

related to the upcoming meeting, please submit comments for receipt no later than November 21, 2012.

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Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Office for Civil Rights, United States Department of Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC13-2-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-729); Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Energy.

ACTION: Notice of information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on

the currently approved information collection, FERC-729 (Electric Transmission Facilities).

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due January 14, 2013.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC13-2-000) by either of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's Web Site:* <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-729 (Electric Transmission Facilities).

OMB Control No.: 1902-0238.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-729 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

Abstract: This information collection implements the Commission's mandates under EPCA 2005 Section 1221 which authorizes the Commission to issue permits under FPA Section 216(b) for electric transmission facilities and the Commission's delegated responsibility to coordinate all other federal authorizations under FPA Section 216(h). The related FERC regulations seek to develop a timely review process for siting of proposed electric transmission facilities. The regulations provide for (among other things) an extensive pre-application process that will facilitate maximum participation from all interested entities and individuals to provide them with a reasonable opportunity to present their views and recommendations, with

respect to the need for and impact of the facilities, early in the planning stages of the proposed facilities as required under FPA Section 216(d).

Additionally, FERC has the authority to issue a permit to construct electric transmission facilities if a state has withheld approval for more than a year or has conditioned its approval in such a manner that it will not significantly reduce transmission congestion or is not economically feasible.¹ FERC envisions that, under certain circumstances, the Commission's review of the proposed facilities may take place after one year of the state's review. Under Section 50.6(e)(3) the Commission will not accept applications until one year after the state's review and then from applicants who can demonstrate that a state may withhold or condition approval of proposed facilities to such an extent that the facilities will not be constructed.² In cases where FERC's jurisdiction rests on FPA section 216(b)(1)(C),³ the pre-filing process should not commence until one year after the relevant State applications have been filed. This will give states one full year to process an application without any intervening Federal proceedings, including both the pre-filing and application processes. Once that year is complete, an applicant may seek to commence FERC's pre-filing process. Thereafter, once the pre-filing process is complete, the applicant may submit its application for a construction permit.

Type of Respondents: Electric transmission facilities.

Estimate of Annual Burden:⁴ The Commission estimates the total Public Reporting Burden for this information collection as:

¹ FPA section 216(b)(1)(C).

² However, the Commission will not issue a permit authorizing construction of the proposed facilities until, among other things, it finds that the state has, in fact, withheld approval for more than a year or had so conditioned its approval.

³ In all other instances (i.e. where the state does not have jurisdiction to act or otherwise to consider interstate benefits, or the applicant does not qualify to apply for a permit with the State because it does not serve end use customers in the State), the pre-filing process may be commenced at any time.

⁴ 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.

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| Number of respondents | Number of responses per respondent | Total number of responses | Average burden hours per response | Estimated total annual burden |
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| (A) | (B) | (A)×(B)=(C) | (D) | (C)×(D) |
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The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$662,492.31 [9,600 hours ÷ 2,080⁵ hours per year = 4.61538 * \$143,540 = \$662,492.31].

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: November 6, 2012.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP13-10-000]

Liberty Energy (Georgia) Corp.; Notice of Application

Take notice that on October 25, Liberty Energy (Georgia) Corp. (Liberty Georgia), 2845 Bristol Circle, Oakville, Ontario, Canada L6H 7H7, filed in Docket No. CP13-10-000, an application pursuant to section 7(f) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) requesting the determination of a service area within which Liberty Georgia may, without further Commission authorization, enlarge or expand its natural gas distribution facilities. Liberty Georgia also requests: (i) A waiver of the Commission's accounting and reporting requirements and other regulatory requirements ordinarily applicable to natural gas companies under the NGA and the NGPA; (ii)

pregranted abandonment of this service; and (iii) such further relief the Commission may deem appropriate, 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, contact *FERC at FERCOOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TYY, (202) 502-8659.

Liberty Georgia, a newly created entity, states that it agreed on August 8, 2012, to purchase natural gas distribution assets owned by Atmos Energy Corporation (Atmos) in Georgia.¹ Liberty Georgia now seeks a section 7(f) service area determination in order to provide natural gas service to approximately 64,000 customers in Georgia. The purchased Georgia facilities will include approximately 1,313 miles of gas transmission and distribution mains in Barrow, Chattahoochee, Hall, Harris, Jackson, Muscogee, and Oconee Counties. The Georgia facilities also include the distribution systems serving Columbus, Georgia, and Gainesville, Georgia.

Liberty Georgia states that it would also acquire from Atmos (i) approximately 7,078 feet of 6-inch diameter pipeline (ii) 14,040 feet of 6-inch diameter pipeline, and (iii) approximately 14,150 feet of 10-inch pipeline that extend from an interconnection with Southern Natural Gas Company in Russell County, Alabama, to the Alabama-Georgia border at the northern bank of the Chattahoochee River (Alabama facilities), where they interconnect with Atmos' Georgia facilities that serve the distribution system on the U.S. Army base at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to William F. Demarest, Jr., Husch Blackwell LLP, 750 17th St. NW., Suite 900, Washington, DC 20006, or at (202)

378-2310 (telephone) or email: william.demarest@huschblackwell.com.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

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, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's

⁵ 2080 hours/year = 40 hours/week * 52 weeks/year.

¹ See *Atmos Energy Corp.*, 126 FERC ¶ 62,118 (2009).