

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. IC24-17-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-725L); Comment Request; Extension**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 the currently approved information collection, FERC 725L (Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System: MOD Reliability Standards).

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due September 27, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may submit copies of your comments (identified by Docket No. IC24-17-000) 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, not in scanned or picture format.

- For those unable to file electronically, comments may be filed by USPS mail or by other delivery methods:

- *Mail via U.S. Postal Service Only:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

- *All other delivery services:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Secretary, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

Instructions: All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <https://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 <https://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-725L, Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System: MOD Reliability Standards.

OMB Control No.: 1902-0261.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-725L information collection requirements with no changes to the reporting requirements.

Abstract: MOD Reliability Standards ensure that generators remain in operation during specified voltage and frequency excursions, properly coordinate protective relays and generator voltage regulator controls, and ensure that generator models accurately reflect the generator's capabilities and equipment performance.

On May 30, 2013, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) filed a petition explaining that the reliability of the Bulk-Power System benefits from "good quality simulation models of power system equipment," and that "model validation ensures the proper performance of the control systems and validates the computer models used for stability analysis." NERC further stated that the Reliability Standards will enhance reliability because the tests performed to obtain model data may reveal latent defects that could cause "inappropriate unit response during system disturbances."¹ Subsequently, on March 20, 2014, the Commission approved Reliability Standards MOD-025-2, MOD-026-1, and MOD-027-1. These Standards were intended to address generator verifications needed to support Bulk-Power System reliability that would also ensure that accurate data is verified and made available for planning simulations.²

¹ Final Rule in Docket No. RM13-16-000.

² NERC Petition for Approval of Five Proposed Reliability Standards MOD-025-2, MOD-026-1,

On May 1, 2014, the Commission approved Reliability Standards MOD-032-1 and MOD-033-2. These Standards were to address "system-level modeling data and validation requirements necessary for developing planning models and the Interconnection-wide cases that are integral to analyzing the reliability of the Bulk-Power System".³

MOD-025-2, MOD-026-1, MOD-027-1, MOD-031-3, MOD-032-1 and MOD-033-2 are all currently approved within the FERC-725L information collection. The reporting requirements associated with each standard will not change as a result of this extension request.

Type of Respondents: NERC-registered entities including generator owners, transmission planners, planning authorities, balancing authorities, resource planners, transmission service providers, reliability coordinators, and transmission operators.⁴

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*⁵ The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden⁶ and cost for the information collection as:

MOD-027-1, PRC-019-1, and PRC-024-1 submitted to FERC on 5/30/2013.

³ Order in Docket No. RD14-5-000.

⁴ In subsequent portions of this notice, the following acronyms will be used: PA = Planning Authority, GO = Generator Owner, TP = Transmission Planner, BA = Balancing Authority, RP = Resource Planner, TSP = Transmission Service Provider, RC = Reliability Coordinator, TOP = Transmission Operator.

⁵ "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.

⁶ Each of the five MOD standards in the FERC-725L information collection previously contained "one-time" components to their respondent burden. These one-time burden categories consisted primarily of activities related to establishing industry practices and developing data validation procedures tailored toward these reliability standards and their reporting requirements. None of the one-time burdens apply any longer, so they are being removed from the FERC-725L information collection.

MOD-025-2 (VERIFICATION AND DATA REPORTING OF GENERATOR REAL AND REACTIVE POWER CAPABILITY AND SYNCHRONOUS CONDENSER REACTIVE POWER CAPABILITY)

	Number of respondents ⁷	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden & cost per response	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost	Cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
Attachment 2	1210 (GO)	1	1210	6 hrs.; \$463.74 ⁸	7,260 hrs.; \$561,125.40.	\$463.74
Evidence Retention ..	1210 (GO)	1	1210	1 hr.; \$39.58 ⁹	1210 hrs.; \$47,891.80.	39.58
Total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,470 hrs.; \$609,017.20.	.....

