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Dated: February 18, 2021.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD21-10-000]

#### Modernizing Electricity Market Design; Notice of Technical Conference on Resource Adequacy in the Evolving Electricity Sector

Take notice that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will convene a Commissioner-led technical conference in the above-referenced proceeding on Tuesday March 23, 2021 from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Wednesday March 24, 2021 from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Eastern time. The conference will be held remotely. The Commission will issue a supplemental notice providing the agenda for the technical conference.

The conference will be open for the public to attend remotely. There is no fee for attendance. Information on this event will be posted on the Calendar of Events on the Commission's website, [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov), prior to the event.

The conference will be transcribed. Transcripts will be available for a fee from Ace Reporting (202-347-3700).

Commission conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations, please send an email to [accessibility@ferc.gov](mailto:accessibility@ferc.gov) or call toll free 1-866-208-3372 (voice) or 202-208-8659 (TTY), or send a fax to 202-208-2106 with the required accommodations.

For more information about this technical conference, please contact David Rosner at [david.rosner@ferc.gov](mailto:david.rosner@ferc.gov) or Emma Nicholson at [emma.nicholson@ferc.gov](mailto:emma.nicholson@ferc.gov). For information related to logistics, please contact Sarah McKinley at [sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov](mailto:sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov) or (202) 502-8368.

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**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC21-9-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (Ferc-725u); 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 a renewal of currently approved information collection, FERC-725U (Mandatory Reliability Standards: Reliability Standard CIP-014-2), which will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due March 26, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments on the information collections to OMB through [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. Please identify the OMB Control Number (1902-0274) in the subject line of your comments. Comments should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain).

Please submit copies of your comments to the Commission. You may submit copies of your comments (identified by Docket No. IC21-9-000) 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.
- Delivery of filings other than by eFiling or the U.S. Postal Service should be delivered to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Secretary, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

**Instructions:** OMB submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Using the search function under the "Currently Under Review" field, select Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; click "submit," and select "comment" to the right of the subject collection. FERC 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](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>.

#### 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-725U (Mandatory Reliability Standards: Reliability Standard CIP-014-2).

**OMB Control No.:** 1902-0274.

**Type of Request:** Three-year approval of the FERC-725U information collection requirements, with no changes to the reporting or recordkeeping requirements.

**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),<sup>1</sup> 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. Reliability Standard CIP-014-2 requires applicable transmission owners and transmission operators to identify and protect transmission stations and transmission substations, and their associated primary control centers that if rendered inoperable or damaged resulting from a physical attack could result in widespread instability, uncontrolled separation, or cascading within an Interconnection.

In terms of information collection requirements, an applicable entity must

<sup>1</sup> 16 U.S.C. 824o.

create or maintain documentation showing compliance, when appropriate, with each requirement of the Reliability Standard. This Reliability Standard CIP-014-2 has six requirements. Transmission owners and transmission operators must keep data or evidence to show compliance with the standard for

three years unless directed by its Compliance Enforcement Authority. If a responsible entity is found non-compliant, it must keep information related to the non-compliance until mitigation is complete and approved, or for three years, whichever is longer.

*Type of Respondents:* Intrastate natural gas and Hinshaw pipelines.

*Estimate of Annual Burden<sup>2</sup> and Cost<sup>3</sup>:* The Commission estimates the total Public Reporting Burden for the FERC-725U information collection as:

**FERC-725U**

[Mandatory reliability standards: Reliability standard CIP-014]

	Number of respondents <sup>4</sup>	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden hours & cost per response	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost	Average annual cost per respondent
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping.	336	1	336	32.71 hrs.; \$2,714.93 ..	10,991 hrs.; \$912,253	\$2,714,93
Total FERC-725U	336	1	336	32.71 hrs.; \$2,714.93 ..	10,991 hrs.; \$912,253	\$2,714.93

*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 Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment**

On January 31, 2020, Boyne USA, Inc. filed an application for a subsequent minor license to continue operating the existing, licensed, 250-kilowatt Boyne River Hydroelectric Project No. 3409

(Boyne River Project). The project is located on the Boyne River in Boyne Valley Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan. The project does not occupy federal land.

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, on November 24, 2020, Commission staff issued a notice that the project was ready for environmental analysis (REA notice). Based on the information in the record, including comments filed on the REA notice, staff does not anticipate that licensing the project would constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, staff intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the application to license the Boyne River Project.

The EA will be issued and circulated for review by all interested parties. All comments filed on the EA will be analyzed by staff and considered in the Commission's final licensing decision.

The application will be processed according to the following schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Commission issues EA .....	June 2021. <sup>1</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Commission staff estimates that the industry's skill set and cost (for wages and benefits) for FERC-725U are approximately the same as the Commission's average cost. The FERC 2020 average salary plus benefits for one FERC full-time equivalent (FTE) is \$172,329/year (or \$83.00/hour).

Milestone	Target date
Comments on EA .....	July 2021.

<sup>1</sup> The Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) regulations under 40 CFR 1501.10(b)(1) require that EAs be completed within 1 year of the federal action agency's decision to prepare an EA. This notice establishes the Commission's intent to prepare an EA for the Boyne River Project. Therefore, in accordance with CEQ's regulations, the EA must be issued within 1 year of the issuance date of this notice.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Patrick Ely at [patrick.ely@ferc.gov](mailto:patrick.ely@ferc.gov) or (202) 502-8570.

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*Secretary.*

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**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket Nos. AD21-6-000; AD20-6-000]

**RTO/ISO Credit Principles and Practices; Credit Reforms in Organized Wholesale Electric Markets Supplemental Notice of Technical Conference**

As first announced in the Notice of Technical Conference issued in this proceeding on November 4, 2020, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will convene a staff-led technical conference in the above referenced proceeding on Thursday,

<sup>4</sup> The total number of transmission owners and operators equals 336, this represents the unique US entities taken from October 2, 2020 NERC Compliance registry information.

<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, refer to 5 CFR 1320.3.