

Natural Gas Act (NGA),<sup>2</sup> and Section 20 of the Interstate Commerce Act (ICA).<sup>3</sup>

The regulations for preservation of records establish retention periods, necessary guidelines, and requirements for retention of applicable records. These requirements apply to the regulated public utilities, natural gas and oil pipeline companies subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. Regulated entities use these records as the basis for required rate filings and reports to the Commission. Additionally, the Commission's audit staff will use the records during compliance reviews. The Commission's enforcement staff will also use the information during investigations. Finally, the Commission will use the records for special analyses when necessary.

On January 8, 1999 the Commission issued AI99-2-000, an Accounting Issuance providing guidance on records storage media. More specifically, the Commission gave each jurisdictional company the flexibility to select its own storage media. The storage media selected must have a life expectancy equal to the applicable record period unless the quality of the data transferred from one media to another with no loss of data would exceed the record period.

On January 27, 2000, the Commission issued a final rule amending its records retention regulations for public utilities and licensees as well as natural gas and oil pipeline companies. These changes included revising the general instructions, and shortening various records retention periods. The objective of the final rule was to reduce or

eliminate burdensome and unnecessary regulatory requirements.

The Commission is not making any additional changes to the record retention requirements specified under FERC-555. The Commission implements these filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR Parts 125, 225, and 356.

*Type of Respondents:* Public utilities, natural gas companies, and oil companies.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*<sup>4</sup> In 2010 Commission staff surveyed a small number of FERC-555 respondents in order to improve the burden estimates. We are using the same methodology here as in 2010. However, we are updating the figures due to current cost information and differences in the total number of respondents.

#### FERC-555—PRESERVATION OF RECORDS FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES AND LICENSES, NATURAL GAS AND OIL PIPELINE COMPANIES

| Number of respondents<br>(A) | Number of responses per respondent<br>(B) | Total number of responses<br>(A) × (B) = (C) | Average burden hours per response<br>(D) | Estimated total annual burden<br>(C) × (D) |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 509 .....                    | 1                                         | 509                                          | 5,218                                    | 2,655,962                                  |

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$154,949,271, which includes \$78,242,971 for non-labor record storage costs and \$76,706,300 for employee costs. The average cost per respondent is \$304,419, which includes \$153,719 for non-labor record storage costs and \$150,700 for employee costs. All of these cost figures are based on staff analysis of the data we received in 2010.

*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: December 16, 2013.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

##### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2280-018]

##### FirstEnergy Generation, LLC; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Licensing and Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments

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.:* P-2280-018.

c. *Date Filed:* December 2, 2013.

d. *Applicant:* FirstEnergy Generation, LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Kinzua Pumped Storage Project.

f. *Location:* The existing project is located on the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Kinzua Dam, and the United States Forest Service (Forest Service) Allegheny National Forest, adjacent to the Allegheny River and the Allegheny Reservoir near the City of Warren, in Warren County, Pennsylvania. The project occupies 221.59 acres of federal lands.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Morgan E. Parke, Associate General Counsel, FirstEnergy Service Company, 76 South Main Street, Akron, OH 44308; Telephone (330) 384-4595.

i. *FERC Contact:* Gaylord Hoisington, (202) 502-6032 or [gaylord.hoisington@ferc.gov](mailto:gaylord.hoisington@ferc.gov).

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

k. The existing Kinzua Pumped Storage Project pumps water from the Corps' Allegheny Reservoir (lower reservoir) to the project's upper reservoir to be used for power generation. The project has an installed capacity of 451.8 megawatts. The project

<sup>2</sup> 15 U.S.C. 717-717w.

<sup>3</sup> 49 U.S.C. 20.

<sup>4</sup> The Commission defines burden 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.

produces an average annual generation of 559.06 gigawatthours (GWh). The average pumping power used by the project is 747.355 GWh.

