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k. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. *Project Description*: The Combined Locks Project consists of: (1) a concrete and cyclopean stone dam approximately 654 feet long and 27 feet high with additional 24 inch nominal flashboards mounted upon the spillway crest at elevation 674.6 feet International Great Lakes Datum of 1985 (IGLD85); (2) a 126.9-acre reservoir at normal full pool elevation 676.7 feet IGLD85; (3) a powerhouse approximately 65 feet wide by 130 feet long housing two 3.1-megawatt (MW) generators, for a total authorized capacity of 6.2 MW; (4) a tailrace channel; (5) a 265-foot-long, 4.16-kilovolt (kV) interconnection line from the powerhouse to transformer and 1,442-foot-long, 12.47-kV interconnection line from the transformer to the substation; and (6) appurtenant facilities.

m. In addition to publishing the full text of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this notice, as well as other documents in the proceeding (e.g., scoping document) via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<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 (P-2715). For assistance, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

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n. *Scoping Process*:

Commission staff will prepare either an environmental assessment (EA) or an environmental impact statement (EIS) that describes and evaluates the probable effects, if any, of the licensee's proposed action and alternatives. The EA or EIS will consider environmental impacts and reasonable alternatives to the proposed action. The Commission's

scoping process will help determine the required level of analysis and satisfy the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) scoping requirements, irrespective of whether the Commission prepares an EA or an EIS. At this time, we do not anticipate holding on-site scoping meetings. Instead, we are soliciting written comments and suggestions on the preliminary list of issues and alternatives to be addressed in the NEPA document, as described in scoping document 1 (SD1), issued May 11, 2023.

Copies of the SD1 outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the NEPA document were distributed to the parties on the Commission's mailing list and the applicant's distribution list. Copies of SD1 may be viewed on the web at <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. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room. For assistance, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RD23-1-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-725S); 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 the requirements and burden of the information collection FERC 725S—*Mandatory Reliability Standards: Emergency Preparedness and Operations (EOP) Reliability Standards*.

**DATES**: Comments on the collection of information are due June 16, 2023.

**ADDRESSES**: Send written comments on FERC-725S (identified by Docket No.

RD23-1-000) to the Office of Management and Budget (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 1902-0270 (Mandatory Reliability Standards: Emergency Preparedness and Operations (EOP) Reliability Standards) in the subject line. Your comments should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Please submit copies of your comments (identified by Docket No. RD23-1-000 and FERC-725S) to the Commission as noted below. 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.

Please reference the specific collection number(s) (FERC-725S) and/or title(s) (Mandatory Reliability Standards: Emergency Preparedness and Operations (EOP) Reliability Standards) in your comments.

*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: <https://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 <https://www.ferc.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**: Ellen Brown may be reached by email at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov) and telephone at (202) 502-8663.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* FERC-725S (Mandatory Reliability Standards: Emergency Preparedness and Operations (EOP) Reliability Standards).

*OMB Control No.:* 1902-0270.

*Type of Request:* Revision of the FERC-725S information collection requirements with changes to the current reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

*Abstract:* On March 10, 2023 the Commission published an order in Docket No. RD23-1-000 that approved Extreme Cold Weather Reliability Standards EOP-011-3 and EOP-12-1, which were submitted by the North American Electric Corporation (NERC).<sup>1</sup> The order included a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** and received no comments. The order modifies the FERC-725S Information Collection and directed NERC to modify Reliability Standard EOP-012-1.

The collection is currently approved by OMB and contains Reliability Standards EOP-010-1, EOP-011-1, EOP-004-4, EOP-005-3, EOP-006-3, EOP-008-2 (Table 1). In the order,

Docket No. RD23-1-000, the Commission proposes to replace the current OMB approved Reliability Standard EOP-011-1<sup>2</sup> with Reliability Standard EOP-011-3 (Table 2) and add a new information collection line item for Reliability Standard EOP-012-1 (Table 3).

The Reliability Standard EOP-011-3 modifications transfer Requirements R7 and R8 to Reliability Standard EOP-012-1, as described below. For Reliability Standard EOP-011-3, transmission operators and to a much lesser extent, balancing authorities, still have a one-time cost to modify existing operating plans based on revisions to Reliability Standard EOP-011-3 (Requirements R1 and R2) and to mitigate operating emergencies related to cold weather conditions.

Additionally, reliability coordinators will need to review the modified operating plans of the transmission operators. In year three and ongoing, the transmission operator and reliability coordinator estimates are lower to reflect lower paperwork burden for upkeep and review of the operating

plans for emergencies based on the modified Reliability Standard EOP-011-3 to ensure that the new requirements are in place and that applicable entities are following those plans.

