

analyzed by staff and considered in the Commission's final licensing decision.

The application will be processed according to the following schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Commission issues EA.	March 2022. <sup>1</sup>
Comments on EA .....	May 2022.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Amanda Gill at (202) 502-6773 or [amanda.gill@ferc.gov](mailto:amanda.gill@ferc.gov).

Dated: September 20, 2021.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC21-38-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities; (FERC-920, Electric Quarterly Report); 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 (PRA), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection, FERC-920 (Electric Quarterly Report (EQR)), 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 November 23, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit copies of your comments (identified by Docket No. IC21-38-000 and the specific FERC collection number (FERC-920) by one of the following methods:

Electronic filing through <http://www.ferc.gov> is preferred.

<sup>1</sup> The Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) regulations under 40 CFR 1501.10(b)(1) require that EAs be completed within 1 year of the federal action agency's decision to prepare an EA. This notice establishes the Commission's intent to prepare an EA for the Campton Hydroelectric Project. Therefore, in accordance with CEQ's regulations, the EA must be issued within 1 year of the issuance date of this notice.

• **Electronic Filing:** Documents must be filed in acceptable native applications and print-to-PDF, but not in scanned or picture format.

• For those unable to file electronically, comments may be filed by USPS mail or by hand (including courier) delivery:

○ **Mail via U.S. Postal Service Only:** Addressed to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

○ **Hand (including courier) delivery to:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

**Instructions:** All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <http://www.ferc.gov>. 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).

**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>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen Brown may be reached by email at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov) and telephone at (202) 502-8663.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title:** FERC-920, (Electric Quarterly Reports (EQR)).

**OMB Control No.:** 1902-0255.

**Type of Respondent:** Public utilities, and non-public utilities with more than a *de minimis* market presence.

**Type of Request:** Three-year extension of the FERC-920 information collection with no changes to the current reporting requirements.<sup>1</sup>

**Abstract:** The Commission originally set forth the EQR filing requirements in Order No. 2001 (Docket No. RM01-8-000) which required public utilities to electronically file EQRs summarizing transaction information for short-term and long-term cost-based sales and market-based rate sales and the contractual terms and conditions in their agreements for all jurisdictional services.<sup>2</sup> The Commission established

<sup>1</sup> This Notice in Docket No. IC21-38 is separate from, and does not address, the activities in Docket No. AD21-8-000.

<sup>2</sup> *Revised Public Utility Filing Requirements*, Order No. 2001, 67 FR 31043 (May 8, 2002), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,127, *reh'g denied*, Order No. 2001-A, 100 FERC ¶ 61,074, *reh'g denied*, Order No. 2001-B, 100 FERC ¶ 61,342, *order directing filing*, Order No. 2001-C, 101 FERC ¶ 61,314 (2002), *order directing filing*, Order No. 2001-D, 102 FERC ¶ 61,334, *order refining filing requirements*, Order No. 2001-E, 105 FERC ¶ 61,352 (2003), *order on clarification*, Order No. 2001-F, 106 FERC ¶ 61,060 (2004), *order revising filing requirements*, Order No. 2001-G, 72 FR 56735 (Oct. 4, 2007), 120 FERC

the EQR reporting requirements to help ensure the collection of information needed to perform its regulatory functions over transmission and sales, while making data more useful to the public and allowing public utilities to better fulfill their responsibility under Federal Power Act (FPA) section 205(c)<sup>3</sup> to have rates on file in a convenient form and place. As noted in Order No. 2001, the EQR data is designed to "provide greater price transparency, promote competition, enhance confidence in the fairness of the markets, and provide a better means to detect and discourage discriminatory practices."

Since issuing Order No. 2001, the Commission has provided guidance and refined the reporting requirements, as necessary, to reflect changes in the Commission's rules and regulations.<sup>4</sup> The Commission also adopted an Electric Quarterly Report Data Dictionary, which provides in one document the definitions of certain terms and values used in filing EQR data.<sup>5</sup>

To increase transparency broadly across all wholesale markets subject to the Commission's jurisdiction, the Commission issued Order No. 768 in 2012.<sup>6</sup> Order No. 768 required market participants that are excluded from the Commission's jurisdiction under the FPA section 205 (non-public utilities) and have more than a *de minimis* market presence to file EQRs with the Commission. In addition, Order No. 768 revised the EQR filing requirements to build upon the Commission's prior improvements to the reporting requirements and further enhance the goals of providing greater price transparency, promoting competition, instilling confidence in the fairness of the markets, and providing a better means to detect and discourage anti-competitive, discriminatory, and manipulative practices.

