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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RD17-1-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-725R); Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the information collection FERC-725R (Mandatory Reliability Standards: BAL Reliability Standards) which will be submitted 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** (82 FR 9565, 2/7/2017)

requesting public comments. The Commission received no comments on the FERC-725R and is making this notation in its submittal to OMB.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due by June 16, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Comments filed with OMB, identified by the OMB Control No. 1902-0268 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. RD17-1-000, by 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:

Title: FERC-725R, Mandatory Reliability Standards: BAL Reliability Standards.

OMB Control No.: 1902-0268.

Type of Request: Three-year approval of FERC-725R information collection requirement, as modified.

Abstract: On November 10, 2016, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) filed a petition for Commission approval of retirement, pursuant to section 215(d)(1) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) and Section 39.5 of the Commission's regulations, of currently-effective Reliability Standard BAL-004-0 (Time Error Correction). NERC explains that since Reliability Standard BAL-004-0 became effective, improvements have been made to mandatory Reliability Standards (such as the development of Reliability Standards BAL-003-1.1 and BAL-001-2 and the Interconnection Reliability Operations and Coordination (IRO) Standards) that help ensure continued adherence to frequency approximating 60 Hertz over long-term averages and make Reliability Standard BAL-004-0 redundant.

Type of Respondents: Public utilities.

Estimate of Annual Burden¹: The Commission estimates the reduction (due to the retirement of Reliability Standard BAL-004-0) in the annual public reporting burden for the information collection as follows:

FERC 725R, reductions due to RD17-1-000	Number of respondents ²	Number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden hours & cost per response ³	Annual burden hours & total annual cost
	(1)	(2)	(1)×(2)=(3)	(4)	(3)×(4)=(5)
Retirement of current standard BAL-004-0 (currently in FERC-725R).	110 (BA 99; RC 11)	– 1	– 110	3 hrs. (\$167) [(Eng.) 2 hrs. (\$129); (R.K.) 1 hr. (\$38)]	– 330 hrs.; – \$18,370 [Eng., – 220 hrs., – \$14,190; R.K. – 110 hrs., – \$4,180]
Total Reduction (Rounded).			– 110		– 330 hours; – \$18,370

The reduction to total annual burden and cost will be 330 hours and \$18,370.

¹ 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. For further explanation of what is included in the information collection burden, refer to 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collection of

² The estimated number of respondents is based on the NERC compliance registry as of December 12, 2016. According to the NERC compliance registry, there are 99 U.S. balancing authorities (BA) and 11 reliability coordinators (RC).

³ The estimates for cost per response are derived using the following formula: Burden Hours per Response \$/hour = Cost per Response. The \$64.29/

information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the

hour figure for an engineer (rounded to \$129 for two hours in the above table and the \$37.75/hour figure for a record clerk (rounded to \$38) are based on the average salary plus benefits from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. (https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics2_22.htm), May 2015, Section 22, Utilities. In the burden table, engineering is abbreviated as Eng., and record keeping is abbreviated as R.K.

Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER17-1577-000]

Reuel Energy LLC; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of Reuel Energy LLC's application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is May 31, 2017.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with Internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an

eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the intervention or protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The filings in the above-referenced proceeding are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also available for electronic review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an eSubscription link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1267-119]

Greenwood County, South Carolina; 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 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. *Type of Application:* Non-project use of project lands and water.
- b. *Project No:* 1267-119.
- c. *Date Filed:* February 15, 2017 and supplemented on April 12, 2017.
- d. *Applicant:* Greenwood County, South Carolina (licensee).
- e. *Name of Project:* Buzzards Roost Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* Lake Greenwood in Laurens County, South Carolina.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a-825r.
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Toby Chappell, County Manager, Greenwood County, South Carolina, 600 Monument Street, Box P-103, Suite 10, Greenwood, South Carolina 29646; phone (864) 942-8596.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Ms. Joy Kurtz at 202-502-6760, or joy.kurtz@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 motions to intervene, protests, and comments 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/docs-filing/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-1267-119.

k. *Description of Request:* The licensee requests Commission approval to grant Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission permission to use project lands and water within the project boundary to construct a raw water intake and raw water line on Lake Greenwood in order to meet demands for public drinking water. Construction activities within the project boundary would include installation of an intake pipe and air burst line, placement of rip rap along the stream bank and intake pipe, and installation of intake screening and supporting structures for the screening. The through-slot velocity at the intake screen will not exceed 0.5 feet per second. The raw water line would leave the project boundary and follow road right of ways to a water treatment plant, which is not yet constructed. Once constructed, the facility would withdrawal up to 18 million gallons per day (mgd) from Lake Greenwood. Of the 18 mgd withdrawn from Lake Greenwood, up to 2.7 mgd would be transferred to the Broad River Basin (*i.e.* an "interbasin transfer"), pending approval from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control.

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