

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. IC24–1–000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC Form Nos. 2 and 2–A; 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 Form No. 2 (Annual Report for Major Natural Gas Companies) and FERC Form No. 2–A (Annual Report for Non-Major Natural Gas Companies).

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due January 8, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may submit your comments (identified by Docket No. IC24–01–000) 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:* Deliver to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Secretary, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

Instructions: All 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, telephone at (202) 502–8663.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC Form No. 2, Annual Report for Major Natural Gas Companies; OMB Control No. 1902–0028.

FERC Form No. 2–A, Annual Report for Non-Major Natural Gas Companies; OMB Control No. 1902–0030.

OMB Control No.: 1902–0028, 1902–0030.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC Form No. 2 and FERC Form No. 2–A information collection requirements without a change to the current reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Abstract: Pursuant to sections 8, 10 and 14 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), (15 U.S.C. 717g–717m), the Commission is authorized to conduct investigations and collect and record data, and to prescribe rules and regulations concerning accounts, records and memoranda as necessary or appropriate for purposes of administering the NGA. The Commission may prescribe a system of accounts for jurisdictional companies and, after notice and opportunity for hearing, may determine the accounts in which particular outlays and receipts will be entered, charged or credited.

The Commission collects FERC Form Nos. 2 and 2–A information as prescribed in 18 CFR 260.1 and 18 CFR 260.2. These forms provide information concerning a company's current performance, compiled using the Commission's Uniform System of Account (USoA).¹ FERC Form No. 2 is filed by "Major" natural gas companies that have combined natural gas transported or stored for a fee that exceeds 50 million Dekatherms in each of the three previous calendar years. FERC Form No. 2–A is filed by "Non-Major" natural gas companies that do not meet the filing threshold for the FERC Form No. 2, but have total gas sales or volume transactions that exceeds 200,000 Dekatherms in each of the three previous calendar years.

The forms provide information concerning a company's financial and operational information. The forms contain schedules which include a basic set of financial statements: Comparative Balance Sheet, Statement of Income and Retained Earnings, Statement of Cash Flows, and the Statement of Comprehensive Income and Hedging Activities. Supporting schedules containing supplementary information are filed, including revenues and the related quantities of products sold or

transported; account balances for various operating and maintenance expenses; selected plant cost data; and other information.

The information collected assists the Commission in the administration of its jurisdictional responsibilities and is used by Commission staff, state regulatory agencies, customers, financial analysts and others in the review of the financial condition of regulated companies. The information is also used in various rate proceedings, industry analyses and in the Commission's audit programs and as appropriate, for the computation of annual charges. The information is made available to the public, interveners and all interested parties to assist in the proceedings before the Commission. For financial information to be useful to the Commission, it must be understandable, relevant, reliable and timely. The Form Nos. 2 and 2–A financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Commission's USoA and related regulations, and provide data that enables the Commission to develop and monitor cost-based rates, analyze costs of different services and classes of assets, and compare costs across lines of business. The use of the USoA permits natural gas companies to account for similar transactions and events in a consistent manner, and to communicate those results to the Commission on a periodic basis. Comparability of data and financial statement analysis for a particular entity from one period to the next, or between entities, within the same industry, would be difficult to achieve if each company maintained its own accounting records using dissimilar accounting methods and classifications to record similar transactions and events. In summary, without the information collected in the forms, it would be difficult for the Commission to ensure, as required by the NGA, that a pipeline's rates remain just and reasonable, respond to Congressional and outside inquires, and make decisions in a timely manner.

Type of Respondent: Major and Non-Major Natural Gas Companies.

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

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. For further explanation of what is included in the information collection burden, refer to 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

³ The Commission staff believes the FERC FTE (full-time equivalent) average cost for wages plus benefits is representative of the corresponding cost for the industry respondents. Based upon the

¹ See 18 CFR part 201 (Uniform System of Accounts Prescribed for Natural Gas Companies Subject to the Provisions of the Natural Gas Act).

information collection as shown in the following table:

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| Information collection (FERC form No.) | Number of respondents | Annual number of responses per respondent | Total number of responses | Average burden & cost per response | Total annual burden hours & cost | Annual cost per respondent (\$) |
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| | (1) | (2) | (1) * (2) = (3) | (4) | (3) * (4) = (5) | (5) ÷ (1) ⁴ |
| 2 | 100 | 1 | 100 | 1,671.66 hrs.; \$160,479.36. | 167,166 hrs.; \$16,047,936. | \$160,479.36 |
| 2-A | 81 | 1 | 81 | 296 hrs.; \$28,416 .. | 23,976 hrs.; \$2,301,696. | \$28,416 |

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: November 3, 2023.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15319-000]

Jupiter Pumped Storage 1, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On July 12, 2023, Jupiter Pumped Storage 1, 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 Mineral Run Pumped Storage Project (Mineral Run Project or project) to be located in Cambria County, Pennsylvania. 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.

The proposed Mineral Run Project would consist of the following: (1) a new 9,400-foot-long, 85-foot-high rock-filled embankment dike forming an upper reservoir having a surface area of 120 acres and a total storage capacity of approximately 9,840 acre-feet at a normal maximum water surface elevation of 2,282 feet above mean sea level (msl); (2) a new 15,200-foot-long, 85-foot-high rock-filled embankment dike forming a lower reservoir having a total storage capacity of approximately 9,840 acre-feet at a normal maximum water surface elevation of 2,062 feet msl; (3) a 32-foot-diameter, 100-foot-long vertical tunnel and a 32-foot-diameter, 4,500-foot-long horizontal tunnel and/or penstock connecting the upper and lower reservoirs; (4) a 120-foot-wide, 600-foot-long powerhouse containing six reversible turbine-generator units with a total rated capacity of 208 megawatts; (5) a new pump station along the eastern bank of Saltlick Run to convey water through a 1,300-foot-long, 2-foot-diameter steel conduit to the lower reservoir; (6) a 1.7-mile-long, 230-kilovolt transmission line connecting the project to an existing substation; and (7) appurtenant facilities. Initial fill and make-up water for the project would come from Saltlick Run. The proposed project would have an annual generation of 607,000 megawatt-hours.

Applicant Contact: Nate Sandvig, Rye Development, LLC, 830 NE Holladay Street, Portland, OR 97232; phone: 503-309-2496.

FERC Contact: Monir Chowdhury; phone: (202) 502-6736.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications

(without notices of intent), or notices of 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, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-15319-000.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-15319) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: November 2, 2023.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Deputy Secretary.

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FERC's 2023 average cost for salary plus benefits, the average hourly cost is \$96/hour.

⁴ Every figure in this column is rounded to the nearest dollar.