burden and cost [5] for this information collection as follows.

The average hourly cost (salary plus benefits), weighing all of these skill sets evenly, is $94.18. The Commission rounds it down to $94/hour.

FERC–919, MARKET BASED RATES FOR WHOLESALE SALES OF ELECTRIC ENERGY, CAPACITY AND ANCILLARY SERVICES BY PUBLIC UTILITIES

Requirement	Number of respondents (1)	Annual number of responses per respondent (2)	Total number of responses (1) * (2) = (3)	Average burden & cost per response (4)	Total annual burden hours & cost (3) * (4) = (5)	Annual cost per respondent ($) (5) ÷ (1)
Market Power Analysis in New Applications for Market-based rates.	144	1	144	250 hrs.; $23,500	36,000 hrs.; $3,384,000.	$23,500
Triennial market power analysis in seller updates.	65	1	65	250 hrs.; $23,500	16,250 hrs.; $1,527.500.	23,500
Appendix B addition to change in status reports.	149	1	149	49 hrs.; $4,606	7,301 hrs.; $686,294 ...	4,606
Total	.....	.....	358	.....	59,551 hrs.; $5,597,794.	.....

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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RD18–7–000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–725R); Comment Request; Revision

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Comment request.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is submitting its information collection FERC–725R (Mandatory Reliability Standards: BAL Reliability Standards) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review of the information collection requirements. Any interested person may file comments with the Commission as explained below.

The North American Electric Reliability Corporation submitted a petition (on August 17, 2018) requesting Commission approval of proposed Reliability Standard BAL–002–3 and the retirement of currently effective Reliability Standard BAL–002–2. On August 24, 2018, the Commission issued a Notice in the **Federal Register** requesting public comment on the petition and proposed changes (which would affect the FERC–725R) The Commission received no comments and is making this notation in its submittal of the FERC–725R to OMB.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due by December 10, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the Commission, in Docket No. RD18–7–000 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 submission guidelines at: *http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp.* For user assistance contact FERC Online Support by email at *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,* by telephone at (202) 502–8663, and by fax at (202) 273–0873.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC–725R, Mandatory Reliability Standards: BAL Reliability Standards.

OMB Control No.: 1902–0268.

Type of Request: Revision to FERC–725R information collection requirements, as discussed in Docket No. RD18–7–000.

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

[5] The estimated hourly costs (for wages and benefits) provided in this section are based on the figures for May 2017 posted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) for the Utilities section available (at *https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics2_22.htm*) and benefits information (for December 2017, issued March 20, 2018, at *https://www.bls.gov/news.release/ecec.nr0.htm*). The hourly estimates for salary plus benefits are:

—Economist (Occupation Code: 19–3011), $71.98

—Electrical Engineers (Occupation Code: 17–2071), $66.90

—Lawyers (Occupation Code: 23–0000), $143.68

Abstract: On August 17, 2018, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) filed a petition seeking approval of proposed Reliability Standard BAL–002–3 (Disturbance Control Standard—Contingency Reserve for Recovery from a Balancing Contingency Event) and the retirement of currently-effective Reliability Standard BAL–002–2. NERC submitted proposed Reliability Standard BAL–002–3 in response to the Commission's directive in Order No. 835 to develop modifications to Reliability Standard BAL–002–2, Requirement R1 to require balancing authorities or reserve sharing groups: (1) To notify the reliability coordinator of the conditions set forth in Requirement R1, Part 1.3.1 preventing it from complying with the 15-minute ACE recovery period; and (2) to provide the reliability coordinator with its ACE recovery plan, including a target recovery time.[1] The NERC petition states ''the proposed modifications to Reliability Standard BAL–002–3 also intend to clarify that communication with the reliability coordinator (RC) should proceed in accordance with Energy Emergency Alert procedures within the EOP Reliability Standards.[2] This communication is done under the currently-effective Reliability Standard BAL–002–2. The communications (and related burden) are already required, and the additional information is de minimis. Therefore the Commission is not modifying the burden estimate and is submitting this to OMB as non-material or non-substantive change to a currently approved collection.

The Office of Electric Reliability approved the NERC proposal in a Delegated Order on September 25, 2018.

Type of Respondents: Balancing authorities and reserve sharing groups.

Estimate of Annual Burden[3]: According to the NERC Compliance Registry as of 8/24/2018, there are 99 balancing authorities in the United States. The Commission bases individual burden estimates on the time needed for balancing authorities to develop tools needed to facilitate reporting that are required in the Reliability Standard. These burden estimates are consistent with estimates for similar tasks in other Commission-approved Reliability Standards.

[1] Disturbance Control Standard—Contingency Reserve for Recovery from a Balancing Contingency Event Reliability Standard, Order No. 835, 158 FERC ¶ 61,030, at P 37 (2017).

