

Electric Association's Valley Conference Center (address below) or virtually via Microsoft Teams. To attend virtually, please contact Barbara Ulmer, NSSAB Administrator, by email [nssab@emcbc.doe.gov](mailto:nssab@emcbc.doe.gov) or phone (702) 523-0894, no later than 4:00 p.m. PST on Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

Valley Electric Association, Valley Conference Center, 800 E Highway 372, Pahrump, NV 89048

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT AND/OR DIRECTIONS CONTACT:** Barbara Ulmer, NSSAB Administrator, by phone: (702) 523-0894 or email: [nssab@emcbc.doe.gov](mailto:nssab@emcbc.doe.gov) or visit the Board's internet homepage at [www.nnss.gov/NSSAB/](http://www.nnss.gov/NSSAB/).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to provide advice and recommendations concerning the following EM site-specific issues: clean-up activities and environmental restoration; waste and nuclear materials management and disposition; excess facilities; future land use and long-term stewardship. The Board may also be asked to provide advice and recommendations on any EM program components.

#### *Tentative Agenda:*

1. Public Comment Period
2. Update from Deputy Designated Federal Officer
3. Update from National Nuclear Security Administration/Nevada Field Office
4. Updates from NSSAB Liaisons
5. Presentations

*Public Participation:* The in-person/online virtual hybrid meeting is open to the public either in-person at the Valley Conference Center or via Microsoft Teams. To sign-up for public comment, please contact the NSSAB Administrator (above) no later than 4:00 p.m. PST on Tuesday, January 16, 2024. In addition to participation in the live public comment session identified above, written statements may be filed with the Board either before or within seven days after the meeting by sending them to the NSSAB Administrator at the aforementioned email address. Written public comment received prior to the meeting will be read into the record. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Individuals wishing to make public comments can do so in 2-minute segments for the 15 minutes allotted for public comments.

*Minutes:* Minutes will be available by writing or calling Barbara Ulmer, NSSAB Administrator, U.S. Department of Energy, EM Nevada Program, 100

North City Parkway, Suite 1750, Las Vegas, NV 89106; Phone: (702) 523-0894. Minutes will also be available at the following website: <https://www.nnss.gov/nssab/nssab-meetings/>.

Signed in Washington, DC, on December 7, 2023.

**LaTanya Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RD23-6-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-725A(1D) and FERC-725Z); Comment Request; Revision

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collections 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 collections, FERC-725A(1D) (Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System TOP-003-6.1) and FERC-725Z (Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System IRO-010-5 Reliability Standards).

**DATES:** Comments on the collections of information are due February 12, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit copies of your comments (identified by Docket No. RD23-6-000) by one of the following methods:

- *Electronic Filing:* Documents must be filed in acceptable native applications and print-to-PDF, but not in scanned or picture format. Electronic filing through <http://www.ferc.gov>, is preferred.

- *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:* All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with

submission guidelines at: <http://www.ferc.gov>. Please ensure each comment refers to the appropriate collection. 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:** Jean Sonneman may be reached by email at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), telephone at (202) 502-6362.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Titles:* FERC-725Z, Mandatory Reliability Standards: IRO Reliability Standards, and FERC-725A(1D), Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System Reliability Standards (TOP-003-6.1).

*Action:* Proposed Changes to Collections.

*OMB Control Nos.:* 1902-0276 (FERC-725Z); 1902-0324 (FERC-725A(1D)).

*Type of Request:* Modification of the FERC-725Z and FERC-725A(1D) information collection requirements.

*Abstract:* On 9/21/2023, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) filed a petition on the proposed Modifications to Reliability Standards IRO-010 and TOP-003 to improve the approaches used for data and information specification and exchange by, among other things: (i) clarifying that specifications include both data and information; (ii) requiring the identification of the applicable entity that is required to respond to the request for the specification; (iii) including a data conflict resolution provision within the data specification requirement; (iv) clarifying that specifications should include protocols to address periodicity, performance criterion, and update and correction mechanisms; and (v) consolidating the format and security protocols within the data specification requirements.

The proposed Modifications to FERC-725Z for IRO-010-5 and FERC-725A(1D) for TOP-003-6.1, address recommendations arising from the SER Phase 2 Team by clarifying, consolidating, and improving approaches for data and information specification and exchange. The proposed revisions are intended to advance the reliability of the Bulk-Power System ("BPS") by ensuring that Registered Entities with operational responsibilities are able to request and receive the data and information necessary to support Operational

Planning Analysis, Real-time Assessments, Real-time monitoring, and Balancing Authority analysis functions in an optimal manner.

