

so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene:* Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents:* All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title PROTEST, MOTION TO INTERVENE, COMMENTS, RECOMMENDATIONS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS, or FISHWAY PRESCRIPTIONS; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, or prescriptions should relate to the proposed amendment application. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. If an intervener files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

Dated: January 22, 2018.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. FA15-16-000]

#### Dominion Energy Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Paper Hearing Procedure

Take notice that on December 8, 2017, Dominion Energy Transmission, Inc. (Dominion) filed a request for Commission review of certain findings and recommendations in the November 8, 2017 audit report<sup>1</sup> issued in this docket by the Director of the Office of Enforcement under authority delegated to him by section 375.311 of the Commission's regulations (Audit Report).<sup>2</sup> In accordance with section 158.3 of the Commission's regulations,<sup>3</sup> Dominion notified the Commission that it requested review of contested issues by means of a shortened procedure. Pursuant to section 158.3, we direct the commencement of a paper hearing.

The Audit Report summarizes Enforcement's review, first announced in this docket on April 15, 2015, of Dominion's compliance with the Uniform System of Accounts, the reporting requirements of the FERC Form No. 2, and Dominion's own gas tariff. The Audit Report states that, while Dominion agreed not to contest certain of Enforcement's findings and recommendations in the report, it does contest the Audit Report's findings and recommendations pertaining to the Allowance for Funds Used During Construction (AFUDC). The scope of the paper hearing is limited to these challenged findings and recommendations.

In accordance with section 158.3, Dominion and any other interested entity, including the Commission staff, shall file, within 45 days of this notice, an initial memorandum that addresses the relevant facts and applicable law that support the position or positions taken regarding the matters at issue. Reply memoranda may be filed by participants who filed initial memoranda. Reply memoranda must be filed within 20 days of the due date for initial memoranda. Pursuant to section 158.3, subpart T of Part 385 of the Commission's regulations shall apply to

<sup>1</sup> *Audit of Dominion Energy Transmission, Inc.'s compliance with its FERC Gas Tariff; the accounting requirements of the Uniform System of Accounts Prescribed for Natural Gas Companies; and the reporting requirements of the FERC Form No. 2, Annual Report*, Commission Office of Enforcement Division of Audits and Accounting (filed Nov. 8, 2017) (Audit Report).

<sup>2</sup> 18 CFR 375.311 (2017).

<sup>3</sup> 18 CFR 158.3 (2017).

all filings. Further, pursuant to section 158.4, each entity's memorandum should set out the facts and argument as prescribed for briefs in Rule 706 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.<sup>4</sup> Section 158.5 also requires that the facts stated in the memorandum must be sworn to by persons having knowledge thereof, which latter fact must affirmatively appear in the affidavit.<sup>5</sup>

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, service, and qualifying facilities filings can be found at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf>. For other information, call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC18-7-000]

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

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

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

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection, FERC-725L, Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System: MOD Reliability Standards.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due March 27, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC18-7-000) by either of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's website:*  
<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>.

- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:*  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

*Instructions:* All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with

<sup>4</sup> 18 CFR 158.4 (2017) (citing 18 CFR 385.706 (2017)).

<sup>5</sup> 18 CFR 158.5 (2017).

submission guidelines at: <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp>. 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), or (202) 502-8659 for TTY.

*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:**

Ellen Brown may be reached by email at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), telephone at (202) 502-8663, and fax at (202) 273-0873.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* FERC-725L, Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System: MOD Reliability Standards.

*OMB Control No.:* 1902-0261.

*Type of Request:* Three-year extension of the FERC-725L information

collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

*Abstract:* MOD Reliability Standards ensure that generators remain in operation during specified voltage and frequency excursions, properly coordinate protective relays and generator voltage regulator controls, and ensure that generator models accurately reflect the generator’s capabilities and equipment performance.

Reliability Standards MOD-025-2, MOD-026-1, and MOD-027-1 “address generator verifications needed to support Bulk-Power System reliability and will ensure that accurate data is verified and made available for planning simulations.” NERC explains that Bulk-Power System reliability benefits from “good quality simulation models of power system equipment,” and that “model validation ensures the proper performance of the control systems and validates the computer models used for stability analysis.”<sup>1</sup> NERC further states that the proposed Reliability Standards will enhance reliability because the tests

performed to obtain model data may reveal latent defects that could cause inappropriate unit response during system disturbances.

Reliability Standards MOD-032-1 and MOD-033-2 are designed to replace, consolidate and improve upon” existing MOD standards, in addressing system-level modeling data and validation requirements necessary for developing planning models and the Interconnection-wide cases that are integral to analyzing the reliability of the Bulk-Power System.