MOD-026-1 (VERIFICATION OF MODELS AND DATA FOR GENERATOR EXCITATION CONTROL SYSTEM OR PLANT VOLT/VARIANCE CONTROL FUNCTIONS)

	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	Cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
Instructions for obtaining excitation control system or plant voltage/variance control function model.	203 (TP)	1	203	8 hrs.; \$618.32	1,624 hrs.; \$125,518.96.	\$618.32
Documentation on generator verification.	605 (GO)	1	605	8 hrs.; \$618.32	4,840 hrs.; \$374,083.60.	618.32
Evidence Retention ..	808 (GO and TOP) ..	1	808	1 hr.; \$39.58	808 hrs.; \$31,948.32	39.58
Total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,272 hrs.; \$531,550.88.	.....

MOD-027-1 (VERIFICATION OF MODELS AND DATA FOR TURBINE/GOVERNOR AND LOAD CONTROL OR ACTIVE POWER/FREQUENCY CONTROL FUNCTIONS)

	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	Cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
Instructions for obtaining excitation control system or plant voltage/variance control function model.	203 (TP)	1	203	8 hrs.; \$618.32	1,624 hrs.; \$125,518.96.	\$618.32
Documentation on generator verification.	605 (GO) ¹⁰	1	605	8 hrs.; \$618.32	4,840 hrs.; \$374,083.60.	618.32

⁷ The number of respondents for MOD-025-2/MOD-026-1/MOD-027-1/MOD-31-3/MOD-032-/MOD-033-2 are from the NERC compliance registry April 16, 2024.

⁸ The estimated hourly cost (salary plus benefits) based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), as of

2023, for an Electrical Engineer (17-2071) \$77.29/hr.

⁹ The estimated hourly cost (salary plus benefits) based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), as of 2023 Information and Record Clerk (43-4199) \$39.58/hr.

¹⁰ It is estimated that the applicable numbers of generator owner respondents used to calculate the public reporting burden for these standards MOD-026-1, MOD-027-1, MOD-031-3, MOD-032-1 and MOD-033-1 is half of total numbers of GO (605=1210/2) due to the higher applicability threshold for those Reliability Standards.

MOD-027-1 (VERIFICATION OF MODELS AND DATA FOR TURBINE/GOVERNOR AND LOAD CONTROL OR ACTIVE POWER/FREQUENCY CONTROL FUNCTIONS)—Continued

	Number of respondents (1)	Annual number of responses per respondent (2)	Total number of responses (1) * (2) = (3)	Average burden & cost per response (4)	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost (3) * (4) = (5)	Cost per respondent (\$) (5) ÷ (1)
Evidence Retention ..	808 (GO and TP)	1	808	1 hr.; \$39.58	808 hrs.; \$31,980.64	39.58
Total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,272 hrs.; \$531,583.20.	.....

MOD-031-3 (DEMAND AND ENERGY DATA), INCLUDED IN FERC-725L

Reliability standard MOD-031-3	Number and type of respondents (1)	Annual number of responses per respondent (2)	Total number of responses (1) * (2) = (3)	Avg. burden & cost per response ¹¹ (4)	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost (3) * (4) = (5)	Cost per respondent (5) ÷ (1)
Develop summary in accordance with Requirement R1, Subparts 1.5.4 and 1.5.5.	607 (DP, TP and/or BA).	1	607	8 hrs.; \$618.32	4,856 hrs.; \$375,320.24.	\$618.32
New Total for MOD-031-3 for Renewal.	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,856 hrs.; \$375,320.24.	.....

MOD-032-1 (VERIFICATION OF MODELS AND DATA FOR TURBINE/GOVERNOR AND LOAD CONTROL OR ACTIVE POWER/FREQUENCY CONTROL FUNCTIONS)

	Number of respondents (1)	Annual number of responses per respondent (2)	Total number of responses (1) * (2) = (3)	Average burden & cost per response (4)	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost (3) * (4) = (5)	Cost per respondent (\$) (5) ÷ (1)
Data Submittal	2,126 (BA, GO, PA/PC, RP, TO, TP, and TSP).	1	2,126	8 hrs.; \$618.32	17,008 hrs.; \$1,314,548.32.	\$618.32
Evidence Retention ..	2,126 (BA, GO, PA/PC, RP, TO, TP, and TSP).	1	2,126	1 hr.; \$39.58	2,126hrs.; \$84,147.08.	39.58
Total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19,134 hrs.; \$1,398,695.40.	.....