The new Reliability Standard EOP-012-1, which is applicable to 1,107 generator owners and 981 generator operators, contains several new requirements and two requirements from Reliability Standard EOP-011-2 that have been moved to Reliability Standard EOP-012-1. In year three and ongoing, the estimates are lower to reflect that the implementation plan(s) to mitigate the reliability effects of extreme cold weather conditions on generating units are in place and that entities are familiar with the EOP-012-1 requirements.

*Type of Respondent:* Balancing Authority (BA), Transmission Operations (TOP) and Reliability Coordinators (RC).

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*<sup>3</sup> The Commission estimates the total annual burden and cost for this information collection in the table below.

**TABLE 1—CURRENT COSTS AND BURDEN RELATED TO FERC-725S (1902-0270)**

Reliability standard and associated requirement	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden & cost per response	Total annual burden & total annual cost	Cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
EOP-010-1 .....	181	1	181	20 hrs; \$1,660 .....	3,620 hrs; \$300,460 .....	1,660
EOP-011-1 .....	12	1	12	1,500 hrs.; \$124,500 .....	18,000 hrs.; \$1,494,000 ..	124,500
EOP-004-4, EOP-005-3, EOP-006-3, EOP-008-2.	280	1	280	250.58 <sup>4</sup> hrs; \$20,798 .....	70,162.4 hrs; \$5,234,440	20,798
<b>Total EOP</b> .....	<b>473</b>				<b>91,782 hrs; \$7,028,900 ...</b>	

**TABLE 2—PROPOSED CHANGES DUE TO FINAL RULE IN DOCKET NO. RD23-1-000**

Reliability standard & requirement	Type <sup>5</sup> and number of entity	Number of annual responses per entity	Total number of responses	Average number of burden hours per response <sup>6</sup>	Total burden hours
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)
<b>FERC-725S—Proposed estimates due to RD23-1 for EOP-011-3</b>					
<b>One Time Estimate—Years 1 and 2 EOP-011-3</b>					
EOP-011-3 .....	168 (TOP) ..	1	168	60 hrs; \$3,893.40 .....	10,080 hrs; \$654,091.2.
EOP-011-3 <sup>7</sup> .....	98 (BA) .....	1	98	6 hrs; \$389.34 .....	588 hrs; \$38,155.32.
EOP-011-3 <sup>8</sup> .....	12 (RC) .....	1	12	28 hrs; \$1,816.92 .....	336 hrs; \$21,803.04.
<b>Sub-total of EOP-011-3 (One time)</b> .....			<b>278</b>		<b>11,004 hrs; \$714,049.56.</b>
<b>Ongoing Estimate—Year 3 ongoing EOP-011-3</b>					
EOP-011-3 <sup>9</sup> .....	168 (TOP) ..	1	168	10 hrs; \$648.90 .....	1,680 hrs; \$109,015.20.
EOP-011-3 <sup>10</sup> .....	98 (BA) .....	1	98	10 hrs; \$648.90 .....	980 hrs; \$63,592.20.

<sup>1</sup> 88 FR 14994.

<sup>2</sup> The currently OMB approved FERC-725S includes the burden related to Reliability Standard EOP-011-1. Reliability Standard EOP-011-1 was superseded by Reliability Standard EOP-011-2, which was approved by the Commission in Docket No. RD21-5-000 (issued August 24, 2021). Reliability Standard EOP-011-3, as noted in Docket No. RD23-1-000, will supersede Reliability

Standard EOP-011-2; thus, the burdens resulting from Reliability Standard EOP-011-3 will be reflected in the FERC-725S information collection.

<sup>3</sup> “Burden” is 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 title 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

<sup>4</sup> Burden hours per response may also include any methods for improvement not limited to trainings, drills, simulations, testing, etc.

<sup>5</sup> TOP=Transmission Operator, BA=Balancing Authority, GO=Generator Owner, GOP=Generator Operator and RC=Reliability Coordinator.

TABLE 2—PROPOSED CHANGES DUE TO FINAL RULE IN DOCKET NO. RD23–1–000—Continued

Reliability standard & requirement	Type <sup>5</sup> and number of entity	Number of annual responses per entity	Total number of responses	Average number of burden hours per response <sup>6</sup>	Total burden hours
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)
EOP–011–3 <sup>11</sup> .....	12 (RC) .....	1	12	14 hrs; \$908.46 .....	168 hrs; \$10,901.52.
Sub-Total of EOP–011–3 (ongoing) .....	.....	.....	278	.....	2,828; \$183,508.92.
Sub-Total of ongoing burden averaged over three years.	.....	.....	92.67 (rounded)	.....	942.67 hrs. (rounded); \$61,169.64.
Proposed Total Burden Estimate of EOP–011–3.	.....	.....	370.67	.....	11,946.67 hrs; \$775,219.42 (rounded).

