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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RD23-5-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Revision

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

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 proposed revisions of the currently approved information collection, FERC-725G, (Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System) Approval of PRC Reliability Standard PRC-023-6. The 60-day notice comment period ended on July 1, 2024.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due August 22, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments on FERC-725G (1902-0252) to OMB through www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. Please identify the OMB Control Numbers in the subject line of your comments. Comments should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain.

Please submit copies of your comments to the Commission. You may submit copies of your comments (identified by Docket No. RD23-5-000) by one of the following methods:

Electronic filing through <https://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.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jean Sonneman may be reached by email at DataClearance@FERC.gov, telephone at (202) 502-6362.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC-725G (Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System: Approval of PRC Reliability Standard PRC-023-6.

OMB Control No.: 1902-0252.

Type of Request: Approval of FERC-725G information collection requirements associated with proposed PRC Reliability Standard PRC-023-6.

Abstract: This Notice pertains to the FERC-725G information collection requirements associated with Reliability Standard PRC-023-6 (Transmission Relay Loadability), the associated proposed implementation plan, and violation risk factors and violation severity levels. On March 2, 2023, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) filed a petition seeking approval of proposed Reliability Standard PRC-023-6 (Transmission Relay Loadability), the associated proposed implementation plan, and violation risk factors and violation severity levels.¹ NERC also requested the Commission's approval of the retirement of the version of Reliability Standard PRC-023 that would be in effect (*i.e.*, currently effective Reliability Standard PRC-023-4 or the approved but not yet effective Reliability Standard PRC-023-5).²

NERC explains that the proposed Reliability Standard would advance

¹ NERC Petition at 1.

² NERC Petition at 1-2.

Bulk-Power System reliability by removing certain redundant and unnecessary language from the Standard related to the setting of out-of-step blocking relays. To achieve this, NERC proposes to retire the Reliability Standard's Requirement R2 related to setting out-of-step blocking schemes to allow tripping of phase protective relays and remove the Attachment A, Item 2.3 exclusion for protection systems intended for protection during stable power swings.³ NERC states that Requirement R2 is redundant because the fault condition addressed by Requirement R2 is addressed by Requirement R1 and requires the same compliance activity by the entity.⁴ NERC explains, thus, that Requirement R2 is not needed for reliability. Further, NERC explains that the exclusion in Attachment A, Item 2.3 is no longer necessary due to system changes.⁵

On October 10, 2023, the Commission's Office of Electric Reliability issued a letter requesting that NERC provide additional information to explain how Requirement R2 of Reliability Standard PRC-023 is redundant to Requirement R1 and confirm whether the existing obligations

in Requirement R2 would be enforced and audited under Requirement R1.⁶ NERC filed its amended petition on November 3, 2023. In its amended petition, NERC confirms that because Requirement R2 is redundant to Requirement R1, any entity noncompliance with existing obligations of Requirement R2 would be assessed under Requirement R1.⁷

The petition was noticed on March 22, 2023, with interventions, comments, and protests due on or before April 21, 2023. No interventions, comments, or protests were filed.

Due to NERC's confirmation that any entity's noncompliance with existing obligations under Requirement R2 (i.e., the proper setting out out-of-step blocking relays) can be assessed under Requirement R1 if R2 is retired, NERC's uncontested filing is hereby approved pursuant to the relevant authority delegated to the Director, Office of Electric Reliability under 18 CFR 375.303, effective as of the date of this order.

This action shall not be construed as approving any other application, including proposed revisions of Electric Reliability Organization or Regional

Entity rules or procedures pursuant to 18 CFR 375.303(a)(2)(i). Such action shall not be deemed as recognition of any claimed right or obligation associated therewith and such action is without prejudice to any findings or orders that have been or may hereafter be made by the Commission in any proceeding now pending or hereafter instituted by or against the Electric Reliability Organization or any Regional Entity.

This order constitutes final agency action. Requests for rehearing by the Commission may be filed within 30 days of the date of issuance of this order, pursuant to 18 CFR 385.713. The revisions to PRC-023-6 will result in a change in how relay settings will be assessed under Requirement R1 of out-of-step blocking elements but will not result in reporting or recordkeeping requirements or burden. As of February 2024, there are 324 transmission owners, 1,173 generator owners, 371 distribution providers and 62 planning coordinators registered with NERC. These registered entities will have to comply with requirements in the Reliability Standard PRC-023-6.

PROPOSED CHANGES DUE TO ORDER IN DOCKET NO. RD23-5-000

Reliability standard & requirement	Type ^a and number of entity (1)	Number of annual responses per entity (2)	Total number of responses (1) * (2) = (3)	Average number of burden hours per response ⁹ (4)	Total burden hours (3) * (4) = (5)
FERC-725G					
PRC-023-6:					
TO	324	1	324	16 hrs.; \$1,067.52 ...	5,184 hrs.; \$345,876.48.
GO	1,173	1	1,173	16 hrs.; \$1,067.52 ...	18,768 hrs.; \$1,252,200.96.
DP	371	1	371	8 hrs.; \$533.76	2,968 hrs.; \$198,024.96.
PC	62	1	62	8 hrs.; \$533.76	496; \$33,093.12.
Total for PRC-023-6 One Time Estimate—Years 1 and 2.	1,930	48 hrs.; \$3,202.56 ...	27,416 hrs.; \$1,829,195.52.

