

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC22–35–000]

Commission Information Collection Activities; (FERC–725J); Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection, FERC–725J (Definition of the Bulk Electric System).

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due November 28, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments on FERC–725J (IC22–35–000) to the Commission. You may submit copies of your comments by one of the following methods:

- Electronic filing through <https://www.ferc.gov>, is preferred.
- Electronic Filing:** Documents must be filed in acceptable native applications and print-to-PDF, but not in scanned or picture format.
- For those unable to file electronically, comments may be filed

by USPS mail or by hand (including courier) delivery.
 ○ *Mail via U.S. Postal Service Only*
 Addressed to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.
 ○ *Hand (Including Courier) Delivery*
 to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

Instructions: FERC submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <https://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 <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Brown may be reached by email at DataClearance@FERC.gov, telephone at (202) 502–8663.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title: FERC–725J (Definition of the Bulk Electric System).

OMB Control No.: 1902–0259.
Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC–725J with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

Abstract: On December 20, 2012, the Commission issued Order No. 773, a Final Rule approving NERC’s modifications to the definition of “bulk electric system” and the Rules of

Procedure exception process to be effective July 1, 2013. On April 18, 2013, in Order No. 773–A, the Commission largely affirmed its findings in Order No. 773. In Order Nos. 773 and 773–A, the Commission directed NERC to modify the definition of bulk electric system in two respects: (1) modify the local network exclusion (exclusion E3) to remove the 100 kV minimum operating voltage to allow systems that include one or more looped configurations connected below 100 kV to be eligible for the local network exclusion; and (2) modify the exclusions to ensure that generator interconnection facilities at or above 100 kV connected to bulk electric system generators identified in inclusion I2 are not excluded from the bulk electric system.¹ Each year the Regions and NERC may need to act on exception requests submitted by US only transmission owners, generator owners and distribution providers. We have revised the estimate for exception requests from 20 exception requests to 10, which is more accurate to the volume of received exception requests. Regarding Implementation Plans and Compliance, FERC estimates that 10% of the US registered entities may have to perform this task on a continuing basis.

Type of Respondents: Generator owners, distribution providers, other NERC-registered entities.

*Estimate of Annual Burden.*² The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden and cost³ for the information collection as:

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	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden (hrs.) & cost (\$) per response	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost (\$)	Cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
Generator Owners, Distribution Providers, and Transmission Owners (Exception Request).	10	1	10	120 hrs.; \$10,320	1,200 hrs.; \$103,200	\$10,320

¹ *Revisions to Electric Reliability Organization Definition of Bulk Electric System and Rules of Procedure*, Order No. 773, 141 FERC ¶ 61,236 (2012); *order on reh'g*, Order No. 773–A, 143 FERC ¶ 61,053 (2013); *order on reh'g and clarification*, 144 FERC ¶ 61,174 (2013); *aff'd sub nom., People of the State of New York and the Pub. Serv. Comm'n of New York v. FERC*, No. 13–2316 (2d. Cir. 2015). On June 13, 2013, the Commission granted NERC’s request for extension of time and extended the effective date for the revised definition of bulk electric system and the Rules of Procedure exception process to July 1, 2014. *Revisions to Electric Reliability Organization Definition of Bulk Electric System and Rules of Procedure*, 143 FERC ¶ 61,231, at P 13 (2013). On

March 20, 2014, the Commission approved NERC’s revisions to the definition of bulk electric system and determined the revisions either adequately address the Commission’s Order Nos. 773 and 773–A directives or provide an equally effective and efficient approach. See *order approving revised definition*, 146 FERC ¶ 61,199 (2014).

² 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 1320 for additional information on the definition of information collection burden.

³ The estimated hourly cost (salary plus benefits) is based on the figures for August 2022 posted by

the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the Utilities sector (available at Sector 22—Utilities—May 2021 OEWS Industry-Specific Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates ([bls.gov](https://www.bls.gov))) and updated June 2022 for benefits information (at Employer Costs for Employee Compensation Summary—2022 Q01 Results ([bls.gov](https://www.bls.gov))). The hourly estimates for salary plus benefits are:

- Legal (code 23–0000), \$145.35.
- File Clerks (code 43–4071), \$34.38.
- Electrical Engineer (code 17–2071), \$77.02.

The average hourly burden cost for this collection is \$85.58 [(\$145.35 + \$34.38 + \$77.02)/3 = \$85.58] and is rounded to \$86.00 an hour.

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All Registered Entities (Implementation Plans and Compliance).	157	1	157	350 hrs.; \$30,100	54,950 hrs.; \$4,725,700.	\$30,100
Local Distribution Determinations.	1	1	1	92 hrs.; \$7,912	92 hrs.; \$7,912	\$7,912
Total	168	56,242 hrs.; \$4,836,812.

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 21, 2022.
Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.
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Order on Intent To Revoke Market-Based Rate Authority; Data Collection for Analytics and Surveillance and Market-Based Rate Purposes

	Docket Nos.
	RM16-17-001
3 Phases Renewables Inc	ER16-775-000
3C Solar LLC	ER11-2649-000
3Degrees Group, Inc	ER10-269-000
3PR Trading, Inc	ER20-1477-000
ABC Energy, LLC	ER13-2260-000
ADG Group Inc	ER17-1151-000
American Illuminating Company, LLC	ER12-2600-000
Anahau Energy, LLC	ER13-415-000
Apple Group	ER07-1287-001
Archer Energy, LLC	ER17-1594-002
Ashley Energy LLC	ER17-923-001
Backyard Farms Energy LLC	ER09-1689-000
Baltimore Power Company LLC	ER15-2693-002
Berry Petroleum Company, LLC	ER12-2233-000
BioUrja Power, LLC	ER16-371-000
BITH Energy, Inc	ER13-48-000
BITH Solar 1, LLC	ER13-29-000
Blue Cube Operations LLC	ER15-1687-001
Bolt Energy, LLC	ER19-1826-001
Brantley Farm Solar, LLC	ER18-1977-001
Bridgeport Fuel Cell, LLC	ER13-1403-000
Buckleberry Solar, LLC	ER18-2217-000
Burgess Capital LLC	ER15-2541-000
Capacity Markets Partners, LLC	ER14-407-001
Cargill Power Markets, LLC	ER97-4273-000
Carson Hybrid Energy Storage LLC	ER19-288-000
Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation	ER97-2872-000
Centre Lane Trading Ltd	ER10-636-000
Choctaw Generation Limited Partnership	ER98-3774-000
Cirrus Wind 1, LLC	ER13-357-001
Clear Power LLC	ER20-2654-000
Clearview Electric, Inc	ER17-808-001
Conch Energy Trading, LLC	ER12-1472-000
Consolidated Power Co., LLC	ER14-1858-000
Covanta Maine, LLC	ER09-560-000
Current Power & Gas Inc	ER16-722-000
Degrees3 Transportation Solutions, LLC	ER21-251-001
Dichotomy Power Maine, LLC	ER21-2535-000
Dillon Power, LLC	ER15-1810-000