

to the following requirements: (1) all persons must wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes or boots; (2) persons with open-toed shoes/sandals/flip flops/high heels, etc. will not be allowed on the environmental site review; (3) persons must be 18 years or older, or be accompanied by an adult; (4) no photography will be allowed inside the powerhouse; (5) no weapons are allowed on-site; (6) no alcohol/drugs are allowed on-site (or persons exhibiting the effects thereof); and (7) no animals (except for service animals) are allowed on the environmental site review.

Objectives

At the scoping meetings, Commission staff will: (1) summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the NEPA document; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantifiable data, on the resources at issue; (3) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the NEPA document, including viewpoints in opposition to, or in support of, the staff's preliminary views; (4) determine the resource issues to be addressed in the NEPA document; and (5) identify those issues that require a detailed analysis, as well as those issues that do not require a detailed analysis.

Procedures

The meetings will be recorded by a court reporter and become part of the Commission's formal record on the project. Agencies, Native American Tribes, NGOs, and individuals with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meetings and to assist the staff in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed in the NEPA document.

Dated: August 24, 2023.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER02-2001-020, ER20-2726-001, ER20-2694-000]

Before Commissioners: Willie L. Phillips, Acting Chairman, James P. Danly, Allison Clements, and Mark C. Christie; Electric Quarterly Reports; Grand Energy, LLC, Icon Energy LLC; Order on Intent To Revoke Market-Based Rate Authority

1. Section 205 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 824d, and 18 CFR part 35 (2022), require, among other things, that all rates, terms, and conditions for jurisdictional services be filed with the Commission. In Order No. 2001, the Commission revised its public utility filing requirements and established a requirement for public utilities, including power marketers, to file Electric Quarterly Reports.¹

2. The Commission requires sellers with market-based rate authorization to file Electric Quarterly Reports summarizing contractual and transaction information related to their market-based power sales as a condition for retaining that authorization.² Commission staff's review of the Electric Quarterly Reports indicates that the following two public utilities with market-based rate authorization have failed to file their Electric Quarterly Reports: Grand Energy, LLC and Icon

¹ Revised Pub. Util. Filing Requirements, Order No. 2001, 99 FERC ¶ 61,107, *reh'g denied*, Order No. 2001-A, 100 FERC ¶ 61,074, *reh'g denied*, Order No. 2001-B, 100 FERC ¶ 61,342, *order directing filing*, Order No. 2001-C, 101 FERC ¶ 61,314 (2002), *order directing filing*, Order No. 2001-D, 102 FERC ¶ 61,334, *order refining filing requirements*, Order No. 2001-E, 105 FERC ¶ 61,352 (2003), *order on clarification*, Order No. 2001-F, 106 FERC ¶ 61,060 (2004), *order revising filing requirements*, Order No. 2001-G, 120 FERC ¶ 61,270, *order on reh'g and clarification*, Order No. 2001-H, 121 FERC ¶ 61,289 (2007), *order revising filing requirements*, Order No. 2001-I, 125 FERC ¶ 61,003 ¶ 31,282 (2008). See also *Filing Requirements for Elec. Util. Serv. Agreements*, 155 FERC ¶ 61,280, *order on reh'g and clarification*, 157 FERC ¶ 61,180 (2016) (clarifying Electric Quarterly Reports reporting requirements and updating Data Dictionary).

² See *Refinements to Policies & Procedures for Mkt.-Based Rates for Wholesale Sales of Elec. Energy, Capacity & Ancillary Servs. by Pub. Utils.*, Order No. 816, 153 FERC ¶ 61,065 (2015), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 816-A, 155 FERC ¶ 61,188 (2016); *Mkt.-Based Rates for Wholesale Sales of Elec. Energy, Capacity & Ancillary Servs. by Pub. Utils.*, Order No. 697, 119 FERC ¶ 61,295, *clarified*, 121 FERC ¶ 61,260 (2007), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 697-A, 123 FERC ¶ 61,055, *clarified*, 124 FERC ¶ 61,055, *order on reh'g*, Order No. 697-B, 125 FERC ¶ 61,326 (2008), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 697-C, 127 FERC ¶ 61,284 (2009), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 697-D, 130 FERC ¶ 61,206 (2010), *aff'd sub nom. Mont. Consumer Counsel v. FERC*, 659 F.3d 910 (9th Cir. 2011).

Energy LLC. This order notifies these public utilities that their market-based rate authorizations will be revoked unless they comply with the Commission's requirements within 15 days of the date of issuance of this order.