TABLE 3—PROPOSED CHANGES DUE TO FINAL RULE IN DOCKET NO. RD23–1–000 FOR EOP–012–1

Reliability standard & requirement	Type and number of entity	Number of annual responses per entity	Total number of responses	Average number of burden hours per response <sup>12</sup>	Total burden hours
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)
<b>FERC–725S</b>					
<b>One Time Estimate—Years 1 and 2 EOP–012–1</b>					
EOP–012–1 <sup>13</sup> .....	1,107 (GO) .....	1	1,107	150 hrs.; \$9,733.50 .....	166,050 hrs; \$10,774,984.50.
EOP–012–1 .....	981 (GOP) ..	1	981	10 hrs; \$648.90 .....	9,810 hrs; \$636,570.90.
Sub-Total for EOP–012–1 (one-time) .....	.....	.....	2,088	160 hrs; \$10,382.40 .....	175,860 hrs; \$11,411,555.40.
<b>Ongoing Estimate—Year 3 ongoing EOP–012–1</b>					
EOP–012–1 .....	1,107 (GO) .....	1	1,107	40 hrs; \$2,595.60 .....	40,680 hrs; \$2,639,725.20.
EOP–012–1 .....	981 (GOP) ..	1	981	10 hrs; \$648.90 .....	9,810 hrs; \$ 636,570.90.
Sub-Total for EOP–012–1 (ongoing) .....	.....	.....	2,088	50 hrs; \$ 3,244.50 .....	50,490 hrs; \$ 3,276,296.10.
Sub-Total of ongoing burden averaged over three years.	.....	.....	696	.....	16,830 hrs; \$1,092,098.70.
Proposed Total Burden Estimate of EOP–012–1.	.....	.....	2,784	.....	192,690 hrs; \$12,503,654.10.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (1) whether the collection of

<sup>6</sup> The estimated hourly cost (salary plus benefits) is a combination based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), as of 2022, for 75% of the average of an Electrical Engineer (17–2071)—\$77.02, mechanical engineers (17–2141)—\$67.79.  $\$77.02 + \$67.79/2 = 72.405 \times .75 = 54.303$  (\$54.30-rounded) (\$54.30/hour) and 25% of an Information and Record Clerk (43–4199)  $\$42.35 \times .25\% = 10.5875$  (\$10.59 rounded) (\$10.59/hour), for a total  $(\$54.30 + \$10.59 = \$64.89/\text{hour})$ .

<sup>7</sup> Reduce the estimate for balancing authorities from EOP–011–2 down from previous 60 hours to 6 hours for EOP–011–3.

<sup>8</sup> Reduce the estimate for reliability coordinators from EOP–011–2 down from previous 40 hours to 28 hours for EOP–011–3.

<sup>9</sup> Reduce the estimate for transmission operators from EOP–011–2 down from previous 50 hours to 10 hours for EOP–011–3.

<sup>10</sup> Reduce the estimate for balancing authorities from EOP–011–2 down from previous 50 hours to 10 hours for EOP–011–3.

<sup>11</sup> Reduce the estimate for reliability coordinators from EOP–011–2 down from previous 20 hours to 14 hours for EOP–011–3.

<sup>12</sup> The estimated hourly cost (salary plus benefits) is a combination based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), as of 2022, for 75% of the average of an Electrical Engineer (17–2071)—\$77.02, mechanical engineers (17–2141)—\$67.79.  $\$77.02 + \$67.79/2 = 72.405 \times .75 = 54.303$  (\$54.30-rounded)

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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( $\$54.30/\text{hour}$ ) and 25% percent of an Information and Record Clerk (43–4199)  $\$42.35 \times .25\% = 10.5875$  (\$10.59 rounded) (\$10.59/hour), for a total  $(\$54.30 + \$10.59 = \$64.89/\text{hour})$ .

<sup>13</sup> The estimates for the generator owner and generator operator are being moved from the current EOP–011–2 to the new EOP–012–1.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 2905–000]

**Village of Enosburg Falls, Vermont; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation**

The license for the Enosburg Falls Hydroelectric Project No. 2905 was issued for a period ending April 30, 2023.

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(s) 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