[2] NERC Petition at 3.

[3] 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 information collection burden, refer to 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

[4] Reliability Standard BAL–002–2 applies to balancing authorities and reserve sharing groups. However, the burden associated with the balancing authorities complying with Requirements R1 and R3 is not included in this table because that burden doesn't change and the Commission already accounted for it under Commission-approved Reliability Standard BAL–002–1.

[5] The estimated hourly cost (wages plus benefits) is based on Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) information (available at *http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics2_22.htm* and, for benefits, *https://www.bls.gov/news.release/ecec.nr0.htm*). The hourly cost (wages plus benefits) for developing and maintaining operating process and plans is $105.29 and is an average for an electrical engineer (Occupation code 17–2071, $66.90/hour) and Legal (Occupation code 23–0000, $ $143.68). The hourly cost (wages plus benefits) for record retention is $39.68 for information and record clerks (Occupation code 43–4199).

[6] BA = Balancing Authority; RSG = Reserve Sharing Group.

[7] This figure of 8 hours/response is an average of the hourly burden per response for Years 1–3. Year 1 burden: 12 hours per response; Years 2–3, each: 6 hours/response. The average annual burden for Years 1–3 is 8 hours/response (or [12 hours + 6 hours + 6 hours] ÷ 3).

FERC–725R, AS MODIFIED BY RM16–7–000 FINAL RULE (BAL–002–2: DISTURBANCE CONTROL STANDARD—CONTINGENCY RESERVE FOR RECOVERY FROM A BALANCING CONTINGENCY EVENT) [4] [5]

	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden hours & cost per response ($)	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost ($) (rounded)	Cost per respondent ($)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
BA/RSG: [6] Develop and Maintain annually, Operating Process and Operating Plans.	99	1	99	8 [7] hrs.; $842.32	792 hrs.; $83,390	$842.32
BA/RSG: Record Retention	99	1	99	4 hrs.; $158.72	396 hrs.; $15,713	158.72
TOTAL			198		1,188 hrs.; $99,103	

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2837–033]

Notice Soliciting Scoping Comments: Erie Boulevard Hydropower, LP

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* New Major License.

b. *Project No.:* 2837–033.

c. *Date filed:* March 29, 2018.

d. *Applicant:* Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P. (Erie).

e. *Name of Project:* Granby Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Oswego River in the town of Fulton in Oswego County, New York. The project does not affect federal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)–825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Steven P. Murphy, Director, U.S. Licensing, Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P., 33 West 1st Street South, Fulton, NY 13069; (315) 598–6130.

i. *FERC Contact:* Allyson Conner, (202) 502–6082 or *allyson.conner@ferc.gov*.

j. *Deadline for filing scoping comments:* 30 days from the issuance date of this notice.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file scoping comments 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–2837–033.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor 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.

k. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. Project Description

The existing Granby Hydroelectric Project (Granby Project) consists of: (1) An 88-foot-wide reinforced concrete intake structure that includes two bays containing trashracks and fixed-roller, vertical-lift type gates; (2) a 17-foot-wide sluice opening adjacent to the intake structure; (3) a 112-foot-long, 88-foot-wide powerhouse containing two 5.04-megawatt (MW) turbine-generator units, with a total capacity of 10.08 MW; (4) a 3,000-foot-long, 100-foot-wide tailrace; (5) two 4.16-kilovolt, 120-foot-long underground generator leads; (6) a 60-foot-long by 48-foot-wide electrical switchyard; and (7) appurtenant facilities.

The Granby Project is operated in a modified run-of-river mode. The Granby Project and the Fulton Development at Erie's Oswego River Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 2474) are located at opposite ends of the same dam and share a single bypassed reach and reservoir. The flow and impoundment elevation requirements in the Oswego Project license,[1] which were based on a 2004 Offer of Settlement, affect the Granby Project. The average annual generation at the Granby Project is estimated to be 44,181 megawatt-hours.

m. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website at *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. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support. A copy is available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

n. You may also register online at *http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp* to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

o. Scoping Process

The Commission staff intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Granby Hydroelectric Project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The EA will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts and reasonable alternatives to the proposed action.

Commission staff does not propose to conduct any on-site scoping meetings at this time. Instead, we are soliciting comments, recommendations, and information, on the Scoping Document 1 (SD1) issued on September 28, 2018.

Copies of SD1 outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the EA were distributed to the parties on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of SD1 may be viewed on the web at *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. For assistance, call 1–866–208–3676 or for TTY, (202) 502–8659.

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[1] 109 FERC ¶ 62, 141 (2004).

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP18–505–000]

Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review of the Texas Eastern Transmission, LP Cameron System Abandonment Project

On June 18, 2018, Texas Eastern Transmission, LP filed an application in Docket No. CP18–505–000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act to abandon certain natural gas pipeline facilities. The