

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. IC17-7-000]

COMMISSION INFORMATION COLLECTION ACTIVITIES (FERC-725T);
COMMENT REQUEST; EXTENSION

(March 10, 2017)

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, 44 USC 3506(c)(2)(A), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection, FERC-725T, Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System: TRE Reliability Standards.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due **[insert date that is 60 days after date of publication in the Federal Register]**.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC17-7-000) 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 e-mail 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: Ellen Brown may be reached by e-mail at DataClearance@FERC.gov, telephone at (202) 502-8663, and fax at (202) 273-0873.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC-725T, Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System: TRE¹ Reliability Standards.

OMB Control No.: 1902-0273

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-725T information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

Abstract: Reliability Standard BAL-001-TRE-01 applies to entities registered as Generator Owners (GOs), Generator Operators (GOPs), and Balancing Authorities (BAs) within the Texas Reliability Entity region.

Regional Reliability Standard BAL-001-TRE-01 is more comprehensive than the existing continent-wide Reliability Standards addressing frequency response, BAL-001-0.1a and BAL-003-0.1b in that the regional standard includes additional requirements and applies to generator owners and generator operators as well as balancing authorities. The

¹ Texas Reliability Entity

expanded applicability of the regional Reliability Standard, thus, increases the reporting burden for entities that operate within the ERCOT² Interconnection.

The information collection requirements entail the setting or configuration of the Control System software, identification and recording of events, data retention, and submitting frequency measurable events to the compliance enforcement authority (Regional Entity or NERC).

Submitting frequency measurable events. As per Requirement R1, the BA has to identify and post information regarding Frequency Measurable Events (FME). Further, the BA has to calculate and report to the Compliance Enforcement Authority data related to Primary Frequency Response (PFR) performance of each generating unit/generating facility.

Data retention. The BA, GO, and GOP shall keep data or evidence to show compliance, as identified below, unless directed by its Compliance Enforcement Authority to retain specific evidence for a longer period of time as part of an investigation. Compliance audits are generally about three years apart.

- The BA shall retain a list of identified Frequency Measurable Events and shall retain FME information since its last compliance audit for Requirement R1, Measure M1.
- The BA shall retain all monthly PFR performance reports since its last compliance audit for Requirement R2, Measure M2.

² Electric Reliability Council of Texas

- The BA shall retain all annual Interconnection minimum Frequency Response calculations, and related methodology and criteria documents, relating to time periods since its last compliance audit for Requirement R3, Measure M3.
- The BA shall retain all data and calculations relating to the Interconnection's Frequency Response, and all evidence of actions taken to increase the Interconnection's Frequency Response, since its last compliance audit for Requirements R4 and R5, Measures M4 and M5.
- Each GOP shall retain evidence since its last compliance audit for Requirement R8, Measure M8.
- Each GO shall retain evidence since its last compliance audit for Requirements R6, R7, R9 and R10, Measures M6, M7, M9 and M10.

Modification to Governor Controller Setting/Configuration (to be removed from the FERC-725T information collection). This category of response burden is being removed from FERC-725T. The “Modification to Governor Controller Setting/Configuration” category was a one-time requirement related to implementation of the BAL-001-TRE-01 Reliability Standard. Each GO was required to set its governor settings according to Requirement R6. In order to modify its settings, the GO had to generate governor test reports, governor setting sheets, and/or performance monitoring reports. The burden (912 hours) associated with this category was averaged over 2014-2016³. The response requirements included in this category were complete within 18 months of the effective

³ The total annual figure for this response category was 304 hours.

date of the standard⁴ or by 10/1/2015. Due to completion, the corresponding 304 annual burden hours are now being removed.

Type of Respondents: NERC Registered entities (specifically balancing authorities, generator owners, generator operators).

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

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	Number of Respondents (1)	Annual Number of Responses per Respondent (2)	Total Number of Responses (1)*(2)=(3)	Average Burden & Cost Per Response⁶ (4)	Total Annual Burden Hours & Total Annual Cost (3)*(4)=(5)	Cost per Respondent (\$) (5)÷(1)
Maintenance and Submission of Event Log Data	1 ⁷	1	1	16 hrs.; \$1,029	16 hrs.; \$1,029	\$1,029
Evidence Retention	130 ⁸	1	130	2 hrs.; \$76	260 hrs.; \$9,815	\$76
TOTAL			131		276 hrs.; \$10,844	

Comments: Comments are invited on: (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including

⁴ The effective date of the standard was 4/1/2014

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

⁶ The estimates for cost per hour are based on 2015 wage figures and derived as follows:

- \$64.29/hour, the average salary plus benefits per engineer (from Bureau of Labor Statistics at https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics2_22.htm)
- \$37.75/hour, the salary plus benefits per information and record clerks (from Bureau of Labor Statistics at https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics2_22.htm)

All calculated wage figures within the burden table are rounded to the nearest dollar.

⁷ BA (balancing authority)

⁸ BA (balancing authority), GO (generator owner), and GOP (generator operator)

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.

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Secretary.