

on the Weber River near the city of Ogden in Weber, Morgan, and Davis counties, Utah and occupies federal lands within the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest managed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service.

On January 20, 2023, and April 18, 2023, PacifiCorp, the project's licensee, requested Commission approval to undertake certain construction, modification, and removal activities that have the potential to adversely affect properties included in, or eligible for inclusion in, the National Register of Historic Places. Thereafter, Commission staff determined that a Programmatic Agreement should be executed to ensure compliance with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.<sup>2</sup>

On November 2, 2023, the Commission and the Utah SHPO executed the Programmatic Agreement. PacifiCorp was invited to concur in the agreement and did so on November 14, 2023. The Programmatic Agreement requires PacifiCorp to continue to implement the Historic Properties Management Plan approved in Article 407 of the project's license.<sup>3</sup> Pursuant to section 6 of the Federal Power Act,<sup>4</sup> the Commission is providing notice that it plans to issue an order amending the license to incorporate the executed Programmatic Agreement. Unless and until the Commission issues an order incorporating the Programmatic Agreement into the license, the agreement has no independent legal effect.

The executed Programmatic Agreement may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the eLibrary link. Enter the docket number (P-1744) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. You may also register online at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/ferconline.aspx> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects.

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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).

For further information, contact Jennifer Polardino at 202-502-6437 or [jennifer.polardino@ferc.gov](mailto:jennifer.polardino@ferc.gov).

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**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 5698-022]

#### Triton Power Company; Notice Soliciting Applications

On December 31, 2020, Triton Power Company, licensee for the Chateaugay High Falls Hydroelectric Project No. 5698 (project), filed a Notice of Intent (NOI) to file an application for a new license for the project pursuant to section 15(b)(1) of the Federal Power Act (FPA).<sup>1</sup> On February 26, 2021, Commission staff issued public notice of the NOI and approved the use of the traditional licensing process to develop the license application. The current license for the project expires on December 31, 2025.<sup>2</sup>

The 1,710-kilowatt (kW) project is located on the Chateaugay River in Franklin County, New York. The project consists of: (1) an 82-foot-long, 56-foot-high concrete and masonry dam; (2) an intake structure equipped with a trashrack with 1-inch clear bar spacing and a 9-foot-wide, 9-foot-high sluice gate, located approximately 130 feet upstream of the dam; (3) an impoundment with a surface area of 2.9 acres at an elevation of 962.7 feet mean sea level; (4) a 6-foot-diameter, 480-foot-long steel penstock; (5) a 50-foot-wide, 40-foot-long concrete powerhouse containing a 1,260-kW turbine-generator unit and a 450-kW turbine-generator unit; (6) a tailrace; (7) a 1,020-foot-long, 4.16-kilovolt transmission line; and (8) appurtenant facilities. From 2010, through 2019, the project had an average annual energy production of 6,751 megawatt-hours.

Pursuant to section 15(c)(1) of the FPA<sup>3</sup> and section 16.9 of the

Commission's regulations,<sup>4</sup> an existing licensee must file an application for a new license at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the current license. As stated above, Triton Power Company's NOI indicated that it would file an application for a new license; however, it did not file an application for a new license for the project by the December 31, 2023 deadline.

Therefore, pursuant to section 16.25(a) of the Commission's regulations, we are soliciting applications from potential applicants other than the existing licensee.<sup>5</sup> Interested parties have 90 days from the date of this notice to file a NOI to file an application for a new license. An application for a new license for the project may be filed within 18 months of the date of filing the NOI. The existing licensee is prohibited from filing an application either individually or in combination with other entities.<sup>6</sup>

Questions concerning this notice should be directed to Arash Barsari at (202) 502-6207 or email at [Arash.JalaliBarsari@ferc.gov](mailto:Arash.JalaliBarsari@ferc.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC24-2-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-725r); Comment Request; Extension

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of revision of information collection and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on revisions of the information collection FERC-725R (Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System: BAL Reliability Standards), which will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due February 20, 2024.

<sup>2</sup> 54 U.S.C. 306108.

<sup>3</sup> *PacifiCorp*, 174 FERC ¶ 62,172 at P 53 & Article 407.

<sup>4</sup> 16 U.S.C. 799.

<sup>1</sup> 16 U.S.C. 808(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> *Triton Power Company*, 34 FERC ¶ 61,055 (1986).

<sup>3</sup> 16 U.S.C. 808(c)(1).

<sup>4</sup> 18 CFR 16.9 (2023).

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* § 16.25(a).

<sup>6</sup> *Id.* § 16.24(a)(2).

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments on FERC-725R to 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 (1902-0268) in the subject line of your comments. Comments should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain).

