

- Specify a system-wide voltage schedule (which is either a range or a target value with an associated tolerance band) as part of its plan to operate within SOLs and IROLs, and to provide the voltage schedule to its Reliability Coordinator and adjacent Transmission Operators upon request (Requirement R1);

- Schedule sufficient reactive resources to regulate voltage levels (Requirement R2);

- Operate or direct the operation of devices to regulate transmission voltage and reactive flows (Requirement R3);

- Develop a set of criteria to exempt generators from certain requirements under Reliability Standard VAR-002-4.1 related to voltage or Reactive Power schedules, automatic voltage regulations, and notification (Requirement R4);

- Specify a voltage or Reactive Power schedule (which is either a range or a target value with an associated tolerance band) for generators at either the high or low voltage side of the generator step-up transformer, provide the schedule to the associated Generator Operator, direct the Generator Operator to comply with that schedule in automatic voltage control mode, provide the Generator Operator the notification requirements for deviating from the schedule, and, if requested, provide the Generator

Operator the criteria used to develop the schedule (Requirement R5); and

- Communicate step-up transformer tap changes, the time frame for completion, and the justification for these changes to Generator Owners (Requirement R6).

#### Reliability Standard VAR-002-4.1

This Reliability Standard includes an information collection activity for "Requirement R1" and a separate information collection activity for "Requirements R2 through R6."

This Reliability Standard requires Generator Operators to:

- Operate each of its generators connected to the interconnected transmission system in automatic voltage control mode or in a different control mode as instructed by the Transmission Operator, unless the Generator Operator (1) is exempted pursuant to the criteria developed under VAR-001-5, Requirement R4, or (2) makes certain notifications to the Transmission Operator specifying the reasons it cannot so operate (Requirement R1);

- Maintain the Transmission Operator's generator voltage or Reactive Power schedule, unless the Generator Operator (1) is exempted pursuant to the criteria developed under VAR-001-5, Requirement R4, or (2) complies with

the notification requirements for deviations as established by the Transmission Owner pursuant to VAR-001-5, Requirement R5 (Requirement R2);

- Notify the Transmission Operator of a change in status of its voltage controlling device within 30 minutes, unless the status is restored within that time period (Requirement R3); and

- Notify the Transmission Operator of a change in reactive capability due to factors other than those described in VAR-002-4.1, Requirement R3 within 30 minutes unless the capability has been restored during that time period (Requirement R4).

- Provide information on its step-up transformers and auxiliary transformers within 30 days of a request from the Transmission Operator or Transmission Planner (Requirement R5); and

- Comply with the Transmission Operator's step-up transformer tap change directives unless compliance would violate safety, an equipment rating, or applicable laws, rules or regulations (Requirement R6).

*Type of Respondents:* Generator owners and transmission operators.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*<sup>4</sup> The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden for the information collection as:

#### FERC-725X, MANDATORY RELIABILITY STANDARDS: VOLTAGE AND REACTIVE (VAR) STANDARDS

	Number of respondents <sup>5</sup>	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden & cost per response <sup>6</sup>	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost	Cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
VAR-001-5 (Requirements R1-R6).	167 (TOP) .....	1	167	160 hrs.; \$11,721.73 ....	26,887 hrs.; \$1,887,198.53 .....	\$11,721.73
VAR-002-4.1 (Requirement R1)	937 (GOP) .....	1	937	80 hrs.; \$5,615.20 .....	74,960 hrs.; \$5,261,442.4 .....	5,615.20
VAR-002-4.1 (Requirements R2-R6).	937 (GOP) .....	1	937	120 hrs.; \$8,422.80 .....	112,440 hrs.; \$7,892,163.6 .....	8,422.80
Total .....	.....	.....	2,041	.....	214,287 hrs.; \$15,040,804.53.	.....

*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: March 24, 2021.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

##### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM19-12-000]

#### Revisions to the Filing Process for Commission Forms; Notice of Eforms Updates, Termination of Visual Foxpro Filings, and Extension of Filing Deadlines

As provided for in the July 17, 2020 Order on Technical Conference, notice

<sup>4</sup> The Commission defines burden 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>5</sup> TOP = transmission operator; GOP = generator operators. Respondent counts based of the NERC Compliance Registry numbers February 5, 2021.