EQR information allows the public to assess supply and demand fundamentals and to price interstate wholesale market transactions. This, in turn, results in greater market confidence, lower transaction costs, and

¶ 61,270, *order on reh'g and clarification*, Order No. 2001-H, 73 FR 1876 (Jan. 10, 2008), 121 FERC ¶ 61,289 (2007), *order revising filing requirements*, Order No. 2001-I, 73 FR 65526 (Nov. 4, 2008), 125 FERC ¶ 61,103 (2008).

<sup>3</sup> 16 U.S.C. 824d(c).

<sup>4</sup> See, e.g., *Revised Public Utility Filing Requirements for Electric Quarterly Reports*, 124 FERC ¶ 61,244 (2008) (providing guidance on the filing of information on transmission capacity reassignments in EQRs).

<sup>5</sup> Order No. 2001-G, 120 FERC ¶ 61,270 (2007).

<sup>6</sup> Order No. 768, 77 FR 61896 (Oct. 11, 2012), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,336 (2012).

ultimately supports competitive markets. In addition, the data filed in the EQR strengthens the Commission's ability to exercise its wholesale electric rate and electric power transmission oversight and enforcement responsibilities in accordance with the

Federal Power Act. Without this information, the Commission would lack some of the data it needs to support its regulatory function over transmission and sales.

*Type of Respondent:* Public utilities, and non-public utilities with more than a *de minimis* market presence.

*Estimate of Annual Burden and Cost:*<sup>7</sup> The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden<sup>8</sup> for the information collection as:

**FERC-920: ELECTRIC QUARTERLY REPORT (EQR)**

Requirements	Number of respondents	Average annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average annual burden hrs. & cost (\$) per response (rounded)	Total average annual burden hours & total annual cost (\$) (rounded)	Cost per respondent (\$) (rounded)
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Electric Quarterly Report .....	2,929	4	11,716	18.1 hrs.; \$1,575	212,060 hrs.; \$18,452,700.	\$6,300
Total .....	.....	.....	11,716	.....	212,060 hrs.; \$18,452,700.	\$6,300

*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: September 20, 2021.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP21-493-000]

**Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization and Establishing Intervention and Protest Deadline**

Take notice that on September 10, 2021, Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership (Great Lakes), 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 1300, Houston,

Texas 77002-2700, filed in the above referenced docket, a prior notice request to modify the operation of a portion of its natural gas pipeline mainline system to reduce the Maximum Operating Pressure (MOP) in the Bemidji, Minnesota operations area, and to abandon associated system design capacity under authorities granted by its blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP90-2053-000, all in Federal offshore waters, offshore Louisiana, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Great Lakes requests authorization to modify the operation of its 36-inch mainlines 100, 200, and 300 to reduce the MOP from 974 psig to 812 psig from CS 3 to CS 4, in the Bemidji, Minnesota operations area. Additionally, Great Lakes requests authorization to abandon 252.9 MDth/d of long-term summer capacity and 299.4 MDth/d of long-term winter capacity, from its point of receipt at Emerson in Kittson County, Minnesota to its point of delivery at Fortune Lake in Iron County, Michigan, associated with the Shevlin de-rate. The estimated cost is \$100,000.

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last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room, due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TYY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding this prior notice request should be directed to David A. Alonzo, Manager, Project Authorizations, Great Lakes Gas Transmission Company, 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 1300, Houston, Texas, 77002-2700, at (832) 320-5477 or by email at [david\\_alonzo@tcenergy.com](mailto:david_alonzo@tcenergy.com).

**Public Participation**

There are three ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project: You can file a protest to the project, you can file a motion to intervene in the proceeding, and you can file comments on the project. There is no fee or cost for filing protests, motions to intervene, or comments. The deadline for filing protests, motions to intervene, and comments is 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on November 19, 2021. How to file protests, motions to intervene, and comments is explained below.

<sup>7</sup> The cost is based on FERC's 2021 Commission-wide average salary cost (salary plus benefits) of \$87.00/hour. The Commission staff believes the FERC FTE (full-time equivalent) average cost for

wages plus benefits is representative of the corresponding cost for the industry respondents.

<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.