3. In Order No. 2001, the Commission stated that,

[i]f a public utility fails to file a[n] Electric Quarterly Report (without an appropriate request for extension), or fails to report an agreement in a report, that public utility may forfeit its market-based rate authority and may be required to file a new application for market-based rate authority if it wishes to resume making sales at market-based rates.³

4. The Commission further stated that,

[o]nce this rule becomes effective, the requirement to comply with this rule will supersede the conditions in public utilities' market-based rate authorizations, and failure to comply with the requirements of this rule will subject public utilities to the same consequences they would face for not satisfying the conditions in their rate authorizations, including possible revocation of their authority to make wholesale power sales at market-based rates.⁴

5. Pursuant to these requirements, the Commission has revoked the market-based rate tariffs of market-based rate sellers that failed to submit their Electric Quarterly Reports.⁵

6. Sellers must file Electric Quarterly Reports consistent with the procedures set forth in Order Nos. 2001, 768,⁶ and 770.⁷ The exact filing dates for Electric Quarterly Reports are prescribed in 18 CFR 35.10b. As noted above, Commission staff's review of the Electric Quarterly Reports for the period up to the first quarter of 2023 identified two public utilities with market-based rate authorization that failed to file Electric Quarterly Reports. Commission staff contacted or attempted to contact these entities to remind them of their regulatory obligations. Despite these reminders, the public utilities listed in the caption of this order have not met these obligations. Accordingly, this order notifies these public utilities that their market-based rate authorizations will be revoked unless they comply with the Commission's requirements

³ Order No. 2001, 99 FERC ¶ 61,107 at P 222.

⁴ *Id.* P 223.

⁵ See, e.g., *Electric Quarterly Reps.*, 82 FR 60,976 (Dec. 26, 2017); *Electric Quarterly Reps.*, 80 FR 58,243 (Sep. 28, 2015); *Electric Quarterly Reps.*, 79 FR 65,651 (Nov. 5, 2014).

⁶ *Electricity Mkt. Transparency Provisions of Section 220 of the Federal Power Act*, Order No. 768, 140 FERC ¶ 61,232 (2012), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 768-A, 143 FERC ¶ 61,054 (2013), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 768-B, 150 FERC ¶ 61,075 (2015).

⁷ *Revisions to Elec. Quarterly Rep. Filing Process*, Order No. 770, 141 FERC ¶ 61,120 (2012).

within 15 days of the issuance of this order.

7. In the event that any of the above-captioned market-based rate sellers have already filed its Electric Quarterly Reports in compliance with the Commission's requirements, its inclusion herein is inadvertent. Such market-based rate seller is directed, within 15 days of the date of issuance of this order, to make a filing with the Commission identifying itself and providing details about its prior filings that establish that it complied with the Commission's Electric Quarterly Report filing requirements.

8. If any of the above-captioned market-based rate sellers do not wish to continue having market-based rate authority, that seller may file a notice of cancellation with the Commission pursuant to section 205 of the FPA to cancel its market-based rate tariff.

The Commission orders:

(A) Within 15 days of the date of issuance of this order, each public utility listed in the caption of this order shall file with the Commission all delinquent Electric Quarterly Reports. If a public utility subject to this order fails to make the filings required in this order, the Commission will revoke that public utility's market-based rate authorization and will terminate its electric market-based rate tariff. The Secretary is hereby directed, upon expiration of the filing deadline in this order, to promptly issue a notice, effective on the date of issuance, listing the public utilities whose tariffs have been revoked for failure to comply with the requirements of this order and the Commission's Electric Quarterly Report filing requirements.

(B) The Secretary is hereby directed to publish this order in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

Issued: August 24, 2023.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC23-10-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (Ferc-603); 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, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection, FERC-603 (Critical Energy/Electric Infrastructure Information Data Request), which will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a review of the information collection requirements.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due September 29, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments on FERC-603 to OMB through www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. Please identify the OMB control number (1902-0197) 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. IC23-10-000) 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:** Deliver to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

Instructions

OMB submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at 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, 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 and telephone at (202) 502-8663.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC-603, Critical Energy/Electric Infrastructure Information Data Request.

OMB Control No.: 1902-0197.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-603 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting and recordkeeping requirements.¹

Abstract: In accordance with section 215A(d) of the Federal Power Act² and 18 CFR 388.113, this collection of information provides that persons may seek Critical Energy/Electric Infrastructure Information (CEII). To receive CEII, they must show they have a legitimate need for such information, and they must submit a non-disclosure agreement that decreases the likelihood that such information could be used to plan or execute terrorist attacks.

This collection of information provides an alternative to seeking CEII in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).³ That statute requires federal agencies to disclose the requested information unless one or more of several FOIA exemptions justifies withholding of the requested information. In the case of CEII, two FOIA exemptions are likely to apply to CEII,⁴ and applying one of them frequently results in a decision to withhold the information from the FOIA requester. The Commission realizes that this process could prevent persons with a legitimate need for CEII from obtaining such information. For example, market participants seeking to develop new or expanded energy resources may have such a need.

In the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the Commission

¹ The CEII request form and five versions of the non-disclosure agreement (General Non-Disclosure Agreement, Media Non-Disclosure Agreement, Federal Agency Acknowledgement and Agreement, State Agency Employee Non-Disclosure Agreement, and Consultant Non-Disclosure Agreement) are posted at <https://www.ferc.gov/legal/ceii-foia/ceii.asp>.

² 16 U.S.C. 824o-1(d).

³ 5 U.S.C. 552 (2018).

⁴ The relevant FOIA exemptions are Exemption 3, which allows the withholding of information prohibited from disclosure by another statute and Exemption 7, which protects from disclosure certain law enforcement information, including information the disclosure of which might jeopardize a person's life or safety.