

consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

*o. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents:* All filings must bear in all capital letters the title COMMENTS, PROTESTS, and MOTIONS TO INTERVENE, as applicable, and the Docket Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. A copy of any Motion to Intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

*p. Agency Comments:* Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

Dated: March 10, 2017.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC17-7-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-725T); 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, 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 May 16, 2017.

**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 email at [ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov](mailto: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](mailto: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: TRE<sup>1</sup> 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 expanded applicability of the regional Reliability Standard, thus, increases the reporting burden for entities that operate within the ERCOT<sup>2</sup> 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.

- 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

<sup>1</sup> Texas Reliability Entity.

<sup>2</sup> Electric Reliability Council of Texas.

category was averaged over 2014–2016.<sup>3</sup> The response requirements included in this category were complete within 18 months of the effective date of the standard<sup>4</sup> 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:*<sup>5</sup> The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden for the information collection as:

**FERC–725T (MANDATORY RELIABILITY STANDARDS FOR THE BULK-POWER SYSTEM: TRE RELIABILITY STANDARDS)**

	Number of respondents (1)	Annual number of responses per respondent (2)	Total number of responses (1) * (2) = (3)	Average burden and cost per response <sup>6</sup> (4)	Total annual burden hours and total annual cost (3) * (4) = (5)	Cost per respondent (\$) (5) ÷ (1)
Maintenance and Submission of Event Log Data.	<sup>7</sup> 1	1	1	16 hrs.; \$1,029 .....	16 hrs.; \$1,029 .....	\$1,029
Evidence Retention .....	<sup>8</sup> 130	1	130	2 hrs.; \$76 .....	260 hrs.; \$9,815 ....	\$76
<b>Total .....</b>			<b>131</b>		<b>276 hrs.; \$10,844 ..</b>	

*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.

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. AD17–1–000]

**Review of Cost Submittals by Other Federal Agencies for Administering Part I of the Federal Power Act; Notice of Technical Conference**

In an order issued on October 8, 2004, the Commission set forth a guideline for Other Federal Agencies (OFAs) to

submit their costs related to Administering Part I of the Federal Power Act. *Order On Rehearing Consolidating Administrative Annual Charges Bill Appeals And Modifying Annual Charges Billing Procedures*, 109 FERC 61,040 (2004) (October 8 Order). The Commission required OFAs to submit their costs using the OFA Cost Submission Form. The October 8 Order also announced that a technical conference would be held for the purpose of reviewing the submitted cost forms and detailed supporting documentation.

The Commission will hold a technical conference for reviewing the submitted OFA costs. The purpose of the conference will be for OFAs and licensees to discuss costs reported in the forms and any other supporting documentation or analyses.

The technical conference will be held on April 6, 2017, in Conference Room 3M–1 at the Commission’s headquarters, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC. The technical conference will begin at 2:00 p.m. (EST).

The technical conference will also be transcribed. Those interested in obtaining a copy of the transcript immediately for a fee should contact the Ace-Federal Reporters, Inc., at 202–347–3700, or 1–800–336–6646. Two weeks after the post-forum meeting, the transcript will be available for free on the Commission’s e-library system. Anyone without access to the Commission’s Web site or who has

questions about the technical conference should contact Norman Richardson at (202) 502–6219 or via email at [annualcharges@ferc.gov](mailto:annualcharges@ferc.gov).

FERC conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations please send an email to [accessibility@ferc.gov](mailto:accessibility@ferc.gov) or call toll free (866) 208–3372 (voice), (202) 208–8659 (TTY), or send a FAX to 202–208–2106 with the required accommodations.

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*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP17–28–000]

**Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company; Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review of the 2017 Expansion Project**

On December 30, 2016, Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company (Eastern Shore) filed an application in Docket No. CP17–28–000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to construct and operate certain natural gas pipeline facilities. Eastern Shore’s proposal is known as the 2017

<sup>3</sup> The total annual figure for this response category was 304 hours.

<sup>4</sup> The effective date of the standard was 4/1/2014.

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> 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](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](https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics2_22.htm))

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

<sup>7</sup> BA (balancing authority).

<sup>8</sup> BA (balancing authority), GO (generator owner), and GOP (generator operator).