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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**  
*Title:* FERC-521, Payments for Benefits from Headwater Improvements. *OMB Control No.:* 1902-0087.

*Type of Request:* Three-year extension of the FERC-521 information collection requirements with no changes to the reporting requirements.

*Abstract:* The purpose of FERC-521 is to implement information collections pursuant to section 10(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA).<sup>1</sup> Under Section 10(f)

licensees of unlicensed non-Federal hydroelectric power projects that are directly benefited by a headwater project must pay an equitable portion of the annual costs of interest, maintenance, and depreciation of the headwater project. This payment is called the headwater benefit payment. The Commission requires basic project information including location and storage capacity to be filed by the owner of any headwater project constructed by the United States, a licensee, or a pre-1920 permittee that is upstream from a non-Federal hydroelectric project.

*Type of Respondents:* There are two types of entities that respond, Federal and Non-Federal storage and hydropower project owners. The Federal entities that typically respond include the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Reclamation. The Non-Federal entities may consist of any Municipal or Non-Municipal hydropower project owner.

*Estimate of Annual Burden<sup>2</sup> and cost:<sup>3</sup>* The Commission estimates the total Public Reporting Burden for this information collection as:

**FERC-521—PAYMENTS FOR BENEFITS FROM HEADWATER IMPROVEMENTS**

	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden & cost per response	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost	Cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
Federal and Non-Federal project owners .....	3	1	3	40 hrs.; \$3,640 .....	120 hrs.; \$10,920 .....	\$3,640

The total estimated annual cost burden to each respondent is \$3,640 [40 hours \* \$91.00/hour = \$3,640].

*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: May 23, 2023.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 15311-000]

**Neptune Pumped Storage 2, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications**

On May 8, 2023, Neptune Pumped Storage 2, LLC filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the Soldier Camp Pumped Storage Project (or project). The project would be located on Lobster Creek in Curry County, OR, approximately 4 miles north of the Rogue River. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

Neptune Pumped Storage 2, LLC has proposed to construct: (1) an upper reservoir with a surface area of 50 acres and a storage volume of approximately 3,000 acre-feet created by a 5,600-foot-long, 70-foot-high rockfill embankment

ring dike; (2) a lower reservoir with a surface area of 50 acres and a storage volume of approximately 3,000 acre-feet created by a 5,700-foot-long, 70-foot-high rockfill embankment ring dike; (3) a 1,825 foot-long steel and concrete penstock with a diameter of 22-feet; (4) a 550-foot-long, 120-foot-wide concrete powerhouse/pump station located on the lower reservoir shoreline containing 6 generating/pumping units for a total generating capacity of 550 MW; (5) an approximate 13-mile, 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line from a proposed substation near the powerhouse to an existing substation on Nesika Beach Dump Rd that would interconnect to the regional transmission grid; (6) an approximately 1.7-mile-long underground pipeline with a 100 cfs capacity and a diameter of 2.5-feet diverting water from Lobster Creek for initial fill and annual maintenance fill; and, (7) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would be operated as a closed-loop system and generate an estimated annual average of 1,606 gigawatt-hours.

*Applicant Contact:* Mr. Nate Sandvig, Rye Development, LLC, 220 NW 8th Ave, Portland, OR, 97209, (503) 309-2496, [nathan@ryedevelopment.com](mailto:nathan@ryedevelopment.com).

*FERC Contact:* Jeffrey Ackley at [jeffrey.ackley@ferc.gov](mailto:jeffrey.ackley@ferc.gov).

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of

<sup>1</sup> 16 U.S.C. 803.

<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 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

<sup>3</sup> The estimates for cost per response are derived using the 2022 FERC average salary plus benefits of

\$188,922/year (or \$91.00/hour). Commission staff finds that the work done for this information collection is typically done by wage categories similar to those at FERC.

intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications 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](mailto: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-15311-000.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-15311-000) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

The Commission's Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, environmental justice communities, Tribal members and others, access publicly available information and navigate Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502-6595 or [OPP@ferc.gov](mailto:OPP@ferc.gov).

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL23-69-000]

#### Secure-the-Grid Coalition; Notice of Filing

Take notice that on May 15, 2023, pursuant to Rule 207 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.207 (2022), Secure-the-Grid Coalition (Petitioner) filed a request to the Commission to direct that the North American Electric Reliability Corporation create a new or modified physical security Reliability Standard.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. All interventions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original copy of the pleading by U.S. mail to Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions by any other courier in docketed proceedings should be delivered to, Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this 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. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room, due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For

assistance, contact the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TYY, (202) 502-8659.

*Comment Date:* 5:00 Eastern Time on June 13, 2023.

Dated: May 23, 2023.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OAR-2023-0239; FRL-10952-01-OAR]

### Proposed Information Collection Request; Comment Request; Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements for Fuels Regulatory Streamlining

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency is planning to submit an information collection request (ICR). "Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements for Fuels Regulatory Streamlining (EPA ICR No. 2607.03, OMB Control No. 2060-0731) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. Before doing so, EPA is soliciting public comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below. This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through January 31, 2024. An Agency may not conduct, or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before July 31, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2023-0239, online using [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (our preferred method), by email to [a-and-r-Docket@epa.gov](mailto:a-and-r-Docket@epa.gov), or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460.

EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes profanity, threats, information claimed to be Confidential