The one-time burden of 27,416 hours that only applies for Year 1 and 2 will be averaged over three years (27,416 hours ÷ 3 = 9,138.67 hours/year over three years). The number of responses is also averaged over three years (1,930 responses ÷ 3 = 643.33 responses/year).

The responses and burden hours for Years 1-3 will total respectively as follows for Year 1 one-time burden: Year 1: 643.33 responses; 9,138.67 hours

Year 2: 643.33 responses; 9,138.67 hours
Year 3: 643.33 responses; 9,138.67 hours

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.

The Commission's Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in

³ NERC Petition at 4.

⁴ NERC Petition at 21.

⁵ NERC Petition at 25-26.

⁶ RFI at 2.

⁷ NERC Amended Petition at 25.

⁸ TO = Transmission Owner, GO = Generator Owner, DP = Distribution Provider and PC = Planning Coordinator.

⁹ The estimated hourly cost (salary plus benefits) derived using the following formula: Burden Hours per Response * \$/hour = Cost per Response. based

on the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), as of August 1, 2023, of an Electrical Engineer (17-2071)—\$77.29,—and for Information and Record Clerks (43-4199) \$56.14. The average hourly burden cost for this collection is [(\$77.29 + \$56.14)/2 = \$66.715] rounded to \$66.72 an hour.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

Filings Instituting Proceedings

Docket Numbers: PR24-85-000.

Applicants: NorthWestern

Corporation.

Description: Tariff Amendment: Cancellation of Baseline Tariff of SOC to be effective 7/17/2024.

Filed Date: 7/16/24.

Accession Number: 20240716-5052.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 8/6/24.

§ 284.123(g) Protest: 5 p.m. ET 9/16/24.

Docket Numbers: RP24-905-000.

Applicants: Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company, LP.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Housekeeping Filing to be effective 8/16/2024.

Filed Date: 7/16/24.

Accession Number: 20240716-5003.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 7/29/24.

Any person desiring to intervene, to protest, or to answer a complaint in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211, 214, or 206 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214, or 385.206) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

Filings in Existing Proceedings

Docket Numbers: RP24-781-003.

Applicants: Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC.

Description: Compliance filing: AGT Ministerial Compliance Filing—RP24-781 to be effective 7/1/2024.

Filed Date: 7/15/24.

Accession Number: 20240715-5132.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 7/29/24.

Any person desiring to protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rule 211 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.asp>) by querying the docket number.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, service, and qualifying facilities filings can be found at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf>. For other information, call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-12120-01-OAR]

2025 Clean Air Excellence Awards Program; Request for Nominations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Request for nominations for Clean Air Excellence Awards.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the competition for the 2025 Clean Air Excellence Awards Program. EPA established the Clean Air Excellence Awards Program in February 2000 to recognize outstanding and innovative efforts that support progress in achieving clean air.

DATES: All submissions of entries for the Clean Air Excellence Awards Program must be postmarked by October 11, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Additional information on this awards program, including the entry form, can be found on EPA's Clean Air Act Advisory Committee (CAAAC) website: <https://www.epa.gov/caaac>. Any member of the public who wants further information may contact the U.S. EPA, Office of Air or Radiation at OAR_Clean_Air_Excellence_Awards@epa.gov. You will receive a response from a member of the CAEA Team: Catrice Jefferson at (202) 564-1668, Ruth Morgan at (202) 564-1326, or Marie Catanese at (202) 564-1660.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Awards Project Notice, Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 7403(a)(1) and (2) and sections 103(a)(1) and (2) of the Clean Air Act (CAA), notice is hereby given that the EPA's Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) announces the opening of competition for the 2025 Clean Air Excellence Awards Program (CAEAP). The intent of the program is to recognize and honor outstanding, innovative efforts that help to make progress in achieving cleaner air. The CAEAP is open to both public and private entities. Entries are limited to efforts related to air quality in the United States. There are five general award categories: (1) Clean Air Technology; (2) Community Action; (3) Education/Outreach; (4) State/Tribal/Local Air Quality Policy Innovations; and (5) Transportation Efficiency Innovations. There are also two special award categories: (1) Thomas W. Zosel Outstanding Individual Achievement Award; and (2) Gregg Cooke Visionary Program Award. Awards are given periodically and are for recognition only.

Entry Requirements: All applicants are asked to submit their entry on a CAEAP entry form, contained in the CAEAP Entry Package, which may be obtained from the CAAAC website at <https://www.epa.gov/caaac>. Applicants can also contact the CAEA Team at OAR_Clean_Air_Excellence_Awards@epa.gov. The entry form is a simple, four-part form asking for general information on the applicant; a narrative description of the project; up to three (3) independent references for the proposed entry; and your knowledge of EPA awards programs and resources. Applicants should also submit additional support documentation as necessary. Specific directions and information on filing an entry form are included in the Entry Package.

Judging and Award Criteria: EPA staff will use a screening process, with input from outside subject experts, as needed. Members of the CAAAC will provide advice to EPA on the entries. The EPA