¹¹ The estimated hourly cost (salary plus benefits) based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), as of 2023, for an Electrical Engineer (17-2071) \$77.29/hr.

MOD-033-2 (FORMERLY MOD-033-1) (STEADY-STATE AND DYNAMICS SYSTEM MODEL VALIDATION)

	Number of respondents (1)	Annual number of responses per respondent (2)	Total number of responses (1) * (2) = (3)	Average burden & cost per response (4)	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost (3) * (4) = (5)	Cost per respondent (\$) (5) ÷ (1)
Data Submittal	177 (RC and TOP) ...	1	177	8 hrs.; \$618.32	1,416 hrs.; \$109,442.64.	\$618.32
Evidence Retention ..	239 (PA/PC, RC, and TOP).	1	239	1 hr.; \$39.58	239 hrs.; \$9,459.62 ..	39.58
New Total for MOD-033-2 Renewal.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,655 hrs.; \$118,902.26.	.....

The total annual estimated burden and cost for the FERC-725L information collection is 38,724 hours and \$2,960,375.60 respectively.

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: July 22, 2024.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Acting Secretary.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m. on July 30, 2024.

PLACE: This Board meeting will be open to public observation only by webcast. Visit <https://www.fdic.gov/news/board-matters/video.html> for a link to the webcast. FDIC Board Members and staff will participate from FDIC Headquarters, 550 17th Street NW, Washington, DC.

Observers requiring auxiliary aids (e.g., sign language interpretation) for this meeting should email DisabilityProgram@fdic.gov to make necessary arrangements.

STATUS: Open to public observation via webcast.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's Board of Directors will meet to consider the following matters:

Discussion Agenda

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Brokered Deposit Restrictions.

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Parent Companies of Industrial Banks and Industrial Loan Companies.

Request for Information on Deposits.

Final Guidance for Title I Resolution Plan Triennial Full Filers and Extension of Submission Deadline.

Proposals regarding the Change in Bank Control Act Regulations and Procedures.

Summary Agenda: No substantive discussion of the following items is anticipated. The Board will resolve these matters with a single vote unless a member of the Board of Directors requests that an item be moved to the discussion agenda.

Final Rule on Revisions to the FDIC's Section 19 Regulations.

Interim Final Rule on Clarification of Deposit Insurance Coverage for Legacy Branches of U.S. Banks in the Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and Palau.

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking regarding the Financial Data Transparency Act.

Minutes of a Board of Directors' Meeting Previously Distributed.

Summary reports, status reports, and reports of actions taken pursuant to authority delegated by the Board of Directors.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Direct requests for further information concerning the meeting to Debra A. Decker, Executive Secretary of the Corporation, at 202-898-8748.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552b.

Dated at Washington, DC, on July 24, 2024.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

James P. Sheesley,

Assistant Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Agency Information Collection Activities: Announcement of Board Approval Under Delegated Authority and Submission to OMB

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

SUMMARY: The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) is adopting a proposal to extend for three years, with revision, the Bank Holding Company Applications and Notifications (FR Y-3, FR Y-3N, and FR Y-4; OMB No. 7100-0121).

DATES: The revisions are effective as of August 28, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Federal Reserve Board Clearance Officer—Nuha Elmaghrabi—Office of the Chief Data Officer, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, nuha.elmaghrabi@frb.gov, (202) 452-3884.

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Desk Officer for the Federal Reserve Board, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503, or by fax to (202) 395-6974.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 15, 1984, OMB delegated to the Board authority under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) to approve and assign OMB control numbers to collections of information conducted or sponsored by the Board. Board-approved collections of information are incorporated into the official OMB inventory of currently approved collections of information. The OMB