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Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC18-2-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-725Y), Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of extension 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 submitting its information collection FERC-725Y, Mandatory Reliability Standards (Personnel Performance, Training, and Qualifications), 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 published a Notice in the **Federal Register** on 12/26/2017 requesting public comments. The Commission received no comments on the FERC-725Y information collection and is making this notation in its submittal to OMB.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due by April 13, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Comments filed with OMB, identified by the OMB Control No. 1902-0279, 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. IC18-2-000, by either of the following methods:

- eFiling at Commission's website: <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-725Y, Mandatory Reliability Standard (Personnel Performance, Training, and Qualifications).

OMB Control No.: 1902-0279.

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

Abstract: The FERC-725Y information collection is intended to help ensure the safe and reliable operation of the interconnected grid through the retention of suitably trained and qualified personnel in positions that can impact the reliable operation of the Bulk-Power System. The Commission uses the FERC-725Y to implement the Congressional mandate of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to

develop mandatory and enforceable Reliability Standards to better ensure the reliability of the nation's Bulk-Power System. FERC-725Y will ensure that personnel performing or supporting real-time operations on the Bulk Electric System (BES) are trained using a systematic approach. The Reliability Standard requires entities to maintain records subject to review by the Commission and NERC to ensure compliance with the Reliability Standard.

The Reliability Standard requires entities to maintain records subject to review by the Commission and NERC to ensure compliance with the Reliability Standard. This Reliability Standard contains of five Requirements:

- R1 requires reliability coordinators, balancing authorities, and transmission operators to develop and implement a training program for system operators.

- R2 requires transmission owners to develop and implement a training program for system operators.

- R3 requires reliability coordinators, balancing authorities, transmission operators and transmission owners to verify the capabilities of their identified personnel.

- R4 requires reliability coordinators, balancing authorities, transmission operators and transmission owners to provide those personnel with emergency operations training using simulation technology.

- R6 requires applicable generator operators to develop and implement training for certain of their dispatch personnel at a centrally located dispatch center.

Type of Respondents: Transmission owners and generator owners.

Estimate of Annual Burden:¹ Our estimate below regarding the number of respondents is based on the NERC compliance registry as of September 29, 2017. According to the NERC compliance registry, NERC has registered 176 transmission operators, 331 transmission owners and 890 generator operators.

The Commission estimates the additional annual reporting burden and cost as follows:

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, reference 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

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	Number and type of respondents ²	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Avg. burden & cost per response ³	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost	Cost per respondent
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
Annual Evaluation and Update of Training Program and Task List.	TO (331), GOP (890) ...	1	4 1,064	6 hrs.; \$408.72 hr	6,384 hrs.; \$434,878	\$68.12
Retention of Records	TO (331), GOP (890) ...	1	4 1,064	10 hrs.; \$408.90 hr	10,640 hrs.; \$435,070 ..	40.89
Verification and Retention of Evidence of capabilities of personnel [R3, M3, C1.2], and Creation and Retention of Records on Simulation Training.	TO (331)	1	331	10 hrs.; \$408.90 hr	3,310 hrs.; \$135,346	40.89
Total	20,334 hrs.; \$1,005,294

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: March 6, 2018.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1773-000]

Yellowstone Hydroelectric Project; Notice of Existing Licensee's Notice of Intent To Not File a Subsequent License Application, and Soliciting Pre-Application Documents and Notices of Intent To File a License Application

At least five years before the expiration of a license for a minor water power project not subject to sections 14 and 15 of the Federal Power Act (*i.e.*, a project having an installed capacity of 1.5 megawatts or less), the licensee must file with the Commission a letter that contains an unequivocal statement of the licensee's intent to file or not to file an application for a subsequent license.¹

If such a licensee informs the Commission that it does not intend to file an application for a subsequent license, nonpower license, or exemption for the project, the licensee may not file an application for a subsequent license, nonpower license, or exemption for the project, either individually or in conjunction with an entity or entities that are not currently licensees of the project.²

On September 26, 2017, Moon Lake Electric Association, the existing licensee for the Yellowstone Hydroelectric Project No. 1773, filed notice of its intent to not file an application for a subsequent license. Therefore, pursuant to section 16.24(b)(1) of the Commission's regulations, Moon Lake may not file an application for a subsequent license for the project, either individually or in conjunction with an entity or entities

that are not currently licensees of the project.

The 900-kilowatt (kW) Yellowstone Hydroelectric Project is located on the Yellowstone River, in Duchesne County, Utah. The diversion dam, and portions of the penstock, are located within the Ashley National Forest. The existing minor license for the project expires on October 15, 2022.

The principal project works consist of: (1) A 15-foot-high, 313-foot-long rock filled, timber-crib dam that impounds a small reservoir covering approximately 3.8 acres; (2) a concrete intake structure with a gate valve; (3) a 14,126-foot-long, 44-inch-diameter and 42-inch-diameter steel penstock; (4) a powerhouse with three turbine-generators rated at 300 kW each; (5) a substation; (6) a 14.27-mile-long, 7.2-kilovolt overhead transmission line and underlain telephone line; and (7) and appurtenant facilities.

Any party interested in filing a license application (*i.e.*, potential applicant) for the Yellowstone Hydroelectric Project No. 1773 must file a Notice of Intent (NOI)³ and pre-application document (PAD).⁴ Additionally, while the integrated licensing process (ILP) is the default process for preparing an application for a subsequent license, a potential applicant may request to use alternative licensing procedures when it files its NOI.⁵

The deadline for potential applicants, other than the existing licensee, to file NOIs, PADs, and requests to use an alternative licensing process is 120 days from the issuance date of this notice.

Applications for a subsequent license from potential applicants, other than the existing licensee, must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license.⁶ Because the existing license expires on October 15, 2022, applications for

² TO = Transmission Owner; GOP = Generator Operator.

³ The estimates for cost per response are loaded hourly wage figure (includes benefits) is based on the average of three occupational categories for 2016 found on the Bureau of Labor Statistics website (http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics2_22.htm): Electrical Engineer (Occupation Code: 17-2071): \$68.12; Office and Administrative Support (Occupation Code: 43-0000): \$40.89.

⁴ Some transmission owners are also generator operators. To eliminate double counting some entities, this figure reflects the number of unique entities (1064) within the group of TOs and GOPs. That approach is used throughout the table.

¹ 18 CFR 16.19(b) (2017) (citing 18 CFR 16.6(b)). Section 16.19(b) applies to licenses not subject to Parts 14 and 15 of the Federal Power Act.

² 18 CFR 16.24(b)(1) (2017).

³ 18 CFR 5.5 (2017).

⁴ 18 CFR 5.6 (2017).

⁵ 18 CFR 5.3(b) (2017).

⁶ 18 CFR 16.20 (2017).