The proposed modifications would advance the reliability of the BPS by facilitating improved coordination of information and data sharing, thus allowing the entities responsible for the reliable operation of the BPS to request and receive data and information necessary to support Operational Planning Analysis, Real-time Assessments, Real-time monitoring, and Balancing Authority analysis functions in an optimal manner.

The changes being implemented primarily affect the reliability coordinator in IRO-010-5 and the transmission operator and balancing

authority in TOP-003-6.1 with other entities have much lower burden. Additionally, the burden is expected to only be needed for years 1 and 2 as the burden is only focused on procedures for sharing data and moving details from one requirement to another within the same standard. After year two with procedures fully in place there are no expectations for additional burden to continue as documents will be in place. The existing burden will remain the same until updated further for these reliability standards.

These Standards, FERC-725A(1D) (Temporary placeholder for FERC-725A) for TOP-003-6.1, FERC-725Z for IRO-010-5, which are all currently approved information collections.

*Type of Respondents:* NERC-registered entities including generator owner, generator operator, reliability coordinator, balancing authorities, distribution provider, transmission owner, and transmission operators.<sup>1</sup>

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*<sup>2</sup> The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden and cost for the information collections as:<sup>3</sup>

Reliability Standard IRO-010-5 (Reliability Coordinator Data Specification and Collection)

Reliability Standard TOP-003-6.1 (Transmission Operator and Balancing Authority Data and Information Specification and Collection)

#### TOP-003-6.1—TRANSMISSION OPERATOR AND BALANCING AUTHORITY DATA AND INFORMATION SPECIFICATION AND COLLECTION FOR YEARS 1 AND 2

| Type of entity                                         | Number of respondents <sup>4</sup> | Annual number of responses per respondent | Annual number of responses | Average burden hours & cost per response | Total annual burden hours & cost |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                        | (1)                                | (2)                                       | (1) * (2) = (3)            | (4) <sup>5</sup>                         | (3) * (4) = (5)                  |
| FERC–725A(1D), OMB Control No. 1902–0324               |                                    |                                           |                            |                                          |                                  |
| TOP .....                                              | 166                                | 1                                         | 166                        | 80 hrs.; \$5,429.60 .....                | 13,280 hrs.; \$901,313.60.       |
| BA .....                                               | 98                                 | 1                                         | 98                         | 80 hrs.; \$5,429.60 .....                | 7,840 hrs.; \$532,100.80.        |
| TO .....                                               | 323                                | 1                                         | 323                        | 8 hrs.; \$542.96 .....                   | 2,584 hrs.; \$175,376.08.        |
| GOP .....                                              | 1,002                              | 1                                         | 1,002                      | 8 hrs.; \$542.96 .....                   | 8,016 hrs.; \$544,045.92.        |
| GO .....                                               | 1,164                              | 1                                         | 1,164                      | 8 hrs.; \$542.96 .....                   | 9,312 hrs.; \$632,005.44.        |
| DP .....                                               | 301                                | 1                                         | 301                        | 8 hrs.; \$542.96 .....                   | 2,408 hrs.; \$163,430.96.        |
| FERC–725A(1D) for TOP–003–6.1 Total Years 1 & 2.       | .....                              | .....                                     | .....                      | .....                                    | 43,440 hrs.; \$2,948,272.80.     |
| FERC–725A(1D) for TOP–003–6.1 Total Year 3 and beyond. | .....                              | .....                                     | .....                      | .....                                    | No Change to existing burden.    |

#### IRO-010-5—RELIABILITY COORDINATOR DATA AND INFORMATION SPECIFICATION AND COLLECTION FOR YEARS 1 AND 2

| Type of entity                             | Number of respondents <sup>6</sup> | Annual number of responses per respondent | Total number of responses | Average burden & cost per response | Total annual burden hours & total annual cost |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
|                                            | (1)                                | (2)                                       | (1) * (2) = (3)           | (4) <sup>7</sup>                   | (3) * (4) = (5)                               |
| FERC–725Z, OMB Control No. 1902–0276       |                                    |                                           |                           |                                    |                                               |
| RC .....                                   | 12                                 | 1                                         | 12                        | 80 hrs.; \$5,429.60 .....          | 960 hrs.; \$65,155.20.                        |
| BA .....                                   | 98                                 | 1                                         | 98                        | 8 hrs.; \$542.96 .....             | 784 hrs.; \$53,210.08.                        |
| GO .....                                   | 1,164                              | 1                                         | 1,164                     | 8 hrs.; \$542.96 .....             | 9,312 hrs.; \$632,005.44.                     |
| GOP .....                                  | 1,002                              | 1                                         | 1,002                     | 8 hrs.; \$542.96 .....             | 8,016 hrs.; \$544,045.92.                     |
| TOP .....                                  | 166                                | 1                                         | 166                       | 8 hrs.; \$542.96 .....             | 1,328 hrs.; \$90,131.36.                      |
| TO .....                                   | 323                                | 1                                         | 323                       | 8 hrs.; \$542.96 .....             | 2,584 hrs.; \$175,376.08.                     |
| DP .....                                   | 301                                | 1                                         | 301                       | 8 hrs.; \$542.96 .....             | 2,408 hrs.; \$163,430.96.                     |
| FERC–725Z for IRO–010–5 Total Years 1 & 2. |                                    |                                           |                           |                                    | 25,392 hrs.; \$1,723,355.04.                  |

