

of five minutes to present their comments.

*Minutes:* Minutes will be available by writing or calling Jordan Davies, ICP CAB Administrator, phone (720) 452-7379 or email [jdavies@northwindgrp.com](mailto:jdavies@northwindgrp.com). Minutes will also be available at the following website: <https://www.energy.gov/em/icpcab/listings/cab-meetings>.

Signed in Washington, DC, on September 17, 2021.

**LaTanya Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee; Meeting

**AGENCY:** Office of Science, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee (BERAC). The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Thursday, October 21, 2021; 11:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Friday, October 22, 2021; 11:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held digitally via webcast using Zoom. Instructions for Zoom, as well as any updates to meeting times or meeting agenda, can be found on the BERAC meeting website at: <https://science.osti.gov/ber/berac/Meetings>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Tristram West, Designated Federal Officer, BERAC, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science, Office of Biological and Environmental Research, SC-23/Germantown Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585-1290. Phone 301-903-5155; fax (301) 903-5051 or email: [tristram.west@science.doe.gov](mailto:tristram.west@science.doe.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Purpose of the Committee:* To provide advice on a continuing basis to the Department of Energy's Office of Science, Director, on the many complex scientific and technical issues that arise in the development and implementation of the Biological and Environmental Research Program.

*Tentative Agenda:*

- News from the Office of Biological and Environmental Research

- News from the Biological Systems Science and Earth and Environmental Systems Sciences Divisions
- Report from the BERAC Subcommittee
- BERAC business and discussion
- Public comment

*Public Participation:* The two-day meeting is open to the public. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, please send an email request to both Tristram West ([tristram.west@science.doe.gov](mailto:tristram.west@science.doe.gov)) and Andrew Flatness ([andrew.flatness@science.doe.gov](mailto:andrew.flatness@science.doe.gov)). You must make your request for an oral statement at least five business days before the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chairperson of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Public comment will be limited to five minutes each.

*Minutes:* The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 45 days at the BERAC website: <https://science.osti.gov/ber/berac/Meetings/BERAC-Minutes>.

Signed in Washington, DC, on September 17, 2021.

**LaTanya Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC21-39-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC Form 580); 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 Form 580 (Interrogatory on Fuel and Energy Purchase Practices Pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act).

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due November 22, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC21-39-000) by one of the following methods.

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

- *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 Form 580, (Interrogatory on Fuel and Energy Purchase Practices Pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act).

*OMB Control No.:* 1902-0137.

*Type of Request:* Three-year extension of the FERC Form 580 with no substantive changes to the current reporting requirements. Administrative changes to update the form are being made, as described below.

*Abstract:* The Commission collects FERC Form 580 information every other year as required under Section 205(f)(2) of the FPA,<sup>1</sup> which provides that the Commission must review, "not less frequently than every 2 years," practices under automatic adjustment clauses (AACs).<sup>2</sup> As required by FPA section

<sup>1</sup> 16 U.S.C. 824d.

<sup>2</sup> An automatic adjustment clause is a provision of a rate schedule which provides for increases or decreases (or both), without prior hearing, in rates reflecting increases or decreases (or both) in costs incurred by an electric utility.

For additional information on AACs, see the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and Desk Reference for FERC Form 580 on the Commission's website.

205(f)(2), the Commission uses the information collected through the FERC Form 580 interrogatory to review utility purchase and cost recovery practices under AACs in order to ensure efficient use of resources.<sup>3</sup> The Commission uses the information to evaluate costs in individual rate filings and to supplement periodic utility audits. The public also uses the information in this manner. Without the FERC Form 580 interrogatory, the Commission would not have the requisite information available to conduct the necessary review the FPA mandates.

*Type of Respondents:* The filing must be submitted by all FERC-jurisdictional utilities owning and/or operating at least one steam-electric generating station of 50 MW or greater capacity or having a majority ownership interest in a jointly-owned steam-electric generating station of at least 50 MW. A jurisdictional utility without a cost-based tariff on file with the Commission is not required to file the form.

*Administrative Updates to the FERC Form 580:* Continuing on from the data collection request from October 2020, the Commission will be issuing a request for a second request for similar

data that was authorized in the last renewal for FERC Form 580.<sup>4</sup> The request will solicit the same information as the previous request, except that the years will be changed from 2018–2019 to 2020–2021. In this case, the updated year designations will appear in questions 2 through 8 of FERC Form 580, as well as in question 5 of the Privileged Addendum to the FERC Form 580.

*Estimate of Annual Burden.*<sup>5</sup> The Commission estimates the annual<sup>6</sup> public reporting burden and cost<sup>7</sup> for the information collection as:

**FERC FORM 580**

[Interrogatory on fuel and energy purchase practices pursuant to section 205 of the Federal Power Act]

	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	Annual cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
Respondents with FACs <sup>8</sup> .....	24	0.5	12	103 hrs.; \$8,961.00 .....	1,236.0 hrs.; \$107,532.00 .....	\$4,480.50
Respondents with AACs, but no FACs.	12	0.5	6	20 hrs.; \$1,740.00 .....	120.0 hrs.; \$10,440.00 .....	870.00
Respondents with no AACs and no FACs.	23	0.5	11.5	2 hrs.; \$174.00 .....	23.0 hrs.; \$2,001.00 .....	87.00
<b>Total</b> .....			<b>29.5</b>		<b>1,379.0 hrs.; \$119,173.00</b> .....	

*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 estimates 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 15, 2021.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 2302–099]

**Brookfield White Pine Hydro, LLC; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process**

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process.

b. *Project No.:* 2302–099.

c. *Date Filed:* August 4, 2021.

d. *Submitted by:* Brookfield White Pine Hydro, LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Lewiston Falls Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Androscoggin River, in Androscoggin County, Maine. No federal lands are occupied by the project works or located within the project boundary.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 5.3 of the Commission’s regulations.

h. *Potential Applicant Contact:* Luke T. Anderson, Manager, Relicensing Brookfield White Pine Hydro LLC, 150 Main Street Lewiston, ME 04240; (207) 755–5600; *Luke.Anderson@brookfieldrenewable.com.*

i. *FERC Contact:* Ryan Hansen at (202) 502–8074; or email at *ryan.hansen@ferc.gov.*

j. Brookfield White Pine Hydro, LLC filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on August 4, 2021. Brookfield White Pine Hydro, LLC provided public notice of its request on July 29, 2021. In a letter dated September 15, 2021, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved Brookfield White Pine Hydro, LLC’s request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.

k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, Part 402; and NOAA Fisheries

<sup>3</sup>By using the data in FERC Form 580, the Commission is able to review utility purchase and cost recovery practices and ensure the resources are in compliance with Commission regulations in 18 CFR 35.14.

<sup>4</sup>The current OMB approval (ICR 201908–1902–015) was issued on April 23, 2020 and expires January 31, 2023. While that approval includes the timeframe for the Commission’s next required use

of FERC–580 in 2022, we are submitting this request in order to update (administrative updates) FERC Form 580 for the data collection in 2022, and to request renewal of FERC–580 for another 3 years.

<sup>5</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. See 5 CFR

1320 for additional information on the definition of information collection burden.

<sup>6</sup>The FERC Form 580 interrogatory is conducted every two years.

<sup>7</sup>Commission staff estimates that the industry’s average hourly cost for this information collection is approximated by the FERC’s average hourly cost (for wages and benefits) for 2021, or \$87.00/hour.

<sup>8</sup>Fuel Adjustment Clause (FAC).