*Type of Respondents:* NERC-registered entities including generator owners, transmission planners, planning authorities, balancing authorities, resource planners, transmission service providers, reliability coordinators, and transmission operators.<sup>2</sup>

*Estimate of Annual Burden*<sup>3</sup>: The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden<sup>4</sup> for the information collection as:

	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden and cost per response	Total annual burden hours and total annual cost	Cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
<b>MOD-025-2 (Verification and Data Reporting of Generator Real and Reactive Power Capability and Synchronous Condenser Reactive Power Capability)</b>						
Attachment 2 .....	933 (GO) .....	1	933	6 hrs.; \$448.92 <sup>5</sup> .....	5,598 hrs.; \$418,842	448.92
Evidence Retention ..	933 (GO) .....	1	933	1 hr.; \$32.74 <sup>6</sup> .....	933 hrs.; \$30,546 .....	32.74
Total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,531 hrs.; \$449,388	.....
<b>MOD-026-1 (Verification of Models and Data for Generator Excitation Control System or Plant Volt/Variance Control Functions)</b>						
Instructions for obtaining excitation control system or plant voltage/variance control function model.	185 (TP) .....	1	185	8 hrs.; \$598.56 <sup>4</sup> .....	1,480 hrs.; \$110,734	598.56
Documentation on generator verification.	466 (GO) .....	1	466	8 hrs.; \$598.56 <sup>4</sup> .....	3,728 hrs.; \$278,929	598.56
Evidence Retention ..	651 (GO and TOP) ..	1	651	1 hr.; \$32.74 <sup>5</sup> .....	651 hrs.; \$21,314 .....	32.74
Total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,859 hrs.; \$410,977	.....

<sup>1</sup> NERC Petition for Approval of Five Proposed Reliability Standards MOD-025-2, MOD-026-1, MOD-027-1, PRC-019-1, and PRC-024-1 issued on 5/30/2013.

<sup>2</sup> In subsequent portions of this notice, the following acronyms will be used: PA = Planning Authority, GO = Generator Owner, TP = Transmission Planner, BA = Balancing Authority, RP = Resource Planner, TSP = Transmission Service Provider, RC = Reliability Coordinator, TOP = Transmission Operator.

<sup>3</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, reference 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

<sup>4</sup> Each of the five MOD standards in the FERC-725L information collection previously contained “one-time” components to their respondent burden. These one-time burden categories consisted

primarily of activities related to establishing industry practices and developing data validation procedures tailored toward these reliability standards and their reporting requirements. None of the one-time burdens apply any longer, so they are being removed from the FERC-725L information collection.

	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden and cost per response	Total annual burden hours and total annual cost	Cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
<b>MOD-027-1 (Verification of Models and Data for Turbine/Governor and Load Control or Active Power/Frequency Control Functions)</b>						
Instructions for obtaining excitation control system or plant voltage/variance control function model.	185 (TP) .....	1	185	8 hrs.; \$598.56 <sup>4</sup> .....	1,480 hrs.; \$110,734	598.56
Documentation on generator verification.	466 (GO) .....	1	466	8 hrs.; \$598.56 <sup>4</sup> .....	3,728 hrs.; \$278,929	598.56
Evidence Retention.	651 (GO and TP) .....	1	651	1 hr.; \$32.74 <sup>2</sup> .....	651 hrs.; \$21,314 .....	32.74
<b>Total</b> .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,859 hrs.; \$410,977	.....
<b>MOD-032-1 (Verification of Models and Data for Turbine/Governor and Load Control or Active Power/Frequency Control Functions)</b>						
Data Submittal .....	1,197 (BA, GO, PA, RP, TO, TP, and TSP).	1	1,197	8 hrs.; \$544.96 <sup>7</sup> .....	9,576 hrs.; \$652,317	544.96
Evidence Retention ..	1,197 (BA, GO, PA, RP, TO, TP, and TSP).	1	1,197	1 hr.; \$32.74 <sup>2</sup> .....	1,197 hrs.; \$39,190 ..	32.74
<b>Total</b> .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10,773 hrs.; \$691,507.	.....
<b>MOD-033-1 (Steady-State and Dynamics System Model Validation)</b>						
Data Submittal .....	188 (RC and TOP) ..	1	188	8 hrs.; \$544.96 <sup>6</sup> .....	1,504 hrs.; \$102,452	544.96
Evidence Retention ..	194 (PA, RC, and TOP).	1	194	1 hr.; \$32.74 <sup>2</sup> .....	194 hrs.; \$6,352 .....	32.74
<b>Total</b> .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,698 hrs.; \$108,804	.....

The total annual estimated burden and cost for the FERC-725L information collection is 27,544 hours and \$2,071,653 respectively.

**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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*Secretary.*  
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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**  
**[EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0008; FRL-9971-42]**  
**Pesticide Product Registration; Receipt of Applications for New Uses**  
**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA has received applications to register new uses for pesticide products containing currently registered active ingredients. Pursuant to the

Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), EPA is hereby providing notice of receipt and opportunity to comment on these applications.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before February 26, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by the Docket Identification (ID) Number and the File Symbol of interest as show in the body of this document, by one of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

- Mail:* OPP Docket, Environmental Protection Agency Docket Center (EPA/DC), (28221T), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001.

<sup>5</sup> This wage figure uses the weighted hourly average wage (plus benefits) for electrical engineers (Occupation Code: 17-2071) and managers (Occupation Code: 11-0000) obtained from the Bureau of Labor Statistics: \$74.82/hour. The average used the following calculation: [\$68.12/hour + \$81.52/hour] ÷ 2 = \$74.82/hour. \$68.12/hour is the wage for engineers. \$81.52 is the wage for manager.

<sup>6</sup> Uses the hourly average wage (plus benefits) for file clerks obtained from the Bureau of Labor Statistics: \$32.74/hour (BLS Occupation Code: 43-4071).

<sup>7</sup> Uses the hourly average wage (plus benefits) for electrical engineers obtained from the Bureau of Labor Statistics: \$68.12/hour (BLS Occupation Code: 17-2071).