

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. IC21–11–000]

**Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–516G); Comment Request; Revision and 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–516G.

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

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC21–11–000) 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 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 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](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–516G, Electric Rate Schedules and Tariff Filings.

*OMB Control No.:* 1902–0295.

*Type of Request:* Three-year renewal of FERC–516G.

*Type of Respondents:* Regional Transmission Organizations (RTOs) and Independent System Operators (ISOs).

*Abstract:* In this information collection (IC) request, the Commission seeks renewal of FERC–516G, which pertains to the operation of organized wholesale electric power markets operated by RTOs/ISOs. This IC includes a one-time requirement that

RTOs and ISOs establish a website and modify their respective tariffs to include the transmission constraint penalty factors used in its market software, as well as the circumstances under which those factors can set locational marginal prices, and any process by which they can be changed. All current RTOs and ISOs have complied with the one-time requirement, but the Commission seeks to renew this requirement in case a new RTO or ISO is established.

In addition, this IC requires that each RTO/ISO: (1) Report, on a monthly basis, uplift payments<sup>1</sup> for each transmission zone, broken out by day and uplift category; (2) report, on a monthly basis, total uplift payments for each resource; and (3) report, on a monthly basis, for each operator-initiated commitment, the size of the commitment, transmission zone, commitment reason, and commitment start time.

*Necessity of Information:* The Commission implements this collection of information to improve competitive wholesale electric markets in the RTO/ISO regions.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*<sup>2</sup> The Commission believes that the burden estimates below are representative of the average burden on respondents, including necessary communications with stakeholders. The estimated burden and cost<sup>3</sup> follow:

**FERC–516G ESTIMATED ANNUAL BURDENS**

Type of response	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden hours & cost per response	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost	Cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1) × (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) × (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
One-Time Establishment of Website and Tariff Filing.	1	1	1	500 hrs.; \$38,860 .....	500 hrs.; \$38,860 .....	\$38,860
Posting of Monthly Reports on Website.	6	12	72	3 hrs.; \$233.16 .....	216 hrs.; \$16,787.52 ...	\$233.16
Totals .....	7	13	73	.....	716 hrs.; \$55,647.52 ...	NA

*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

<sup>1</sup> RTOs and ISOs may make such payments to resources that experience a shortfall between what the resources offer and the revenue they realize through market-clearing prices.

<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.

<sup>3</sup> The hourly cost (for salary plus benefits) was calculated by using data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics for three positions involved in the reporting and recordkeeping requirements. These figures include salary ([https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes\\_nat.htm](https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_nat.htm)) and benefits (<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/ecec.nr0.htm>) and are:

- Manager (Occupation Code 11–0000): \$94.84/hour.
- Engineer (Occupation Code 17–2071): \$85.71/hour.
- File Clerk (Occupation Code 43–4071): \$52.60/hour.

The hourly cost for the reporting requirements (\$77.72) is an average of the cost of a manager, an engineer, and a file clerk.

of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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.

Dated: February 18, 2021.

**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).

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#### 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.