

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****Combined Notice of Filings**

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

Filings Instituting Proceedings

Docket Numbers: CP16–101–000.

Applicants: Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc.

Description: Application for Limited Jurisdiction Blanket Certificate and Request for Expedited Action of Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc.

Filed Date: 3/10/16.

Accession Number: 20160310–5104.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/11/16.

Docket Numbers: RP16–727–000.

Applicants: Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Filing of Negotiated Rate Agreement to be effective 3/18/2016.

Filed Date: 3/17/16.

Accession Number: 20160317–5073.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 3/29/16.

Docket Numbers: RP16–728–000.

Applicants: Midcontinent Express Pipeline LLC.

Description: Penalty Revenue Crediting Report of Midcontinent Express Pipeline LLC.

Filed Date: 3/17/16.

Accession Number: 20160317–5202.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 3/29/16.

Docket Numbers: RP16–729–000.

Applicants: Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: GT&C Section 49—Available Firm Capacity Posting Procedure to be effective 4/18/2016.

Filed Date: 3/18/16.

Accession Number: 20160318–5129.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 3/30/16.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the links or querying the docket number.

Any person desiring to intervene or protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, service, and qualifying facilities filings can be found at: <http://www.ferc.gov/>

docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf. For other information, call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Dated: March 21, 2016.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****Notice of Commission Staff Attendance**

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) hereby gives notice that members of the Commission's staff may attend the following meeting related to the transmission planning activities of the Southeastern Regional Transmission Planning (SERTP) Process.

The SERTP Process First Quarter Meeting.

March 24, 2016 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. (Central Time)

The above-referenced meeting will be via web conference.

The above-referenced meeting is open to stakeholders.

Further information may be found at: www.southeasternrtp.com.

The discussions at the meeting described above may address matters at issue in the following proceedings:

Docket Nos. ER13–1928, et al., *Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, et al.*

Docket Nos. ER13–1923, et al., *Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., et al.*

Docket No. EL15–32, *North Carolina Waste Awareness and Reduction Network, Inc. v. Duke Energy Carolinas and Duke Energy Progress*

For more information, contact Valerie Martin, Office of Energy Market Regulation, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at (202) 502–6139 or Valerie.Martin@ferc.gov.

Dated: March 18, 2016.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. IC16–5–000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–714 and FERC–730); Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Comment request.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is submitting its information collections FERC–714 (Annual Electric Balancing Authority Area and Planning Area Report) and FERC–730 (Report of Transmission Investment Activity) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review of the information collection requirements. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission previously issued a Notice in the **Federal Register** (80 FR 80355, 12/24/2015) requesting public comments. The Commission received no comments on the FERC–714 or FERC–730 and is making this notation in its submittal to OMB.

DATES: Comments on the collections of information are due by April 25, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Comments filed with OMB, identified by the OMB Control No. 1902–0140 (FERC–714) and 1902–0239 (FERC–730) should be sent via email to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs: oir_submission@omb.gov. Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. The Desk Officer may also be reached via telephone at 202–395–0710.

A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Commission, in Docket No. IC16–5–000, 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, by telephone at (202) 502-8663, and by fax at (202) 273-0873.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the information collection requirements for all collections described below with no changes to the current reporting requirements. Please note that each collection is distinct from the next.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collections of information are 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

estimates of the burden and cost of the collections of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collections; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collections of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

FERC-714 [Annual Electric Balancing Authority Area and Planning Area Report]¹

OMB Control No.: 1902-0140.

Abstract: The Commission uses the FERC-714 data to analyze power system operations. These analyses estimate the effect of changes in power system operations resulting from the installation of a new generating unit or plant, transmission facilities, energy transfers between systems, and/or new points of interconnections. The FERC-714 data assists in providing a broad picture of interconnected balancing

authority area operations including comprehensive information of balancing authority area generation, actual and scheduled inter-balancing authority area power transfers, and net energy for load, summer and winter generation peaks and system lambda. The Commission also uses the data to prepare status reports on the electric utility industry including a review of inter-balancing authority area bulk power trade information.

The Commission uses the collected data from planning areas to monitor forecasted demands by electric utilities with fundamental demand responsibilities and to develop hourly demand characteristics.

Type of Respondent: Electric utility balancing authorities and planning areas in the United States.

Estimate of Annual Burden: The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden and cost² (rounded) for the information collection as follows:

FERC-714 (ANNUAL ELECTRIC BALANCING AUTHORITY AREA AND PLANNING AREA REPORT)

Number of respondents (1)	Annual number of responses per respondent (2)	Total number of responses (1) * (2) = (3)	Average burden & cost per response ³ (4)	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost (3) * (4) = (5)	Cost per respondent (\$) (5) ÷ (1)
177	1	177	87 \$5,973	15,399 \$1,057,295	\$5,973

FERC-730 [Report of Transmission Investment Activity]

OMB Control No.: 1902-0239.