The existing Kinzua Project consists of: an intake/outlet structure in the Allegheny Reservoir, a discharge outlet in the Allegheny River, an upper reservoir, water conduits, control facilities and a powerhouse containing two reversible pump turbines (units 1 and 2) and one traditional generating unit (unit 3). Unit 1 and 2, when pumping water from or discharging water to the Allegheny Reservoir does so through two 418-foot-long, 15-foot-diameter steel conduits. Unit 2 discharges to the Allegheny River downstream of the dam, it uses a discharge passage which is shared with unit 3. The intake structure located in the floor of the upper reservoir leads to a 22-foot-long, 4-inch-diameter pipe that transitions to a 21-foot-long, 6-inch-diameter steel-lined pipe for 2,500 feet where it bifurcates with one pipe extending 325.35 feet to unit 1 and the other pipe extending 245.95 feet where it bifurcates again. At the second bifurcation, one pipe extends 98.29 feet to unit 2 and 100.3 feet to unit 3. Each of the 3 penstocks contains a spherical valve near the entrance to each unit. The discharge passage for unit 2 consists of a 15-foot-diameter butterfly valve downstream of unit 2 to allow unit 2 to either generate into the discharge passage (open position) or pump/generate to the Allegheny Reservoir (closed position). This valve opens into a 15-foot-diameter steel discharge section tee and accepts water from both unit 2 and 3, up to 2,650 cubic feet per second (cfs) full gate capacity. The discharge tee transitions to a concrete-lined rectangular section 99 feet wide which outlets into the Allegheny River downstream of the Kinzua Dam.

The project withdraws water from the Allegheny Reservoir, created by the Kinzua Dam. Water used for electricity production is pumped from the Allegheny Reservoir to the project's upper reservoir using one or both reversible pump turbines (unit 1 and/or unit 2), and later passed through unit 1 and/or unit 2 back to the Allegheny Reservoir. Another portion of water used for electricity production can be pumped to the upper reservoir using unit 1 and/or unit 2, and then released directly into the Allegheny River using unit 2 and/or unit 3. FirstEnergy is proposing to operate unit 2 to discharge to the Allegheny River on a more frequent basis than under current operation. To facilitate these operations, FirstEnergy proposes to install a system

to automate operation of the project's lower intake bulkheads and Corp's sluice gates, and refurbish the unit 2 butterfly valve.

Other project works include transformers, a transmission line approximately 3,100 feet long, access roads, recreational and other appurtenant facilities.

FirstEnergy is proposing to raise the maximum operating level of the upper reservoir from 2,072 feet to 2,073 feet, (increase of 1 foot), and by doing so would increase the average annual generation from 559.06 GWh to 585.06 GWh.

1. *Locations of the Application:* 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 Web site 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 at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

m. 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.

n. *Procedural Schedule:*

The application will be processed according to the following preliminary Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

| Milestone                                                                                    | Target date |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Notice of Acceptance/Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis .....                        | 1/31/2014   |
| Filing of recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and fishway prescriptions ..... | 4/1/2014    |
| Commission issues Draft EA ....                                                              | 9/28/2014   |
| Comments on Draft EA .....                                                                   | 10/28/2014  |
| Modified Terms and Conditions                                                                | 12/27/2014  |
| Commission Issues Final EA ...                                                               | 3/27/2015   |

o. Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

Dated: December 16, 2013.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP14-24-000]

#### Bakken Hunter, LLC; Notice of Application

Take notice that on December 2, 2013 Bakken Hunter, LLC (Bakken), 410 17th Street, Denver, Colorado 80202, filed in Docket No. CP14-24-000, an application pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and a Presidential Permit to construct, operate, maintain and connect facilities at the border of the United States for the import of natural gas from Canada. Specifically, Bakken proposes to construct a low pressure high density gathering line approximately 2.76 mile 10-inch diameter which will connect from Saskatchewan, Canada to the ONEOK gathering system in Divide County, North Dakota. The line will have a maximum operating pressure of 80 psig and a design capacity of approximately 5 million standard cubic feet per day, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site 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 (202) 502-8659 or TTY, (202) 208-3676.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Shaun Robertson, Project Engineer, Polaris Engineering Ltd., 200, 1120-29th Avenue NE., Calgary, AB, Canada, T2E 7P1, or phone (402) 736-8024 or facsimile (402) 263-1387 or email [shaun.robertson@polariseng.com](mailto:shaun.robertson@polariseng.com).

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS)