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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC19-35-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-515); 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 (PRA), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection FERC-515 (Declaration of Intention) 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.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due January 29, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Comments filed with OMB, identified by OMB Control No. 1902-0079, should be sent via email to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs: oir_submission@omb.gov, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer.

A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Commission, in Docket No. IC19-35-000, by either of the following methods:

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

- *Mail:* 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-515 (Declaration of Intention)

OMB Control No.: 1902-0079

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-515 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

Abstract: On October 16, 2019, the Commission published a Notice in the **Federal Register** (84 FR 55313) in Docket No. IC19-35-000 requesting public comments. The Commission received no public comments.

The Commission uses the information collected under the requirements of

FERC-515 to implement the statutory provisions of section 23(b) of the Federal Power Act (FPA).¹ section 23(b) authorizes the Commission to make a determination as to whether it has jurisdiction over a proposed water project² not affecting navigable waters³ but across, along, over, or in waters over which Congress has jurisdiction under its authority to regulate commerce with foreign nations and among the several States. Section 23(b) requires that any person intending to construct project works on such waters must file a declaration of their intention with the Commission. If the Commission finds the proposed project will have an impact on interstate or foreign commerce, then the entity intending to construct the project must obtain a Commission license or exemption before starting construction.⁴

The information is collected in the form of a written application, containing sufficient details to allow the Commission staff to research the jurisdictional aspects of the project. This research includes examining maps and land ownership records to establish whether or not there is Federal jurisdiction over the lands and waters affected by the project. A finding of non-jurisdictional by the Commission eliminates a substantial paperwork burden for the applicant who might otherwise have to file for a license or exemption application. The Commission implements these filing requirements under 18 CFR part 24.

Type of Respondents: Persons intending to construct project works on certain waters described above.

Estimate of Annual Burden.⁵ The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden and cost⁶ for the information collection as:

FERC-515: DECLARATION OF INTENTION

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 (\$)	Cost per respondent (\$)
(1)	(2)	(1)*(2) = (3)	(4)	(3)*(4) = (5)	(5)÷(1)
6	1	6	80 hrs.; \$6,400	480 hrs.; \$38,400	\$6,400

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;

¹ 16 U.S.C. 817.

² Dams or project works (16 U.S.C. 817).

³ See 16 U.S.C. 796 (8) for the definition of Navigable Waters.

⁴ Upon a finding of non-jurisdictional by the Commission, and if the project does not utilize surplus water or waterpower from a government

dam and no public lands or reservations are affected, permission is granted upon compliance with State laws.

⁵ 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. See 5 CFR

1320 for additional information on the definition of information collection burden.

⁶ Commission staff considers resources completing the FERC-515 to be compensated at rates similar to FERC employees. Therefore we are using the 2019 FERC average hourly cost (for wages and benefits for one full-time employee) of \$80.00/hour (or \$167,091/year).

(2) the accuracy of the agency's estimates 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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Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP20-22-000]

Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization: Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.

Take notice that on December 9, 2019, Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. (Southern Star), 4700 State Highway 56, Owensboro, Kentucky 42301, filed in Docket No. CP20-22-000 a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205, and 157.208 of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Southern Star's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-479-000, to increase the maximum allowable operating pressure on Southern Star's Lines TLB (Hobart Ranch Lateral), TLB-001, TLB-002, TLB-004, and TLB-005 in Hemphill County, Texas, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

The filing may also 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, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to Cindy C. Thompson, Manager, Regulatory, Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc., 4700 State Highway 56, Owensboro, Kentucky 42301, by telephone at (270) 852-4655, or by email at cindy.thompson@southernstar.com.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 60 days after issuance of

the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to section 157.205 of the regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205), a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the allowed time for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.

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) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, and will be notified of any meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters, will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the eFiling link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and two copies of the protest or intervention to

the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

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Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[P-2311-068]

Great Lakes Hydro America, LLC; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

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

- a. *Type of Application:* Temporary variance of reservoir elevation.
- b. *Project No.:* 2311-068.
- c. *Date Filed:* November 26, 2019, and supplemented December 3, 2019.
- d. *Applicant:* Great Lakes Hydro America, LLC.
- e. *Name of Project:* Goreham Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* The project is located on the Androscoggin River in Coös County, New Hampshire.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791 (a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Kyle Murphy, 972 Main Street, Berlin, NH 03570, (207) 458-5861.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Mr. Steven Sachs, (202) 502-8666, Steven.Sachs@ferc.gov.
- j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests is 30 days from the issuance of this notice by the Commission. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests 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/doc-sfiling/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-2311-068.