

DATES: Monday, March 12, 2018 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Crystal City Marriott at Reagan National Airport, 1999 Jefferson Davis Highway, Potomac Ballroom, Arlington, Virginia 22202, 703–413–5500.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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The most current information concerning this meeting can be found on the website: <http://science.gov/np/nsac/meetings/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to provide advice and guidance on a continuing basis to the Department of Energy and the National Science Foundation on scientific priorities within the field of basic nuclear science research.

Tentative Agenda: Agenda will include discussions of the following:

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- Perspectives from Department of Energy and National Science Foundation
- Update from the Department of Energy and National Science Foundation's Nuclear Physics Offices
- Presentation of the Mo–99 Subcommittee Report
- Discussion of the Mo–99 Subcommittee Report

Note: The NSAC Meeting will be broadcast live on the internet. You may find out how to access this broadcast by going to the following site prior to the start of the meeting. A video record of the meeting, including the presentations that are made, will be archived at this site after the meeting ends: <http://www.tvworldwide.com/events/DOE/180312/>.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of these items on the agenda, you should contact Brenda L. May, (301) 903–0536 or Brenda.May@science.doe.gov (email). You must make your request for an oral statement at least five business days before the meeting. Reasonable provisions will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chairperson of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule.

The minutes of the meeting will be available for review on the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Nuclear Physics website at: <http://science.gov/np/nsac/meetings/>.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 14, 2018.

LaTanya R. Butler,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC18–1–000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–598); Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy.

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–598 (Self-Certification for Entities Seeking Exempt Wholesale Generator Status or Foreign Utility Company Status) and submitting the information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission published a Notice in the **Federal Register** in Docket No. IC18–1–000 on December 11, 2017 requesting public comments. FERC received no comments in response to the Notice and is indicating that in its submittal to the OMB.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due March 23, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Comments filed with OMB, identified by OMB Control No. 1902–0166, should be sent via email to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs: oir_submission@omb.gov. Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. The Desk Officer may also be reached via telephone at 202–395–0710.

A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Commission, in Docket No. IC18–1, 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, telephone at (202) 502–8663, and fax at (202) 273–0873.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC–598, Self-Certification for Entities Seeking Exempt Wholesale Generator Status or Foreign Utility Company Status.

OMB Control No.: 1902–0166.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC–598 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

Abstract: The Commission uses the data in the FERC–598 information collection to implement the statutory provisions of Title XII, subtitle F of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct 2005).¹

EPAct 2005 repealed the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 (PUHCA 1935),² and adopted in its place the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005 (PUHCA 2005).³ While providing for the Commission's regulation of holding companies, PUHCA 2005 also provided an exemption from such regulation for those holding companies that are subject to Commission regulation as holding companies solely due to their holding exempt wholesale generators (EWG) and foreign utility companies (FUCO).⁴ To carry out this statutory directive, the Commission amended its

¹ Energy Policy Act of 2005, Public Law 109–58, 119 Stat. 594, 972 *et seq.* (2005) (codified at 42 U.S.C. 16451 *et seq.*).

² *Id.* § 1263, 119 Stat. 594, 974.

³ *Id.* § 1261, 119 Stat. 594, 972.

⁴ *Id.* § 1266(a), 119 Stat. 594, 975 (codified at 42 U.S.C. 16454(a)).

regulations (in Order No. 667)⁵ to, among other things, add procedures for not only defining what entities would qualify as EWGs and FUCOs, but also the self-certification by entities seeking EWG and FUCO status, coupled with the self-certification of the exemption of their holding companies, in turn, from Commission regulation.⁶ This self-certification for EWGs and FUCOs is similar to the process available to entities that seek qualifying facility status.⁷

An EWG is defined as “any person engaged directly, or indirectly through one or more affiliates . . . and exclusively in the business of owning or operating, or both owning and operating, all or part of one or more eligible facilities and selling electric energy at wholesale.”⁸ A FUCO is defined as “any company that owns or operates facilities that are not located in any state and that are used for the generation, transmission, or distribution

of electric energy for sale or the distribution at retail of natural or manufactured gas for heat, light, or power, if such company: (1) Derives no part of its income, directly or indirectly, from the generation, transmission, or distribution of electric energy for sale or the distribution at retail of natural or manufactured gas for heat, light, or power, within the United States; and (2) [n]either the company nor any of its subsidiary companies is a public-utility company operating in the United States.”⁹

An EWG, FUCO, or its representative seeking to self-certify its status as an EWG or FUCO must file with the Commission a notice of self-certification (FERC–598) demonstrating that it satisfies the definition of EWG or FUCO. In the case of EWGs, the person filing a notice of self-certification must also file a copy of the notice of self-certification with the state regulatory authority of the state in which the

facility is located and that person must also represent to the Commission in its submission that it has filed a copy of the notice with the appropriate state regulatory authority.¹⁰

Submission of the information collected by FERC–598 is necessary for the Commission to carry out its responsibilities under section 1266(a) of EPAct 2005.¹¹ The Commission implements its responsibilities through the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 18, Part 366. These filing requirements are mandatory for entities seeking to self-certify their EWG or FUCO status, in order to, in turn, exempt their holding companies from Commission regulation.

Type of Respondents: EWGs and FUCOs.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*¹² The Commission estimates the total annual burden and cost¹³ for this information collection as follows.

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[Self-certification for entities seeking exempt wholesale generator status or foreign utility company status]

Number of respondents (EWGs and FUCOs)	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden hrs. & cost (\$) per response	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost	Average cost per respondent (\$)
(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
147	1	147	6 hrs.; \$459	882 hrs.; \$67,473	\$459

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: February 13, 2018.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 3011–016]

Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, and Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process; Natco Products Corporation

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process.

b. *Project No.:* 3011–016.

c. *Date Filed:* December 29, 2017.

d. *Submitted By:* Natco Products Corporation (Natco).

e. *Name of Project:* Arctic Project.

f. *Location:* On the South Branch Pawtuxet River in West Warwick, Kent County, Rhode Island. No federal lands are occupied by the project works or located within the project boundary.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 5.3 and 5.5 of the Commission's regulations.

h. *Potential Applicant Contact:* Steve Burke, Natco Products Corporation, 155 Brookside Avenue, West Warwick, RI 02893; (401) 828–0300; email at sburke@natcohome.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* John Ramer at (202) 502–8969; or email at john.ramer@ferc.gov.

j. Natco filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on

⁵ *Repeal of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 and Enactment of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005*, 70 FR 75592, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,197 (2005), *order on rehearing*, Order 667–A, 71 FR 28446, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,213 (2006), *order on rehearing*, Order 667–B, 71 FR 42750, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,244 (2006), *order on rehearing*, Order 667–C, 118 FERC ¶ 61,133 (2007).

⁶ 18 CFR 366.1, 366.3(a), 366.4, 366.7.

⁷ 18 CFR 292.207.

⁸ 18 CFR 366.1.

⁹ *Id.*

¹⁰ 18 CFR 366.7.

¹¹ 42 U.S.C. 16454(a).

¹² “Burden” is 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 Title 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

¹³ Subject matter experts found that industry employment costs (for salary plus benefits) for the FERC–598 information collection closely resemble the Commission's. FERC's 2017 average annual salary plus benefits per FTE (full-time equivalent) is \$158,754 (or \$76.50 per hour).