Please submit copies of your comments to the Commission. You may submit copies of your comments (identified by Docket No. IC24-2-000) 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, Secretary of the 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](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 <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/docs-filing.asp>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jean Sonneman may be reached by email at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), and telephone at (202) 502-6362.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* FERC-725R, Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System: BAL Reliability Standards. *OMB Control No.:* 1902-0268.

*Type of Request:* OMB renewal of the FERC-725R information collection

requirements, with no changes to the requirements.

*Abstract:* The FERC 725R information collection includes four reliability standards.

- BAL-001-2, Real Power Balancing Control Performance; (effective July 1, 2016)
- BAL-002-3, Disturbance Control Standard—Contingency Reserve for Recovery from a Balancing Contingency Event; (effective April 1, 2019)
- BAL-003-2, Frequency Response and Frequency Bias Setting; (effective December 1, 2020)
- BAL-005-1, Balancing Authority Control. (effective January 1, 2019)

On August 8, 2005, Congress enacted into law the Electricity Modernization Act of 2005, which is title XII, subtitle A, of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAc 2005).<sup>1</sup> EPAc 2005 added a new section 215 to the Federal Power Act (FPA), which requires a Commission-certified Electric Reliability Organization (ERO) to develop mandatory and enforceable Reliability Standards, which are subject to Commission review and approval. Once approved, any Reliability Standard may be enforced by the ERO subject to Commission oversight, or the Commission may independently enforce Reliability Standards.<sup>2</sup>

On February 3, 2006, the Commission issued Order No. 672, implementing section 215 of the FPA.<sup>3</sup> Pursuant to Order No. 672, the Commission certified one organization, North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), as the ERO.<sup>4</sup> The Reliability Standards developed by the ERO and approved by the Commission apply to users, owners and operators of the Bulk-Power System as set forth in each Reliability Standard.

This collection was last revised beginning on December 19, 2019 when NERC submitted for approval the proposed Reliability Standard BAL-003-2.

*Types of Respondents:* Balancing authorities and a Frequency Response Sharing Group (FRSG).

<sup>1</sup> Energy Policy Act of 2005, Public Law 109-58, Title XII, Subtitle A, 119 Stat. 594, 941 (codified at 16 U.S.C. 824o).

<sup>2</sup> 16 U.S.C. 824o(e)(3).

<sup>3</sup> *Rules Concerning Certification of the Electric Reliability Organization; and Procedures for the Establishment, Approval, and Enforcement of Electric Reliability Standards*, Order No. 672, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,204, *order on reh'g*, Order No. 672-A, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,212 (2006).

<sup>4</sup> *North American Electric Reliability Corp.*, 116 FERC ¶ 61,062, *order on reh'g and compliance*, 117 FERC ¶ 61,126 (2006), *order on compliance*, 118 FERC ¶ 61,190, *order on reh'g*, 119 FERC ¶ 61,046 (2007), *aff'd sub nom. Alcoa Inc. v. FERC*, 564 F.3d 1342 (D.C. Cir. 2009).

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*<sup>5</sup> The estimated burdens of the FERC 725R include the Reliability Standards: BAL-001-2, BAL-002-3, BAL-003-2, and BAL-005-1.

The requirements for each Reliability Standard—are as follows:

*BAL-001-2:* Real Power Balancing Control Performance. Reliability Standard BAL-001-2 is designed to ensure that applicable entities balance generation and load by maintaining system frequency within narrow bounds around a scheduled value, and it improves reliability by adding a frequency component to the measurement of a Balancing Authority's Area Control Error (ACE).<sup>6</sup>

*BAL-002-3:* Disturbance Control Standard—Contingency Reserve for Recovery from a Balancing Contingency Event. This standard ensures that a responsible entity, either a balancing authority or reserve sharing group, is able to recover from system contingencies by deploying adequate reserves to return their Area Control Error to defined values and replacing the capacity and energy lost due to generation or transmission equipment outages.

*BAL-003-2:* Frequency Response and Frequency Bias Setting. This standard requires sufficient Frequency Response from the Balancing Authority (BA) to maintain Interconnection Frequency within predefined bounds by arresting frequency deviations and supporting frequency until the frequency is restored.

*BAL-005-1:* Balancing Authority Control. This standard establishes requirements for acquiring data necessary to calculate Reporting Area Control Error (Reporting ACE). The standard also specifies a minimum periodicity, accuracy, and availability requirement for acquisition of the data and for providing the information to the System Operator. It requires balancing authorities to maintain minimum levels of annual availability of 99.5% for each balancing authority system for calculating Reporting ACE.

Our estimates are based on the NERC Compliance Registry as of September

<sup>5</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. See 5 CFR 1320 for additional information on the definition of information collection burden.

