

205(f)(2), the Commission uses the information collected through the FERC Form 580 interrogatory to review utility purchase and cost recovery practices under AACs in order to ensure efficient use of resources.³ The Commission uses the information to evaluate costs in individual rate filings and to supplement periodic utility audits. The public also uses the information in this manner. Without the FERC Form 580 interrogatory, the Commission would not have the requisite information available to conduct the necessary review the FPA mandates.

Type of Respondents: The filing must be submitted by all FERC-jurisdictional utilities owning and/or operating at least one steam-electric generating station of 50 MW or greater capacity or having a majority ownership interest in a jointly-owned steam-electric generating station of at least 50 MW. A jurisdictional utility without a cost-based tariff on file with the Commission is not required to file the form.

Administrative Updates to the FERC Form 580: Continuing on from the data collection request from October 2020, the Commission will be issuing a request for a second request for similar

data that was authorized in the last renewal for FERC Form 580.⁴ The request will solicit the same information as the previous request, except that the years will be changed from 2018–2019 to 2020–2021. In this case, the updated year designations will appear in questions 2 through 8 of FERC Form 580, as well as in question 5 of the Privileged Addendum to the FERC Form 580.

Estimate of Annual Burden.⁵ The Commission estimates the annual⁶ public reporting burden and cost⁷ for the information collection as:

FERC FORM 580

[Interrogatory on fuel and energy purchase practices pursuant to section 205 of the Federal Power Act]

	Number of respondents (1)	Annual number of responses per respondent (2)	Total number of responses (1) * (2) = (3)	Average burden & cost per response (4)	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost (3) * (4) = (5)	Annual cost per respondent (\$) (5) ÷ (1)
Respondents with FACs ⁸	24	0.5	12	103 hrs.; \$8,961.00	1,236.0 hrs.; \$107,532.00	\$4,480.50
Respondents with AACs, but no FACs.	12	0.5	6	20 hrs.; \$1,740.00	120.0 hrs.; \$10,440.00	870.00
Respondents with no AACs and no FACs.	23	0.5	11.5	2 hrs.; \$174.00	23.0 hrs.; \$2,001.00	87.00
Total	29.5	1,379.0 hrs.; \$119,173.00

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 estimates 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: September 15, 2021.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2302–099]

Brookfield White Pine Hydro, LLC; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process

a. **Type of Filing:** Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process.

b. **Project No.:** 2302–099.

c. **Date Filed:** August 4, 2021.

d. **Submitted by:** Brookfield White Pine Hydro, LLC.

e. **Name of Project:** Lewiston Falls Hydroelectric Project.

f. **Location:** On the Androscoggin River, in Androscoggin County, Maine. No federal lands are occupied by the project works or located within the project boundary.

g. **Filed Pursuant to:** 18 CFR 5.3 of the Commission's regulations.

h. **Potential Applicant Contact:** Luke T. Anderson, Manager, Relicensing Brookfield White Pine Hydro LLC, 150 Main Street Lewiston, ME 04240; (207) 755–5600; Luke.Anderson@brookfieldrenewable.com.

i. **FERC Contact:** Ryan Hansen at (202) 502–8074; or email at ryan.hansen@ferc.gov.

j. Brookfield White Pine Hydro, LLC filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on August 4, 2021. Brookfield White Pine Hydro, LLC provided public notice of its request on July 29, 2021. In a letter dated September 15, 2021, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved Brookfield White Pine Hydro, LLC's request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.

k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, Part 402; and NOAA Fisheries

1320 for additional information on the definition of information collection burden.

⁵ The FERC Form 580 interrogatory is conducted every two years.

⁶ Commission staff estimates that the industry's average hourly cost for this information collection is approximated by the FERC's average hourly cost (for wages and benefits) for 2021, or \$87.00/hour.

⁷ Fuel Adjustment Clause (FAC).

³ By using the data in FERC Form 580, the Commission is able to review utility purchase and cost recovery practices and ensure the resources are in compliance with Commission regulations in 18 CFR 35.14.

⁴ The current OMB approval (ICR 201908–1902–015) was issued on April 23, 2020 and expires January 31, 2023. While that approval includes the timeframe for the Commission's next required use

of FERC–580 in 2022, we are submitting this request in order to update (administrative updates) FERC Form 580 for the data collection in 2022, and to request renewal of FERC–580 for another 3 years.

⁵ 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. See 5 CFR

under section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and implementing regulations at 50 CFR 600.920. We are also initiating consultation with the Maine State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

i. With this notice, we are designating Brookfield White Pine Hydro, LLC as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act; and consultation pursuant to section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

m. Brookfield White Pine Hydro, LLC filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

n. A copy of the PAD may be viewed and/or printed on the Commission's website (<http://www.ferc.gov>), using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

o. The licensee states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for a new license for Project No. 2302. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.8, 16.9, and 16.10 each application for a new license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by August 31, 2024.

p. Register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2150-147]

Puget Sound Energy, Inc.; Notice of Water Quality Protection Plan Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

Take notice that the following amendment application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. *Application Type:* Water Quality Protection Plan.
- b. *Project No:* P-2150-147.
- c. *Date Filed:* August 5, 2021.
- d. *Applicants:* Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (licensee).
- e. *Name of Projects:* Baker River Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Locations:* The project is located on the Baker River in Skagit and Whatcom counties, Washington. The project occupies federal lands administered by the U.S. Forest Service within the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a-825r.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Jory Oppenheimer, Consulting Engineer, Puget Sound Energy, P.O. Box 97034, Bellevue, WA 98009-9734; telephone: (425) 462-3556 and email jory oppenheimer@pse.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* Marybeth Gay, (202) 502-6125, Marybeth.Gay@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests:* October 18, 2021.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory

Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-2150-147. Comments emailed to Commission staff are not considered part of the Commission record.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. *Description of Request:* The Commission is requiring the licensee to grout one of the project's dams, the Lower Baker Dam, due to increasing leakage along its abutments. Upon completion of the seepage reduction project, the licensee would also make improvements to the crest of the Lower Baker Dam. As required by Article 401(a) of the project license, and condition 5.10 of the Washington Department of Ecology's May 11, 2007 Water Quality Certificate (WQC), attached to the license as Appendix C, the licensee developed the Water Quality Protection Plan (Plan) for the seepage reduction project and has filed the Plan for the Commission's approval. The Plan addresses the requirements set forth in condition 5.10 of the WQC, and includes: (1) An In-Water Work Protection Plan that specifies the best management practices (BMPs) for activities that require work within surface waters; (2) a Construction Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan that addresses land-disturbing activities along with BMPs and other control measures to prevent pollutants from entering the project's surface water and groundwater; and (3) procedures for monitoring water quality, and actions to implement if a water quality violation were to occur. Construction of the seepage reduction project is currently scheduled to begin in early November 2021.

The licensee previously filed a draft Biological Assessment (BA) with the Commission on March 8, 2021 for the proposed seepage reduction and crest improvement project. On April 28, 2021, Commission staff adopted the licensee's draft BA without changes as the Commission's final BA and requested formal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service.