<sup>6</sup> The estimate for hourly cost is \$70.19/hour. This figure is the average salary plus benefits for an electrical engineer (Occupation Code: 17-2071) from the Bureau of Labor Statistics at [https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics2\\_22.htm](https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics2_22.htm).

is hereby given that on April 15, 2021, the eXtensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL) taxonomies, validation rules, and rendering files needed to file FERC Form Nos. 1, 1-F, 3-Q (electric), 2, 2-A, 3-Q (natural gas), 6, 6-Q (oil), 60, and 714 (collectively, Commission Forms),<sup>1</sup> will be updated to Release 1.5.<sup>2</sup> The updated taxonomies will be available in the Yeti viewer at <https://xbrlview.ferc.gov/>.<sup>3</sup> The updated validation rules and rendering files will be available at <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/ferc-online/filing-forms/eforms-refresh>. The eForms system will incorporate the updated (Release 1.5) taxonomies, validation rules, and rendering files and use them to process filers' test-only submissions in May 2021. In addition, as noted below, the deadlines for submitting the third quarter 2021 filings of FERC Form Nos. 3-Q (electric), 3-Q (natural gas), and 6-Q (oil) are extended until December 31, 2021.

The updated (Release 1.5) taxonomies, validation rules, and rendering files will become effective beginning with the third quarter 2021 filings of FERC Form Nos. 3-Q (electric), 3-Q (natural gas), and 6-Q (oil). The current Visual FoxPro-based system for filing Commission Forms will no longer be available for submissions after September 30, 2021. Therefore, all subsequent filings and any future refilings, *i.e.*, all post-September 30, 2021 filings and refilings, of the FERC Form Nos. 3-Q (electric), 3-Q (natural gas), and 6-Q (oil) and the other Commission Forms (*i.e.*, FERC Form Nos. 1, 1-F, 2, 2-A, 6, 60, and 714) must be made using the applicable taxonomies, validation rules, and rendering files for the relevant form, as indicated on the eForms portal.

To provide the additional time necessary to complete the transition to an XBRL-based system, the deadlines for the third quarter filings of the FERC

Form Nos. 3-Q (electric), 3-Q (natural gas), and 6-Q (oil) are hereby extended.

Accordingly, the deadline for filing the FERC Form No. 3-Q (electric) for Major Electric Utilities, Licensees, and Others for the third quarter of 2021 is extended from November 29, 2021 until December 31, 2021. The deadline for filing the FERC Form No. 3-Q (electric) for Non-major Public Utilities and Licensees for the third quarter of 2021 is extended from December 9, 2021 until December 31, 2021.

In addition, the deadline for filing the FERC Form No. 3-Q (natural gas) for Major Natural Gas Companies for the third quarter of 2021 is extended from November 29, 2021 until December 31, 2021. The deadline for filing the FERC Form No. 3-Q (natural gas) for Non-major Gas Companies for the third quarter of 2021 is extended from December 9, 2021 until December 31, 2021.

Finally, the deadline for filing the FERC Form No. 6-Q (oil) for Oil Pipeline Companies for the third quarter of 2021 is extended from December 9, 2021 until December 31, 2021.

Dated: March 23, 2021.

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

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 6731-000]

#### Coneross Power Corporation; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

On February 28, 2019 Coneross Power Corporation, licensee for the Coneross Hydroelectric Project, filed an Application for a New License pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Commission's regulations thereunder. The Coneross Hydroelectric Project is on the Coneross Creek, in Oconee County, South Carolina

The license for Project No.6731 was issued for a period ending February 28, 2021. Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year-to-year an annual license to the then licensee under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA. If the project's prior license waived the

applicability of section 15 of the FPA, then, based on section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No.6731 is issued to the Coneross Power Corporation for a period effective March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022, or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first. If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before February 2022, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

If the project is not subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that the Coneross Power Corporation, is authorized to continue operation of the Coneross Hydroelectric Project, until such time as the Commission acts on its application for a subsequent license.

Dated: March 24, 2021.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Combined Notice of Filings #1

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric corporate filings:

*Docket Numbers:* EC21-67-000.

*Applicants:* Ventura Energy Storage, LLC.

*Description:* Application for Authorization Under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act of Ventura Energy Storage, LLC.

*Filed Date:* 3/22/21.

<sup>1</sup> The Commission adopted the XBRL process for filing the Commission Forms in Order No. 859, *Revisions to the Filing Process for Comm'n Forms*, Order No. 859, 167 FERC ¶ 61,241 (2019).

<sup>2</sup> The Commission adopted the final XBRL taxonomy, protocols, implementation guide, and other supporting documents, and established the implementation schedule for filing the Commission Forms following a technical conference in this proceeding. *Revisions to the Filing Process for Comm'n Forms*, 172 FERC ¶ 61,059 (2020). The Commission also stated that technical updates, such as the updates referenced here, will not take effect until at least 60 days after issuance of a notice from the Office of the Secretary. *Id.* P 26.

<sup>3</sup> These technical updates incorporate feedback on the taxonomies submitted by interested parties through various means, including the Yeti review tool.