

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. P-10721-031]

**Idaho Aviation Foundation; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission and Soliciting Additional Study Requests**

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

- a. *Type of Application:* Subsequent License.
- b. *Project No.:* P-10721-031.
- c. *Date filed:* February 28, 2020.
- d. *Applicant:* Idaho Aviation Foundation.
- e. *Name of Project:* Big Creek Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* On McCorkle Creek near the town of Yellow Pine in Valley County, Idaho. The project would occupy 0.43 acre of United States lands administered by U.S. Forest Service.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791 (a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Vic Jaro, Idaho Aviation Foundation, P.O. Box 2016, Eagle, Idaho 83616; (208) 404-9627; [vjaro@filertel.com](mailto:vjaro@filertel.com).
- i. *FERC Contact:* Suzanne Novak (202) 502-6665; or email at [Suzanne.novak@ferc.gov](mailto:Suzanne.novak@ferc.gov).
- j. *Cooperating agencies:* Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues that wish to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document should follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item l below. Cooperating

agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. *See*, 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

k. Pursuant to section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the application, and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

l. Deadline for filing additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status: April 28, 2020.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-10721-xxx.

m. The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

n. *The Big Creek Project consists of the following facilities:* (1) A 2 foot-high, 2-foot-wide, 3-foot-long diversion structure with a check gate; (2) a 1,340-foot long, 4-inch diameter, PVC buried penstock with a screened inlet; (3) a 10-

foot wide by 10-foot-long log generator house containing a single unit with an estimated installed capacity of 5 kilowatts and a maximum hydraulic capacity of 0.5 cfs, (4) an 18-inch diameter tailrace that returns all withdrawn water back to McCorkle Creek, (5) 350 feet of electrical cable buried in 2-inch-diameter PVC conduit leading to Big Creek Lodge, and (6) appurtenant facilities. The project operates in a run-of-river mode between mid-May and late October; it does not operate the remainder of the year. During the off-season, the diversion check gate is removed and 100 percent of streamflow returns to the creek and the penstock inlet is sealed. No changes to project operation or facilities are proposed.

o. 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.

p. *Procedural schedule:* The application will be processed according to the following preliminary hydro licensing schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Issue Notice of Acceptance .....	April 2020.
Issue Scoping Document 1 for comments .....	May 2020.
Comments on Scoping Document 1 due .....	June 2020.
Issue notice of ready for environmental analysis .....	July 2020.
Commission issues EA .....	February 2021.
Comments on EA due .....	March 2021.

Dated: March 3, 2020.  
**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. IC20-5-000]

**Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-923); Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Request of reinstatement with changes.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is requesting that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) reinstate FERC-923 (Communication of Operational Information between Natural Gas Pipelines and Electric Transmission

Operators, OMB control number 1902–0265).

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by April 8, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments on FERC–923 to OMB by email at *OIRA\_Submission@omb.eop.gov*. Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. Please identify the OMB control number (1902–0265) in the subject line of your comments.

Please provide a copy of your comments to the Commission by either of the following methods:

- *eFiling at the Commission's website:* <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>; or

- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426

Please identify the following numbers in the title or subject line of your comments: FERC–923, OMB Control Number 1902–0265.

**Instructions:** All submissions to the Commission 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 Text Telephone (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 by email at *DataClearance@FERC.gov*, or by telephone at (202) 502–8663.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Type of Request:* Reinstatement of FERC–923 for 3 years.

**Title:** FERC–923, Communication of Operational Information between Natural Gas Pipelines and Electric Transmission Operators.

**OMB Control No.:** 1902–0265.

**Abstract:** The regulations that authorize FERC–923 (18 CFR 38.2 and 284.12(b)(4)(i)) eliminate actual and perceived prohibitions against the voluntary sharing of non-public, operational information between natural gas pipelines and public utilities. FERC promulgated those regulations in order to promote reliability of service. FERC–923 does not involve submission of information to FERC.

The expiration date of FERC–923 was January 31, 2020. FERC initiated the renewal process for FERC–923 on December 30, 2019, by publishing a 60-day notice (84 FR 71912). That notice provided for a comment period that ended on February 28, 2020. No comments were received.

On January 28, 2020, FERC sent OMB a request for a 3-month emergency extension of the expiration date in order to continue the renewal process. In addition, FERC published a notice of the emergency extension request on February 4, 2020 (85 FR 6153). OMB disapproved the request for an emergency extension on February 4, 2020. FERC now seeks reinstatement with changes, and once again invites public comment in this notice.

The changes consist of revised burden estimates due in part to adjustments of the burdens that OMB approved in 2017. These changes are based on normal market fluctuation. In addition, the previously approved burden estimates are not in effect at present because of OMB's February 4, 2020 disapproval of FERC's request for an emergency extension on February 4, 2020.

The net effect of reinstatement is outlined below. The requested changes are not a result of any program change or change in reporting/recordkeeping requirements.

**Estimate of Annual Burden<sup>1</sup>:** The total estimated annual burden for respondents is:

- 4,152 responses;
- 2,076 burden hours; and
- \$166,080.

The following table shows the pertinent calculations:

A. Initiator of communication	B. Number of respondents	C. Annual number of responses per respondent	D. Total number of responses  (Column B × Column C)	E. Average burden hrs. & cost per response <sup>2</sup>	F. Total annual hr. burdens & total annual cost  (Column D × Column E)	G. Cost per respondent  (Column F ÷ Column B)
Public Utility Transmission Operators.	165	12	1,980	0.5 hrs.; \$40 .....	990 hrs.; \$79,200 .....	\$480
Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines.	181	12	2,172	0.5 hrs.; \$40 .....	1,086 hrs.; \$86.880 ...	480
Totals .....	346	.....	4,152	.....	2,076 hrs.; \$166,080	.....

**Comments:** Comments are invited on: (1) Whether FERC–923 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

FERC–923, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of FERC–923; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of FERC–923 on those who are to respond, including the use of automated techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: March 3, 2020.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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<sup>1</sup> "Burden" is 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 estimated burden, refer to Title 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

<sup>2</sup> Commission staff estimates that the respondents' skill set (and wages and benefits) for FERC–923 are comparable to those of FERC

employees. Based on the Commission's Fiscal Year 2019 average cost of \$167,091/year (for wages plus benefits, for one full-time employee), \$80.00/hour is used.