

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. IC24–26–000]

**Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–585); 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–585 (Reporting of Electric Energy Shortages and Contingency Plans Under PURPA Section 206).

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due October 7, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit copies of your comments (identified by Docket No. IC24–26–000) 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](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 <https://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:**

*Title:* FERC–585 (Reporting of Electric Energy Shortages and Contingency Plans Under PURPA <sup>1</sup> Section 206).

*OMB Control No.:* 1902–0138.

*Type of Request:* Three-year extension of the FERC–585 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

*Abstract:* The Commission uses the information collected under the requirements of FERC–585 to implement the statutory provisions of Section 206 of PURPA. Section 206 of PURPA amended the Federal Power Act (FPA) by adding a new subsection (g) to section 202, under which the Commission, by rule, was to require each public utility to report to the Commission and any appropriate state regulatory authority:

- any anticipated shortages of electric energy or capacity which would affect the utility’s capability to serve its wholesale customers; and
- a contingency plan that would outline what circumstances might give rise to such occurrences.

- In Order No. 575,<sup>2</sup> the Commission modified the reporting requirements in 18 CFR 294.101(b) to provide that, if a public utility includes in its rates schedule, provisions that during electric energy and capacity shortages:

- it will treat firm power wholesale customers without undue discrimination or preference; and
- it will report any modifications to its contingency plan for accommodating shortages within 15 days to the appropriate state regulatory agency and to the affected wholesale customers, then the utility need not file with the Commission an additional statement of contingency plan for accommodating such shortages.

<sup>1</sup> PURPA = Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1979 (Pub. L. 95–617, 92 Stat. 3117), enacted 11/9/1978.

<sup>2</sup> Final Rule in Docket RM92–12–000, issued on 1/13/1995.

This revision changed the reporting mechanism, specifically the public utility’s contingency plan would be in its filed rate rather than in a separate document. In Order No. 659,<sup>3</sup> the Commission modified the reporting requirements in 18 CFR 294.101(e) to provide that public utilities must comply with the requirements to report shortages and anticipated shortages by submitting this information electronically using the Office of Electric Reliability’s alert system at [emergency@ferc.gov](mailto:emergency@ferc.gov) in lieu of submitting an original and two copies to the Secretary of the Commission. The Commission uses the information to evaluate and formulate an appropriate option for action in the event an unanticipated shortage is reported and/or materializes. Without this information, the Commission and State agencies would be unable to:

- examine and approve or modify utility actions;
- prepare a response to anticipated disruptions in electric energy; and/or
- ensure equitable treatment of all public utility customers under the shortage situation.

The Commission implements these filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR part 294.101.

*Type of Respondents:* Public Utilities.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*<sup>4</sup> The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden for the information collection as:

<sup>3</sup> Final Rule in Docket RM05–19–000, issued on 5/27/2005.

<sup>4</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, refer to 5 CFR 1320.3.

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	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden & cost per response <sup>5</sup>	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost	Cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
Contingency Plan .....	1	1	1	1 hrs.; \$100.00 .....	1 hrs.; \$100.00 .....	\$100.00
Capacity Shortage .....	1	1	1	1 hrs.; \$100.00 .....	1 hrs.; \$100.00 .....	100.00
Total .....					2 hrs.; \$200.00 .....	

*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: August 1, 2024.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
*Acting Secretary.*

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[Project No. 1494-405]

**Grand River Dam Authority; Notice of Effectiveness of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment of License**

On May 24, 2018, Grand River Dam Authority, licensee for the Pensacola Hydroelectric Project No. 1494, filed an application for a non-capacity amendment for the Coal Creek Wildlife Management Area in compliance with the requirements of Article 411 of the Pensacola Project license<sup>1</sup> and the 2003 Fish and Waterfowl Habitat

<sup>5</sup> The estimates for cost per response are derived using the following formula: Average Burden Hours per Response \* 100.00 per Hour = Average Cost per Response. This is Based upon FERC’s 2024 FTE average salary plus benefits. Commission staff believes that any industry effort applied to FERC-585 would be compensated similarly to FERC’s average salary.

<sup>1</sup> *Grand River Dam Auth.*, 59 FERC ¶ 62,073 (1992) (License Order). Article 411 was added in a 1996 amendment order. *See Grand River Dam Auth.*, 77 FERC ¶ 61,251 (1996).

Management Plan for the project.<sup>2</sup> On July 15, 2024, the licensee filed a notice withdrawing the amendment application.

No motion in opposition to the notice of withdrawal has been filed, and the Commission has taken no action to disallow it. Accordingly, pursuant to Rule 216(b) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure,<sup>3</sup> the withdrawal of the application became effective on July 30, 2024.

Dated: August 1, 2024.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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[Docket No. PF23-2-000]

**Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC, Sabine Pass Liquefaction Stage V, LLC, Sabine Crossing, LLC; Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Planned Sabine Pass Stage 5 Expansion Project, and Notice of Public Scoping Session**

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental document that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Sabine Pass Stage 5 Expansion Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC and Sabine Pass Liquefaction Stage V, LLC (collectively, Sabine Pass), and Sabine Crossing, LLC (Sabine Crossing) in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and Liberty, Jefferson, and Chambers Counties, Texas. The Commission will use this environmental document in its decision-making process to determine whether the

<sup>2</sup> *Grand River Dam Auth.*, 103 FERC ¶ 62,102 (2003).

<sup>3</sup> 18 CFR 385.216(b) (2023).

planned pipeline project is in the public convenience and necessity and if the planned liquid natural gas facility expansion is in the public interest.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies regarding the project. As part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process, the Commission takes into account concerns the public may have about proposals and the environmental impacts that could result from its action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and authorization. This gathering of public input is referred to as “scoping.” The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the environmental document on the important environmental issues. Additional information about the Commission’s NEPA process is described below in the NEPA Process and Environmental Document section of this notice.

By this notice, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of issues to address in the environmental document. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on September 3, 2024. Comments may be submitted in written or oral form. Further details on how to submit comments are provided in the Public Participation section of this notice.

Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues they need to evaluate in the environmental document. Commission staff will consider all written or oral comments during the preparation of the environmental document.

If you submitted comments on this project to the Commission before the opening of this docket on February 22,