Abstract: Pursuant to Section 219⁴ of the Federal Power Act, the Commission issued FERC Order No. 679,⁵ Promoting Transmission Investment Through Pricing Reform. In Order No. 679 FERC amended its regulations in 18 CFR 35.35 to establish incentive-based (including performance-based) rate treatments for the transmission of electric energy in interstate commerce by public utilities. The Commission intended the order to benefit consumers by ensuring reliability and to reduce the cost of delivered power by reducing

transmission congestion. Order No. 679 also adopted an annual reporting requirement (FERC-730) for utilities that receive incentive rate treatment for specific transmission projects. The FERC-730 provides annual data on transmission capital expenditures as well as project status detail. The Commission requires that filers specify which projects are currently receiving incentives in the project detail table and that they group together those facilities receiving the same incentive. Specifically, in accordance with the statute, public utilities with incentive rates must file:

- Actual transmission investment for the most recent calendar year, and projected, incremental investments for the next five calendar years (in dollar terms); and

- a project by project listing that specifies for each project the most up to date, expected completion date, percentage completion as of the date of filing, and reasons for delays for all current and projected investments over the next five calendar years. Projects with projected costs less than \$20 million are excluded from this listing.

To ensure that Commission rules are successfully meeting the objectives of Section 219, the Commission collects

¹ The renewal request in this IC docket is for the current FERC-714, with no change to the reporting requirements. The FERC-714 is also part of the Forms Refresh effort (started in Docket No. AD15-11), which is a separate activity.

² The hourly cost (wages plus benefits), is based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics May 2014 National Industry-Specific Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates (at http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics2_22.htm). The average hourly cost (wages plus benefits) of \$68.66/hour is the average of the following:

- Management (Code 11-0000), \$78.04/hr.

- Computer and mathematical (Code 15-0000), \$58.25/hr.
- Electrical Engineers (Code 17-2071), \$66.45/hr.
- Economist (Code 19-3011), \$73.04/hr.
- Computer and Information Systems Managers (Code 11-3021), \$94.55/hr.
- Accountants and Auditors (Code 13-2011), \$51.11/hr.
- Transportation, Storage, and Distribution Managers (Code 11-3071), \$73.65/hr.
- Power Distributors and Dispatchers (Code 51-8012), \$54.16/hr.

³ 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 plus benefits (\$149,489/year). Commission staff believes the FERC average salary plus benefits to be representative wage (plus benefits) for industry respondents.

⁴ Energy Policy Act of 2005, Pub. L. 109-58, 119 Stat. 594, 315 and 1283 (2005).

⁵ RM06-4-000 (issued 7/20/2006), published at 71 FR 43294.

industry data, projections and related information that detail the level of investment. FERC-730 information regarding projected investments as well as information about completed projects allows the Commission to monitor the

success of the transmission pricing reforms and to determine the status of critical projects and reasons for delay.

Type of Respondent: Public utilities that have been granted incentives based rate treatment for specific transmission

projects under the provisions of 18 CFR 35.35(h) must file the FERC-730.

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

FERC-730 (REPORT OF TRANSMISSION INVESTMENT ACTIVITY)

Number of respondents (1)	Annual number of responses per respondent (2)	Total number of responses (1) * (2) = (3)	Average burden & cost per response ³ (4)	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost (3) * (4) = (5)	Cost per respondent (\$) (5) ÷ (1)
63	1	63	30 \$2,160	1,890 \$136,080	\$2,160

Dated: March 21, 2016.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC16-3-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities; (FERC-556, FERC-606, and FERC-607); Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Comment request.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is submitting its information collections FERC-556 (Certification of Qualifying Facility Status for a Small Power Production or Cogeneration Facility), FERC-606 (Notification of Request for Federal Authorization and Requests for Further Information), and FERC-607 (Report on Decision or Action on Request for Federal Authorization) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review of the information collection requirements. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission previously issued a Notice in the **Federal Register** (80 FR 74101, 11/27/2015) requesting public comments. The Commission received no comments on the FERC-556, FERC-606, or FERC-607 and is making this notation in its submittal to OMB.

DATES: Comments on the collections of information are due by April 25, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Comments filed with OMB, identified by the OMB Control Nos. 1902-0075 (FERC-556) and 1902-0241 (FERC-606 and FERC-607) should be sent via email to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs: *oira_submission@omb.gov*. Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. The Desk Officer may also be reached via telephone at 202-395-0710.

A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Commission, in Docket No. IC16-3-000, by either of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's Web site:* <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>.
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FERC-556, Certification of Qualifying Facility Status for a Small Power Production or Cogeneration Facility

OMB Control No.: 1902-0075.

Abstract: Form No. 556 is required to implement sections 201 and 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978¹ (PURPA). FERC is authorized, under those sections, to encourage cogeneration and small power production and to prescribe such rules as necessary in order to carry out the statutory directives.

A primary statutory objective is efficient use of energy resources and facilities by electric utilities. One means of achieving this goal is to encourage production of electric power by cogeneration facilities which make use of reject heat associated with commercial or industrial processes, and by small power production facilities which use other wastes and renewable resources. PURPA encourages the development of small power production facilities and cogeneration facilities that meet certain technical and corporate

¹ 16 U.S.C. 796, 824a-3.