filed a copy of the notice with the appropriate state regulatory authority.³

Type of Respondents: EWGs and FUCOs.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*⁴ The Commission estimates the total annual burden and cost⁵ for this information collection as follows.

FERC–598 (Self-Certification for Entities Seeking Exempt Wholesale Generator Status or Foreign Utility Company Status)

Number of respondents (EWGs and FUCOs)	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden hrs. & cost (\$) per response	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost	Average cost per respondent (\$)
A.	B.	C. (Column A × Column B)	D.	E. (Column C × Column D)	F. (Column E ÷ Column 1)
250	1	250	6 hrs.; \$498	1,500 hrs.; \$124,500	\$498

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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14635–001]

Village of Gouverneur, New York; Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed

with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

- a. *Type of Application:* Original Minor License.
 - b. *Project No.:* 14635–001.
 - c. *Date filed:* September 20, 2019.
 - d. *Applicant:* Village of Gouverneur, New York (Village of Gouverneur).
 - e. *Name of Project:* Gouverneur Hydroelectric Project.
 - f. *Location:* On the Oswegatchie River, in the Village of Gouverneur in St. Lawrence County, New York. The project does not occupy federal land.
 - g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791(a)–825(r).
 - h. *Applicant Contact:* Ronald P. McDougall, Mayor, Village of Gouverneur, 33 Clinton Street, Gouverneur, NY 13642; (315) 287–1720.
 - i. *FERC Contact:* Jody Callihan, (202) 502–8278 or jody.callihan@ferc.gov.
 - j. *Deadline for filing comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice; reply comments are due 105 days from the issuance date of this notice.
- The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions using the Commission’s eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOOnline.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. You must include your name and contact information at

the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208–3676 (toll free), or (202) 502–8659 (TTY).

k. This application has been accepted and is now ready for environmental analysis.

The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) issued a final rule on July 15, 2020, revising the regulations under 40 CFR parts 1500–1518 that federal agencies use to implement NEPA (see Update to the Regulations Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, 85 FR 43,304). The Final Rule became effective on and applies to any NEPA process begun after September 14, 2020. An agency may also apply the regulations to ongoing activities and environmental documents begun before September 14, 2020, which includes the proposed Gouverneur Project. Commission staff intends to conduct its NEPA review in accordance with CEQ’s new regulations.

1. *The Gouverneur Project consists of the following existing facilities:* (1) A 250-foot-long concrete gravity dam that includes two bridge piers and three separate spillways that range in crest elevation from 403.4 to 403.7 feet North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88); (2) an impoundment with a surface area of 109 acres at the normal pool elevation of 403.8 feet NAVD88; (3) a concrete intake structure containing two trash rack bays separated by a 2-

² *Id.*

³ 18 CFR 366.7(a).

⁴ 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 5 CFR 1320.3.

⁵ The Commission staff thinks that the average respondent for this collection is similarly situated

to the Commission, in terms of salary plus benefits. Based upon FERC’s FY 2020 annual full-time equivalent average of \$172,329 (for salary plus benefits), the average hourly cost is \$83 per hour.