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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RD14-12-000]

Proposed Agency Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) invites public comment in Docket No. RD14-12-000 on a proposed change to a collection of information that the Commission is developing for submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before January 16, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Comments, identified by docket number, may be filed in the following ways:

- Electronic Filing through <http://www.ferc.gov>. Documents created electronically using word processing

software should be filed in native applications or print-to-PDF format and not in a scanned format.

- Mail/Hand Delivery: Those unable to file electronically may mail or hand-deliver an original of their comments to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

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: The proposed information collection changes in Docket No. RD14-12-000 relate to the proposed Reliability Standards FAC-001-2 (Facility Interconnection Requirements) and FAC-002-2 (Facility Interconnection Studies), developed by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), and submitted to the Commission for approval. The Commission received NERC's petition to approve the proposed Reliability Standards on August 22, 2014.

NERC summarizes the FAC group of standards as follows:

The Facility Design, Connections, and Maintenance ("FAC") Reliability Standards address topics such as facility interconnection requirements, facility ratings, system operating limits, and transfer capabilities.¹

In its petition, NERC also summarizes the proposed Reliability Standards' applicability and requirements:

Proposed Reliability Standard FAC-001-2 requires that Transmission Owners and applicable Generator Owners document and make Facility interconnection requirements available so that entities seeking to interconnect have the necessary information. Proposed Reliability Standard FAC-002-2 ensures that the reliability impact of interconnecting new or materially modified Facilities is studied. Collectively, proposed Reliability Standards FAC-001-2 and FAC-002-2 ensure that there is appropriate coordination and communication regarding the interconnection of Facilities, which improves the reliability of the Bulk-Power System.²

Finally, NERC also states that the proposed Reliability Standards improve

reliability, clarify requirement language and eliminate redundant or unnecessary requirements.³

Burden Statement: Commission staff analyzed the proposed and currently enforced Reliability Standards and has concluded that proposed Reliability Standards merely clarify or eliminate redundancies and thus, the information collection requirements have not changed. Accordingly, the net overall burden and respondent universe⁴ remain unchanged, when compared to the burden of the existing standards being replaced.⁵

The Commission intends to submit a request for approval to OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) related to the proposed Reliability Standards. For PRA purposes, the information collection requirements in proposed Reliability Standards FAC-001-2 and FAC-002-2 are identified as FERC-725D and OMB Control Number 1902-0247.

The annual reporting burden for the implementation of Reliability Standards FAC-001-2 and FAC-002-2 is estimated as follows.

³ *Id.* at 4.

⁴ The affected entities for FAC-001-2 are Transmission Owners (TO) and applicable Generator Owners (GO). The affected entities for FAC-002-2 are Transmission Planners (TP), Planning Coordinators (PC), Generator Owners (GO), Transmission Owners (TO), Distribution Providers (DP), and Load-Serving Entities (LSE). Note that Planning Coordinator (PC) is the new name for Planning Authority—a term still used in NERC's Compliance Registry.

⁵ The burden for the preceding versions of the standards being replaced was included in: (a) FERC-725M (OMB Control No. 1902-0263) for FAC-001-1, and (b) FERC-725A (OMB Control No. 1902-0244) for FAC-002-1.

⁶ The number of respondents is based on the NERC Compliance Registry as of September 24, 2014. Although 2,163 entities are registered as TO, DP, LSE, or GO, we expect at the most 216 entities (ten percent) will seek to interconnect and go through the study phase that may require coordination in any given year.

⁷ The estimates for cost per hour are derived as follows:

- \$72.92/hour, the average of the salary plus benefits for a manager (\$84.96/hour) and an electrical engineer (\$60.87/hour), from Bureau of Labor and Statistics at http://bls.gov/oes/current/naics3_221000.htm, as of 9/4/2014
- \$29.01/hour, based on a Commission staff study of record retention burden cost.

¹ NERC Petition at 3.

² *Id.* at 3.

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	Number and type of respondent ⁶	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden per response (hours)	Total annual burden (hours)	Total annual cost ⁷
	(1)	(2)	(1)*(2) = (3)	(4)	(3)*(4) = (5)	(\$)
FAC-001-2						
Documentation & updates ..	GO 5	1	5	16	80	\$5,833.60
	TO 332	1	332	16	5312	387,351.04
Record Retention	GO 5	1	5	1	5	145.05
	TO 332	1	332	1	332	9,631.32
FAC-002-2						
Study	PC, TP 183	1	183	32	5856	427,019. 52
Record Retention	PC, TP 183	1	183	1	183	5,308.83
Coordination	TO, DP, LSE, GO 216	1	216	16	3456	252,011.52
Record Retention	TO, DP, LSE, GO 216	1	216	1	216	6,266.16
Total	1,093,567.04

The total estimated annual burden cost to respondents is: \$1,093,567.04.

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[Project No. 12636-002]

Mohawk Hydro Corporation; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission and Soliciting Additional Study Requests

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

a. *Type of Application:* Original Major License

b. *Project No.:* 12636-002

c. *Date filed:* October 24, 2014

d. *Applicant:* Mohawk Hydro Corporation

e. *Name of Project:* Middle Mohawk Hydroelectric Project

f. *Location:* The project would be located on the Mohawk River, in Schenectady and Montgomery Counties, New York.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Wendy Jo Carey, Mohawk Hydro Corporation, 5 Washington Square, Albany, NY 12205; or at (518) 456-7712.

i. *FERC Contact:* Monir Chowdhury, (202) 502-6736 or monir.chowdhury@ferc.gov

j. *Cooperating agencies:* Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues that wish to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document should follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item l below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. *See*, 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

k. Pursuant to section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the application, and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

l. Deadline for filing additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status: December 23, 2014.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. 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-12636-002.

m. The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

n. The proposed project would be located at eight existing lock and dam facilities (Lock Numbers: E8 through E15) that are owned by the New York State Canal Corporation. The proposed run-of-river project would consist of the following eight developments:

Lock E8 Scotia Development would consist of: (1) An existing 530-foot-long, 14-foot-high bridge type dam; (2) an existing 336-acre impoundment at an elevation of 223.44 feet North Atlantic Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88); (3) two new identical modular steel transportable barges, with each barge resting on a foundation consisting of four steel reinforced concrete pylons and consisting of: (a) A steel intake structure approximately 130 feet long by 40 feet wide by 15 feet high and (b) an approximately 130-foot-long by 40-foot-wide by 10-foot-high steel powerhouse containing nine turbine-generator units having a capacity of 220 kilowatts (kW) each; (4) a new short transmission line connecting a new transportable 40-foot-long by 8-foot-wide by 8-foot-high grid interface unit to an existing 34.5-kilovolt (kV) or lower voltage grid distribution or sub-transmission line; and (5) appurtenant facilities. The development would have an annual generation of 15,473 megawatt-hours (MWh).

Lock E9 Rotterdam Junction Development would consist of: (1) An existing 530-foot-long, 15-foot-high bridge type dam; (2) an existing 428-acre impoundment at an elevation of 238.78 feet NAVD 88; (3) two new identical modular steel transportable barges, with