

in person or virtually. Further details on both in-person and virtual participation will be released prior to the conference.

Attendees must register through the Commission's website on or before June 3, 2024. Access to the conference (virtual or in-person) may not be available to those who do not register.

Speaker nominations must be submitted on or before April 19, 2024 through the Commission's website by providing the proposed speaker's contact information along with a title, abstract, and list of contributing authors for the proposed presentation.⁵ Proposed presentations should be related to the topics discussed above. Speakers and presentations will be selected to ensure relevance to those topics and to accommodate time constraints.

Speakers are encouraged to submit new findings and novel work to ensure that the conference reflects the latest research. Presentations that only repeat similar content from previous years' conferences may be rejected. Presentation proposals that involve many of the same co-authors and have similar contents may be combined into a single proposal for one presentation.

All presentations materials (e.g., presentation slides) are due no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT on July 1, 2024. Before 1:00 p.m. EDT on July 8, 2024, Commission staff will work with presenters to provide quality assurance that their presentation materials are prepared, formatted correctly, and ready for delivery during the conference. All presentation materials submitted before 1:00 p.m. on July 8, 2024 will be posted to the Commission website before the conference. Any updated presentation materials submitted after 1:00 p.m. on July 8, 2024 will be posted to the Commission website after the conference; however, the live conference may use presentation material versions submitted prior to the deadline rather than late submissions.

The Commission will accept comments following the conference, with a deadline of August 12, 2024.

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For further information about these conferences, please contact:

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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC24-12-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-582); 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 currently approved information collection, FERC-582 (Electric Fees, Annual Charges, Waivers, and Exemptions) (OMB Control Number 1902-0132).

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due May 6, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may submit your comments (identified by Docket No. IC24-12-000 and FERC-582) 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:**
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>. 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: Jean Sonneman may be reached by email at DataClearance@FERC.gov, telephone at (202) 502-6362.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC-582, Electric Fees, Annual Charges, Waivers, and Exemptions.

OMB Control No.: 1902-0132.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-582 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

Abstract: The information required by FERC-582 is contained in 18 CFR parts 381 and 382.

The Commission uses the FERC-582 information to implement the statutory provisions of the Independent Offices Appropriation Act of 1952¹ which authorizes the Commission to establish fees for its services. In addition, the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986² authorizes the Commission to assess and collect fees and annual charges in any fiscal year in amounts equal to all the costs incurred by the Commission in that fiscal year.

To comply with the FERC-582, respondents must submit to the Commission the sum of the megawatt-hours (MWh) of all unbundled transmission (including MWh delivered in wheeling transactions and MWh delivered in exchange transactions) and the megawatt-hours of all bundled wholesale power sales (to the extent the bundled wholesale power sales were not separately reported as unbundled transmission). The data collected in the FERC-582 information collection are drawn directly from the FERC Form 1 (Annual Report of Major Electric Utilities, Licensees and Others)³ transmission data. The Commission

¹ 31 U.S.C. 9701.

² 42 U.S.C. 7178.

³ OMB Control No. 1902-0021, described in 18 CFR 141.1.

⁵ <https://www.ferc.gov/power-sales-and-markets/increasing-efficiency-through-improved-software>.

sums the costs of its electric regulatory program and subtracts all electric regulatory program filing fee collections to determine the total collectible electric regulatory program costs. Then, the Commission uses the data submitted under FERC-582 to determine the total megawatt-hours of transmission of electric energy in interstate commerce. Respondents (public utilities and power

marketers) subject to these annual charges must submit FERC-582 data to the Commission by April 30 of each year.⁴ The Commission issues bills for annual charges to respondents. Then, respondents must pay the charges within 45 days of the Commission's issuance of the bill.

Respondents may file requests for waivers and exemptions of fees and

charges⁵ based on need. The Commission's staff uses the filer's financial information to evaluate the request for a waiver or exemption of the obligation to pay a fee or an annual charge.

Estimate of Annual Burden: The Commission estimates the burden⁶ and cost⁷ for this information collection as follows.

FERC-582, ELECTRIC FEES, ANNUAL CHARGES, WAIVERS, AND EXEMPTIONS

Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden & cost per response	Total annual burden hours & cost	Cost per respondent
(1)	(2)	(1) × (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5)/(1) = (5)
51	1	51	2.39 hrs.; \$239.00	121.89 hrs.; \$12,189.00	\$239.00

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: February 29, 2024.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 77-320]

Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

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

a. *Application Type:* Application for Temporary Variance of Flow Requirements.

b. *Project No:* 77-320.

c. *Date Filed:* February 22, 2024.

d. *Applicant:* Pacific Gas and Electric Company (licensee).

e. *Name of Project:* Potter Valley Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the Eel River and East Fork of the Russian River in Lake and Mendocino counties, California. The project occupies federal lands managed by the U.S. Forest Service.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a-825r.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Jackie Pope, License Coordinator; Pacific Gas and Electric Company; 300 Lakeside Drive, Oakland, CA 94612; Phone: (530) 245-4007.

i. *FERC Contact:* John Aedo, (415) 369-3335, john.aedo@ferc.gov.

j. *Cooperating agencies:* With this notice, the Commission is inviting federal, state, local, and Tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues affected by the proposal, that wish to cooperate in the preparation of any environmental document, if applicable, to follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item k below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of any environmental document cannot also intervene. See 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

k. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests:* April 1, 2024.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include the docket number P-77-320. Comments emailed to Commission staff are not considered part of the Commission record.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on

⁴ 18 CFR 382.201.

⁵ This includes requirements of 18 CFR 381.105 (methods of payment), 381.106 (waiver), 381.108 (exemption), 381.302 (declaratory order), 381.303 (review of DOE remedial order), 381.304 (DOE denial of adjustment), and 381.305 (OGC interpretation).

⁶ 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 CFR part 1320.

⁷ The Commission staff estimates that the average respondent for FERC-582 is similarly situated to the Commission, in terms of salary plus benefits. Based on FERC's current annual average of \$207,786 (for salary plus benefits), the average hourly cost is \$100/hour.