

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC15-11-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (Ferc-914); 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, 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-914 (Cogeneration and Small Power Production—Tariff Filings).

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due October 5, 2015.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC15-11-000) 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-914, Cogeneration and Small Power Production—Tariff Filings. *OMB Control No.:* 1902-0231.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-914 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

Abstract: Section 205(c) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) requires that every public utility have all of its jurisdictional rates and tariffs on file with the Commission and make them available for public inspection, within such time and in such form as the Commission may designate. Section 205(d) of the FPA requires that every public utility must provide notice to the Commission and the public of any changes to its jurisdictional rates and tariffs, file such changes with the Commission, and make them available for public inspection, in such manner as directed by the Commission. In addition, FPA section 206 requires the Commission, upon complaint or its own motion, to modify existing rates or services that are found to be unjust, unreasonable, unduly discriminatory or preferential. FPA section 207 requires the Commission upon complaint by a state commission and a finding of insufficient interstate service, to order the rendering of adequate interstate service by public utilities, the rates for which would be filed in accordance with FPA sections 205 and 206.

In Orders Nos. 671 and 671-A,¹ the Commission revised its regulations that govern qualifying small power production and cogeneration facilities.

Among other things, the Commission eliminated certain exemptions from rate regulation that were previously available to qualifying facilities (QFs). New qualifying facilities may need to make tariff filings if they do not meet the new exemption requirements.

FERC implemented the Congressional mandate of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct 2005) to establish criteria for new qualifying cogeneration facilities by: (1) Amending the exemptions available to qualifying facilities from the FPA and from PUHCA [resulting in the burden imposed by FERC-914, the subject of this statement]; (2) ensuring that these facilities are using their thermal output in a productive and beneficial manner; that the electrical, thermal, chemical and mechanical output of new qualifying cogeneration facilities is used fundamentally for industrial, commercial, residential or industrial purposes; and there is continuing progress in the development of efficient electric energy generating technology; (3) amending the FERC Form 556² to reflect the criteria for new qualifying cogeneration facilities; and (4) eliminating ownership limitations for qualifying cogeneration and small power production facilities. The Commission satisfied the statutory mandate and its continuing obligation to review its policies encouraging cogeneration and small power production, energy conservation, efficient use of facilities and resources by electric utilities, and equitable rates for energy customers.

Type of Respondents: New qualifying facilities and small power producers that do not meet Commission exemption criteria.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*³ The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden for the information collection as:

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| | Number of respondents | Annual number of responses per respondent | Total number of responses | Average burden and cost per response ⁴ | Total annual burden hours & total annual cost | Cost per respondent (\$) |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | (1) | (2) | (1) * (2) = (3) | (4) | (3) * (4) = (5) | (5) ÷ (1) |
| FPA Section 205 Filings | 35 | 1 | 35 | 183 \$13,176 | 6,405 \$461,160 | \$13,176 |
| Electric Quarterly Reports (initial) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 230 \$16,560 | 0 \$0 | 0 |

¹ Revised Regulations Governing Small Power Production and Cogeneration Facilities, Order No. 671, 71 FR 7852 (2/15/2006), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,203 (2006); and Revised Regulations Governing Small Power Production and Cogeneration Facilities, Order 671-A, 71 FR 30585 (5/30/2006), in Docket No. RM05-36.

² The FERC-556 is cleared separately as OMB Control No. 1902-0075 and is not a subject of this notice.

³ 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 | Annual number of responses per respondent | Total number of responses | Average burden and cost per response ⁴ | Total annual burden hours & total annual cost | Cost per respondent (\$) |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | (1) | (2) | (1) * (2) = (3) | (4) | (3) * (4) = (5) | (5) ÷ (1) |
| Electric Quarterly Reports (later) | 35 | 4 | 140 | 6 \$432 | 840 \$60,480 | 1,728 |
| Change of Status | 10 | 1 | 10 | 3 \$216 | 30 \$2,160 | 216 |
| Total | | | 185 | | 7,725 \$523,800 | \$15,120 |

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: July 24, 2015.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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[Project No. 14447-004]

L.S. Starrett Company; Notice of Application Accepted For Filing, 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:* Incorporation of modified 30(c) condition 5 into Appendix A and B of the project exemption order.

b. *Project No:* 14447-004.

c. *Date Filed:* May 28, 2015.

⁴ The estimates for cost per response are derived using the following formula: Average Burden Hours per Response.

* \$72.00 per Hour = Average Cost per Response. The hourly cost figure comes from the FERC average salary of \$149,489/year.

d. *Applicant:* L.S. Starrett Company (exemptee).

e. *Name of Project:* Crescent Street Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* Millers River in the Town of Athol, Worcester County, Massachusetts.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Steve Walsh, L.S. Starrett Company, 121 Crescent Street, Athol, Massachusetts 01331; phone 978-249-3551.

i. *FERC Contact:* Mr. Robert Ballantine at 202-502-6289, robert.ballantine@ferc.gov.

j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests is 30 days from the issuance of this notice by the Commission. All documents may be filed electronically via the Internet. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and seven copies should be mailed to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments.

Please include the project number (P-14447-004) on any comments, motions, or recommendations filed.

k. *Description of Request:* Pursuant to exemption Article 16(d), the exemptee is requesting to amend Appendix A and Appendix B of the Commission's March 1, 2013, Order Granting Exemption From Licensing (5MW or Less) to incorporate a modified condition 5. The appendices contain the mandatory terms and conditions submitted under section 30(c) of the Federal Power Act by the Massachusetts Division of

Fisheries and Wildlife (MDFW) and by the U.S. Department of the Interior (Interior). The MDFW and the Interior issued modifications to condition 5 of their terms and conditions and as such, the exemptee is requesting that the Commission amend the exemption order by incorporating the modified terms and conditions. The modification of condition 5 allows the exemptee to operate the project with an approach velocity at the left-side trash rack greater than the 2.0 cubic feet per second as required by the original condition 5, until such time that the MDFW determines that protection for atlantic salmon is necessary. The Interior revision requires additional American eel monitoring during the period of time that the exceedance of the 2.0 cfs approach velocity is allowed.

l. *Locations of the Application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling 202-502-8371. 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. 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, call 866-208-3676 or email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call 202-502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene:* Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the