<sup>6</sup> Area Control Error is the “instantaneous difference between a Balancing Authority's net actual and scheduled interchange, taking into accounts the effects of Frequency Bias, correction for meter error, and Automatic Time Error Correction (ATEC), if operating in the ATEC mode. ATEC is only applicable to Balancing Authorities in the Western Interconnection.” NERC Glossary.

22, 2023, which indicates that in the United States there are 98 registered balancing authorities, 8 registered

reserve sharing group (RSG) and 1 frequency response sharing group (FRSG).<sup>7</sup>

Estimates for the average annual burden and cost<sup>8</sup> follow.

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Function	Number & type of respondents (1)	Number of annual responses per respondent (2)	Total number of annual responses (1) × (2) = (3)	Average burden hours & cost (\$) per response (4)	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost (\$) (3) × (4) = (5)
BAL-001-2:					
BA Reporting Requirements .....	98	1	98	8 hrs.; \$618.32 ...	784 hrs.; \$60,595.36.
BA Recordkeeping Requirements .....	98	1	98	4 hrs.; \$224.56 ...	392 hrs.; \$22,006.88.
BAL-002-3:					
BA & RSG Reporting Requirements .....	106	1	106	8 hrs.; \$618.32 ...	848 hrs.; \$65,541.92.
BA & RSG Recordkeeping Requirements .....	106	1	106	4 hrs.; \$224.56 ...	424 hrs.; \$23,803.36.
BAL-003-2:					
BA & FRSG Reporting Requirements .....	99	28	2,772	8 hrs.; \$618.32 ...	22,176 hrs.; \$1,713,983.04.
BA & FRSG Recordkeeping Requirements .....	99	1	99	2 hrs.; \$112.28 ...	198 hrs.; \$11,115.72.
BAL-005-1:					
BA Reporting Requirements .....	98	1	98	1 hr.; \$77.29 .....	98 hrs.; \$7,574.42.
BA Recordkeeping Requirements .....	98	1	98	1 hr.; \$56.14 .....	98 hrs.; \$5,501.72.
Sub-Total for Reporting Requirements .....					23,906 hrs.; \$1,847,694.74.
Sub-Total for Recordkeeping Requirements .....					1,112 hrs.; \$62,427.68.
Total for FERC-725R .....					25,018 hrs.; \$1,910,122.42.

*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.

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*Acting Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Western Area Power Administration**

**Agency Information Collection Extension**

**AGENCY:** Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Submission for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) has submitted an information collection request to the OMB for extension under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection requests a 3-year extension of Western Area Power Administration's (WAPA) Applicant Profile Data (APD), OMB Control Number 1910-5136. The proposed collection is necessary for the proper performance of WAPA's functions. WAPA markets a limited amount of Federal hydropower. Due to the high demand for WAPA's power, WAPA needs the ability to collect information under the information collection request in order to evaluate who may receive an allocation of Federal power pursuant to specific marketing plans. This APD public process only determines the information WAPA will collect in its information collection request. The actual allocation of Federal power will be conducted through a separate marketing plan process outside the scope of this APD process.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this collection must be received on or before February 20, 2024. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments but

find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, please advise the OMB Desk Officer of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at (202) 395-4718.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Please contact Mr. Christopher Magee, Records and Information Management Program Manager, Western Area Power Administration, PO Box 281213, Lakewood, CO 80228, telephone (720) 962-7139, or email [cmagee@wapa.gov](mailto:cmagee@wapa.gov). The proposed APD form is available on WAPA's website at <https://www.wapa.gov/power-marketing/applicant-profile-data/>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This information collection request contains: (1) *OMB No.:* 1910-5136; (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) Applicant Profile Data; (3) *Type of Review:* Renewal; (4) *Purpose:* WAPA is collecting—and will continue

<sup>7</sup>NERC Compliance Registry (September 22, 2023), available at [https://www.nerc.com/pa/comp/Registration%20and%20Certification%20DL/NERC\\_Compliance\\_Registry\\_Matrix\\_Excel.xlsx](https://www.nerc.com/pa/comp/Registration%20and%20Certification%20DL/NERC_Compliance_Registry_Matrix_Excel.xlsx).

<sup>8</sup>The hourly cost estimates are based on wage data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics for May 2022 (at [https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics2\\_22.htm](https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics2_22.htm)) and benefits data for Dec. 2022 (issued March 2023, at <https://www.bls.gov/news.release/ecec.nr0.htm>). The hourly costs (for wages and

benefits) for reporting are: Electrical Engineer (Occupation code 17-2071), \$77.29. The hourly costs (for wages and benefits) for evidence retention are: Information and Record Clerk (Occupation code 43-4199), \$56.14.