

reservoir with a gross storage capacity of about 93,737 acre-feet at the normal maximum water surface elevation (NMWSE) of 300 feet; (6) an overflow spillway with a 15-foot-wide concrete approach apron, 300-foot-long ungated, ogee-type concrete structure, and a 77-foot-long downstream concrete chute with concrete sidewalls; (7) a 1,200-foot-long, unlined, rock channel that carries spill downstream to the Bear River; (8) a 22-foot-high, concrete, power intake tower with openings on three sides protected by steel trashracks; (9) a 760-foot-long, 8-foot-diameter concrete tunnel through the left abutment of the main dam that conveys water from the power intake to the powerhouse; (10) a steel-reinforced, concrete powerhouse with a 6.8-megawatt, vertical-shaft, Francis-type turbine, which discharges to the Bear River at the base of the main dam; (11) a 25-foot-4-inch-high, concrete, vertical intake tower with openings on three sides protected by steel trashracks that receives water for the outlet works; (12) a 350-foot-long, 48-inch-diameter steel pipe that conveys water from the intake structure to a valve chamber for the outlet works; (13) a 400-foot-long, 7.5-foot-diameter concrete-lined horseshoe tunnel that connects to the valve chamber; (14) a 48-inch-diameter, outlet valve with a 500-cubic-feet-per-second release capacity at NMWSE on the downstream face of the main dam that discharges directly into the Bear River; (15) a switchyard adjacent to the powerhouse; (16) two recreation areas with campgrounds, day-use areas, boat ramps, restrooms, and sewage holding ponds; (17) a recreational water system that includes two pumps in the reservoir that deliver water to a treatment facility that is piped to a 60,000-gallon storage tank to supply water to recreation facilities. The estimated average annual generation (2010 to 2017) is 22,637 megawatt-hours.

*South Sutter Water District proposes to:* (1) Raise the NMWSE of the project reservoir by 5 feet from an elevation of 300 feet to an elevation of 305 feet; (2) raise the existing spillway crest from an elevation of 300 feet to an elevation of 305 feet to accommodate the proposed pool raise; (3) replace and restore several recreation facilities; (4) add an existing 0.25-mile road as a primary project road to access the powerhouse and switchyard; and (5) modify the project boundary to account for the removal of the 1.9-mile-long transmission line from the license in 1991, corrections based on current project operation and maintenance, and

changes under the category of a contour 20 feet above the 300-foot NMWSE or proximity of 200-horizontal-feet from the 300-foot NMWSE.

m. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website 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. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, and 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests 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 protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title PROTEST or MOTION TO INTERVENE; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.

o. *Procedural schedule:* The application will be processed according to the following schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Deadline for Filing Motions to Intervene and Protests and Requests for Cooperating Agency Status—October 29, 2019  
 Commission issues Scoping Document 1—January 2020  
 Scoping Comments due—February 2020  
 Commission issues Request for Additional Information (if necessary)—March 2020

Commission issues Scoping Document 2 (if necessary)—April 2020  
 Commission issues Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis—April 2020  
 Commission issues EA, Draft EA, or Draft EIS—October 2020  
 Comments on EA, Draft EA, or Draft EIS due—November 2020  
 Commission issues Final EA or Final EIS—February 2021

Dated: August 30, 2019.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RD19-6-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-725Z); 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-725Z (Mandatory Reliability Standards: IRO Reliability Standards) and submitting the information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. On June 27, 2019, the Commission published a Notice in the **Federal Register** in Docket No. RD19-6-000 requesting public comments. The Commission received no public comments and is indicating that in the related submittal to OMB.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due October 7, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments filed with OMB, identified by OMB Control No. 1902-0276, should be sent via email to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs: [oir\\_submission@omb.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.gov). Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer.

A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Commission, in Docket No. RD19-6-000, 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

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* FERC-725Z (Mandatory Reliability Standards: IRO Reliability Standards).

