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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RD21-6-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-725B4); 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 new information collection designated as FERC-725B4 (Mandatory Reliability Standards: Critical Infrastructure Protection Reliability Standards CIP-004-7 and CIP-011-3), 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 August 12, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments on FERC-725B4 to OMB through www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. Please identify the OMB control number (1902-TBD) in the subject line. Your comments should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Please submit copies of your comments (identified by Docket No. RD21-6-000) to the Commission as noted below. 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:** Deliver to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

Instructions: OMB submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain; Using the search function under the “Currently Under Review field,” select Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; click “submit” and select “comment” to the right of the subject collection.

FERC 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, 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 and telephone at (202) 502-8663.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC-725B4, Mandatory Reliability Standards: Critical Infrastructure Protection Reliability Standards CIP-004-7 and CIP-011-3.¹

OMB Control No.: TBD.

Type of Request: Approval of proposed changes as described in Docket No. RD21-6-000.

¹ FERC-725B4 is an interim information collection number that, as of December 2021 (when the 60-day notice was issued) accommodated the need to seek timely approval during the pendency of an unrelated information collection request pertaining to FERC-725B (OMB Control No. 1902-0248). In addition, the implementation plan for CIP-004-7 and CIP-011-3 provides that those Reliability Standards become effective on the first day of the first calendar quarter that is 24 calendar months after the effective date of the Commission's order, so that Responsible Entities have sufficient time to come into compliance with the revised Reliability Standards. FERC-725B continues to cover the current requirements of the standards, before implementation of the revised requirements of Docket No. RD21-6-000. FERC-725B has been renewed with an expiration date of May 31, 2025. Thus, if and when OMB approves the information collection request for FERC725B4, the Commission intends to seek OMB's approval to add this collection of information to FERC-725B.

Abstract: On September 15, 2021 the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) filed a petition requesting approval of two Reliability Standards: CIP-004-7 (Cyber Security, Personnel and Training) and CIP-011-3 (Cyber Security, Information Protection). NERC described the proposed Reliability Standards as “Addressing Bulk Electric System Cyber System Information Access Management.” The petition was noticed on September 22, 2021, with interventions and comments due by October 6, 2021.² The Commission did not receive any interventions or comments.

On December 7, 2021, the Designated Letter Order (DLO) in Docket No. RD21-6-000 approved the proposed Reliability Standards, and found that the modified Reliability Standards enhance security as discussed below.

At present, Reliability Standard CIP-004-6 requires Responsible Entities to control access to Bulk Electric System Cyber System Information (BCSI) by managing access to a designated storage location, such as an electronic document or physical file room. Reliability Standard CIP-004-7 removes references to “designated storage locations” of BCSI and requires an access management program to authorize, verify and revoke provisioned access to BCSI. This change updates CIP-004 by focusing on controls at the file level (e.g., rights, permissions, privileges) of BCSI and reduces the need for access to only a physical, designated storage location for BCSI.

Reliability Standard CIP-011-3 clarifies the requirements of protecting and handling BCSI with the goal of providing flexibility for Responsible Entities to use third-party data storage and analysis systems. Specifically, Reliability Standard CIP-011-3 requires Responsible Entities to implement specific controls related to BCSI during storage handling use, and disposal of information when implementing services provided by third parties.

Type of Respondents: Businesses and other for-profit entities.

Estimate of Annual Burden: The Commission estimates 686 responses annually, and per-response burdens of 10 hours and \$850.20. The total estimated burdens per year are 6,860 hours and \$583,237.20. These burdens are itemized in the following table:

² 86 FR 52667, at 52668.

	A. Number of respondents ³	B. Annual number of responses per respondent	C. Total number of responses (Column A × Column B)	D. Average burden hours ⁴ & cost per response ⁵	E. Total annual burden hours & total annual cost ⁶ (Column C × Column D)	F. Cost per respondent (\$) (Column E ÷ Column A)
CIP-004-7	343	1	343	10 hours & \$850.20	3,430 hours & \$291,618.60	10 hours & \$850.20
CIP-011-3	343	1	343	10 hours & \$850.20	3,430 hours & \$291,618.60	10 hours & \$850.20
Totals	686	686	6,860 hours & \$583,237.20	20 hours & \$1,700.40

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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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP22-141-000]

Great Basin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the 2023 Mainline Replacement Project

On March 30, 2022, Great Basin Gas Transmission Company (Great Basin) filed an application in Docket No. CP22-141-000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to Section 7(c) to construct and operate certain natural gas pipeline facilities and Authorization pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act to abandon certain natural gas pipeline facilities. The proposed project is known as the 2023 Mainline Replacement Project (Project) and would involve abandoning and replacing a segment of pipeline in Humboldt County, Nevada to address indications that the subject pipeline segment is approaching the end of its useful life.

On April 13, 2022, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) issued its Notice of Application for the Project. Among other things, that notice alerted agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on a request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's environmental document for the Project.

This notice identifies Commission staff's intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the Project and the planned schedule for the completion of the environmental review.¹

Schedule for Environmental Review Issuance of EA—November 10, 2022 90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline²—February 8, 2023

¹ 40 CFR 1501.10 (2020).

² The Commission's deadline applies to the decisions of other federal agencies, and state

If a schedule change becomes necessary, additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the Project's progress.

Project Description

Great Basin proposes to abandon in-place approximately 20.4 miles of its existing 16-inch-diameter steel pipeline and construct, as replacement, approximately 20.4 miles of new 16-inch-diameter steel pipeline in Humboldt County, Nevada. The replacement pipeline would be constructed approximately 20 feet from the existing pipeline to be abandoned beginning just south of US-95, north of Winnemucca, Nevada, and ending south of State Highway 49/Jungo Road near Great Basin's existing Elko Lateral Tap. The Project would also include removal of existing valves and replacement with new valves and associated appurtenances within Great Basin's existing Elko Lateral Tap.

Background

On May 16, 2022, the Commission issued a *Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed 2023 Mainline Replacement Project and Notice of Public Scoping Session* (Notice of Scoping). The Notice of Scoping was sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. In response to the Notice of Scoping, the Commission received comments from the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer, Environmental Protection Agency, and Teamsters National Pipeline Labor Management Cooperation Trust. The primary issues and topics raised by the commenters are consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and recommendations

agencies acting under federally delegated authority, that are responsible for federal authorizations, permits, and other approvals necessary for proposed projects under the Natural Gas Act. Per 18 CFR 157.22(a), the Commission's deadline for other agency's decisions applies unless a schedule is otherwise established by federal law.

³ The number of respondents is based on the NERC Compliance Registry as of June 22, 2021. Currently there are 1,508 unique NERC Registered Entities, subtracting 16 Canadian Entities yields 1,492 U.S. NERC Registered Entities subject to the CIP Standards. However, only those NERC Registered Entities that own Medium Impact or High Impact BES Cyber System are subject to the CIP Standards in this filing which is estimated to be 343 NERC Registered Entities.

⁴ Of the average estimated twenty (20) hours per response, all twenty (20) hours are for the one-time effort of updating or changing documentation for record-keeping burden that is already accounted for.

⁵ Commission staff estimates that the average industry hourly cost for this information collection is \$85.02/hour based on the following occupations from the Bureau of Labor Statistics: (1) Manager (Occupational Code: 11-0000): \$97.89/hour; and (2) Electrical Engineer (Occupational Code 17-2071): \$72.15/hour. Source: http://bls.gov/oes/current/naics3_221000.htm, as of June 2021.