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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD18-8-000; Docket No. EL18-26-000]

#### Reform of Affected System Coordination in the Generator Interconnection Process; EDF Renewable Energy, Inc. v. Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., Southwest Power Pool, Inc., and PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.; Notice of Technical Conference

Take notice that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will convene a staff-led technical conference in the above-referenced proceeding on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 3-4, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (EDT). The conference will be held in the Commission Meeting Room at Commission headquarters, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. Commissioners may attend and participate.

The purpose of this conference is to discuss issues related to the coordination of Affected Systems raised in (1) the complaint filed by EDF Renewable Energy, Inc. against Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., Southwest Power Pool, Inc., and PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. in Docket No. EL18-26-000 and (2) the

Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on the generator interconnection process in Docket No. RM17-8-000.

Discussions at the conference may involve issues raised in proceedings that are currently pending before the Commission. These proceedings include, but are not limited to:

Internal MISO Generators v. Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., Docket No. EL15-99-000;  
EDF Renewable Energy, Inc. v. Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., Docket No. EL18-55-000; Southwest Power Pool, Inc., Docket No. ER18-421-000;  
Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., Docket No. ER18-636-000;  
Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., Docket No. ER16-1346-003;  
Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., Docket No. ER16-1817-004;  
Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., Docket No. EL18-17-000;  
Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., Docket No. ER17-156-002; and  
TranSource, LLC v. PJM Interconnection, L.L.C., Docket No. EL15-79-001.

Additional information regarding the conference program and speakers will be provided in subsequent supplemental notices of technical conference.

Those wishing to participate in this conference should submit a nomination form online by 5:00 p.m. on March 2, 2018 at: <http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/04-03-18-speaker-form.asp>. There is no fee for attendance. In-person attendees should allow time to pass through building security procedures before the 9:30 a.m. start time of the technical conference. Pre-registration is encouraged, though not required. Attendees may register in advance at the following web page: <http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/04-03-18-form.asp>

The conference will be transcribed and webcast. Transcripts will be available immediately for a fee from Ace Reporting (202-347-3700). A link to the webcast of this event will be available in the Commission Calendar of Events at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov). The Capitol Connection provides technical support for the webcasts and offers the option of listening to the conferences via phone-bridge for a fee. For additional information, visit

[www.CapitolConnection.org](http://www.CapitolConnection.org) or call (703) 993-3100.

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For more information about this technical conference, please contact Lina Naik at [Lina.Naik@ferc.gov](mailto:Lina.Naik@ferc.gov) or (202) 502-8882, Myra Sinnott at [Myra.Sinnott@ferc.gov](mailto:Myra.Sinnott@ferc.gov) or (202) 502-6033, or Kathleen Ratcliff at [Kathleen.Ratcliff@ferc.gov](mailto:Kathleen.Ratcliff@ferc.gov) or (202) 502-8018. For information related to logistics, please contact Sarah McKinley at [Sarah.Mckinley@ferc.gov](mailto:Sarah.Mckinley@ferc.gov) or (202) 502-8368.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC18-4-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities; (FERC-582); Comment Request; Extension

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with 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-582 (Electric Fees, Annual Charges, Waivers, and Exemptions) which will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a review of the information collection requirements.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due April 9, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. 18-4-000) 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](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:* Electric Fees, Annual Charges, Waivers, and Exemptions.

*OMB Control No.:* 1902-0132

*Type of Request:* Three-year extension of the FERC-582 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

*Abstract:* The information required by FERC-582 is contained within 18 Code

of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 381<sup>1</sup> and Part 382.<sup>2</sup>

The Commission uses the FERC-582 to implement the statutory provisions of the Independent Offices Appropriation Act of 1952 (IOAA)<sup>3</sup> which authorizes the Commission to establish fees for its services. In addition, the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986 (OBRA)<sup>4</sup> authorizes the Commission to assess and collect fees and annual charges in any fiscal year in amounts equal to all the costs incurred by the Commission in that fiscal year.

To comply with the FERC-582 respondents submit to the Commission the sum of the megawatt-hours (MWh) of all unbundled transmission (including MWh delivered in wheeling transactions and MWh delivered in exchange transactions) and the megawatt-hours of all bundled wholesale power sales (to the extent the bundled wholesale power sales were not separately reported as unbundled transmission). The data collected within the FERC-582 is drawn directly from the FERC Form 1<sup>5</sup> transmission data. The Commission sums the costs of its electric regulatory program and

subtracts all electric regulatory program filing fee collections to determine the total collectible electric regulatory program costs. Then, the Commission uses the data submitted under FERC-582 to determine the total megawatt-hours of transmission of electric energy in interstate commerce.

Respondents (e.g. public utilities, power marketers) subject to these annual charges must submit FERC-582 data to the Commission by April 30 of each year.<sup>6</sup> The Commission issues bills for annual charges to respondents. Then, respondents must pay the charges within 45 days of the Commission's issuance of the bill.

Respondents file requests for waivers and exemptions of fees and charges<sup>7</sup> based on need. The Commission's staff uses the filer's financial information to evaluate the request for a waiver or exemption of the obligation to pay a fee or an annual charge.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*<sup>8</sup> The Commission estimates the total Public Reporting Burden for this information collection as:

**FERC-82—ELECTRIC FEES; ANNUAL CHARGES; WAIVERS; AND EXEMPTIONS**

	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden cost per response	Total annual burden hours & total annual	Cost per respondent
	(1)	(2)	(1) × (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) / (1) = (5)
FERC-582 <sup>9</sup> .....	67	1	67	1 hour; \$76.50 .....	67 hours; \$5,125.50 ..	\$76.50

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$5,125.50 [67 hours \* \$76.50/hour<sup>10</sup> = \$5,125.50]

*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**

**Combined Notice of Filings #1**

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric corporate filings:

*Docket Numbers:* EC18-51-000.

*Applicants:* MDU Resources Group, Inc.

*Description:* Application for Authorization Under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

*Filed Date:* 1/31/18.

<sup>1</sup> Title 18 CFR, Sections 381.105, 381.106, 381.108, 381.302, and 381.305.

<sup>2</sup> Title 18 CFR, Sections 382.102, 382.103, 382.105, 382.106, and 382.201.

<sup>3</sup> 31 U.S.C. 9701.

<sup>4</sup> 42 U.S.C. 7178.

<sup>5</sup> Annual Report of Major Electric Utility (OMB Control No. 1902-0021).

<sup>6</sup> 18 CFR 382.201.

<sup>7</sup> 18 CFR 381 and 382.

<sup>8</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, refer to 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

<sup>9</sup> Includes requirements of 18 CFR Part 381.105 (methods of payment), Part 381.106 (waiver), Part

381.108 (exemption), Part 381.302 (declaratory order), Part 381.303 (review of DOE remedial order), Part 381.304 (DOE denial of adjustment, and Part 381.305 (OGC interpretation).

<sup>10</sup> The Commission staff thinks that the average respondent for this collection is similarly situated to the Commission, in terms of salary plus benefits. Based upon FERC's 2017 annual average of \$158,754 (for salary plus benefits), the average hourly cost is \$76.50/hour.