*OMB Control No.:* 1902-0276.  
*Type of Request:* Revisions to the information collection, as discussed in Docket No. RD19-6-000.

*Abstract:* On July 11, 2019, the Commission issued a Delegated Letter Order, Docket No. RD19-6-000, approving proposed Reliability Standard IRO-002-6 (Reliability Coordination, Monitoring and Analysis), the associated violation risk factors and violation severity levels, and implementation plan. The Reliability Standard was submitted in a joint petition dated May 30, 2019, by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and Western

Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC). NERC and WECC stated that the proposed Reliability Standard IRO-002-6 reflects the addition of a regional Variance containing additional requirements applicable to Reliability Coordinators providing service to entities in the Western Interconnection and none of the continent-wide requirements have been changed from currently effective Reliability Standard IRO-002-5.<sup>1</sup> According to the approved implementation plan, the effective date for Reliability Standard IRO-002-6 is January 1, 2020.

*Type of Respondents:* Reliability coordinators (RC) providing service to entities in the Western Interconnection.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*<sup>2</sup> The Commission estimates the changes in the annual public reporting burden and cost<sup>3</sup> as follows.

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Information collection requirements	Number of respondents & type of entity <sup>4</sup>	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden hours & cost per response (\$)	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)
Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements (continuing in IRO-002-6 [formerly in IRO-002-5]) <sup>5</sup> .	.....	.....	.....	no change .....	no change.
<b>Increases, due to the Regional Variance of IRO-002-6<sup>6</sup></b>					
Reporting (R2 & R3), in Yr. 1 .....	2 (RC)	3	6	52 hrs.; \$3,544.84 .....	312 hrs.; \$21,269.04.
Reporting (R2 & R3), in Yr. 2 & ongoing ....	2 (RC)	1	2	480 hrs.; \$32,721.60	960 hrs.; \$65,443.20.
Total Increase to FERC-725Z in Year 1 .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	312 hrs.; \$21,269.04.
Total Increase to FERC-725Z in Year 2 and ongoing.	.....	.....	.....	.....	960 hrs.; \$65,443.20.

*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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*Deputy Secretary.*

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<sup>1</sup> The burden related to continent-wide Reliability Standard IRO-002-5 (Reliability Coordination, Monitoring and Analysis) is included in FERC-725Z (Mandatory Reliability Standards: IRO Reliability Standards, OMB Control No. 1902-0276).

<sup>2</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>3</sup> The hourly cost figures, for salary plus benefits, for the new standards are based on Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) information (at [http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics2\\_22.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics2_22.htm)), as of May 2018, and

benefits information for December 2018 (at <https://www.bls.gov/news.release/ecec.nr0.htm>). For salary plus benefits, for reporting requirements, an electrical engineer (code 17-2071) is \$68.17/hour; for the recordkeeping requirements, an information and record clerk (code 43-4199) is \$40.84/hour.

<sup>4</sup> Our estimates are based on the joint petition which indicates at present, only one reliability coordinator, Peak Reliability, provides reliability coordinator services in the Western Interconnection. In July 2018, Peak Reliability announced that it would cease operations at the end of December 2019. Over the course of 2018 and 2019, several entities have indicated that they will seek certification to perform the reliability coordinator function for their respective footprints in the Western Interconnection. For the purposes of this information collection, the WECC RC

certification status was used to estimate the number of entities within the United States making significant progress to become certified Western Interconnection reliability coordinators. The certification progress chart and schedule are posted at the following link: <https://www.wecc.org/EventAnalysis/SituationalAwareness/Pages/Certification.aspx>.

<sup>5</sup> The reporting and recordkeeping requirements and the associated burden will continue in IRO-002-6 (burden formerly included in IRO-002-5). The corresponding estimated burden for the 11 RCs continues to be 30 hours per response (or a total estimated burden of 330 hours).

<sup>6</sup> The estimated burden is for the development phase and the ongoing effort to administer/ implement the variance requirements.