<sup>1</sup> In subsequent portions of this notice, the following acronyms will be used: DP = Distribution Provider, BA = Balancing Authority, RC = Reliability Coordinator, TOP = Transmission Owner, GO = Generator Owner, GOP = Generator Operator, TOP = Transmission Operator.

<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, reference 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.nerc.com/FilingsOrders/us/NERC%20Filings%20to%20FERC%20DL/Petition%20for%20Approval%20of%20IRO-010%20and%20TOP-003\\_final.pdf](https://www.nerc.com/FilingsOrders/us/NERC%20Filings%20to%20FERC%20DL/Petition%20for%20Approval%20of%20IRO-010%20and%20TOP-003_final.pdf).

<sup>4</sup> Values represent unique U.S. entities as based on the NERC compliance registry information as of September 22, 2023.

<sup>5</sup> The estimated hourly cost (salary plus benefits) is a combination based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), as of 2023, for 75% of the average of an Electrical Engineer (17-2071) \$77.29/hr., 77.29 × .75 = 57.9675 (\$57.97-rounded) (\$57.97/hour) and 25% of an Information and Record Clerk (43-4199) \$39.58/hr, \$39.58 × .25% = 9.895 (\$9.90 rounded) (\$9.90/hour), for a total (\$57.97 + \$9.90 = \$67.87/hour).

## IRO-010-5—RELIABILITY COORDINATOR DATA AND INFORMATION SPECIFICATION AND COLLECTION FOR YEARS 1 AND 2—Continued

| Type of entity                                   | Number of respondents <sup>6</sup> | Annual number of responses per respondent | Total number of responses | Average burden & cost per response | Total annual burden hours & total annual cost |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
|                                                  | (1)                                | (2)                                       | (1) * (2) = (3)           | (4) <sup>7</sup>                   | (3) * (4) = (5)                               |
| FERC-725Z for IRO-010-5 Total Year 3 and beyond. | .....                              | .....                                     | .....                     | .....                              | No Change to existing burden.                 |

The total annual estimated burden and cost for the FERC-725A(1D) information collection is 43,440 hours and \$2,948,272.80. FERC 725Z is 25,392 hours and \$1,723,355.04 respectively.

*Comments:* Comments are invited on: (1) whether the collections of information are 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 burdens and costs of the collections of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collections; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collections of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: December 6, 2023.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EF24-1-000]

#### Western Area Power Administration; Notice of Filing

Take notice that on November 22, 2023, Western Area Power Administration submitted tariff filing: Rates for Western Area Power Administration—Rate Order No. WAPA-206 to be effective 1/1/2024.

<sup>6</sup> Values represent unique U.S. entities as based on the NERC compliance registry information as of September 22, 2023.

<sup>7</sup> The estimated hourly cost (salary plus benefits) is a combination based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), as of 2022, for 75% of the average of an Electrical Engineer (17-2071) \$77.29/hr., 77.29 × .75 = 57.9675 (\$57.97-rounded) (\$57.97/hour) and 25% of an Information and Record Clerk (43-4199) \$39.58/hr., 39.58 × .25% = 9.895 (\$9.90 rounded) (\$9.90/hour), for a total (\$57.97 + \$9.90 = \$67.87/hour).

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically may mail similar pleadings to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. Hand delivered submissions in docketed proceedings should be delivered to Health and Human Services, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://ferc.gov>) using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the 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 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

The Commission's Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, environmental justice communities, Tribal members and others, access publicly available information and navigate Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202)502-6595 or [OPP@ferc.gov](mailto:OPP@ferc.gov).

*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on December 22, 2023.

Dated: December 5, 2023.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 10661-051]

#### Indiana Michigan Power Company; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380, the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for a subsequent license to continue to operate and maintain the Constantine Hydroelectric Project (project). The project is located on the St. Joseph River, in the Village of Constantine, in St. Joseph County, Michigan. Commission staff has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project.

The EA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal