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r. 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.

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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC25–14–000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (Ferc–500 and Ferc–505); Consolidated Comment Request; Extension

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–500 (Application for License/Relicense for Water Projects with More than 10 Megawatt (MW) Capacity); and FERC–505 (Application for Small Hydropower Projects and Conduit Facilities including License/Relicense, Exemption, and Qualifying Conduit Facility Determinations). There are no program changes.

DATES: Comments on the collections of information are due September 22, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Please submit comments via email to DataClearance@FERC.gov. You must specify the Docket No. (IC25–14–000) and the FERC Information Collection number (FERC–500 and 505) in your email. If you are 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 to:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

Docket: To view comments and issuances in this docket, please visit <https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/search>. Once there, you can also sign-up for automatic notification of activity in this docket.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kayla Williams may be reached by email at DataClearance@FERC.gov, or by telephone at (202) 502–6468.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Titles: FERC–500 (Application for License/Relicense for Water Projects

with More than 10-Megawatt (MW) Capacity) and FERC–505 (Application for Small Hydropower Projects and Conduit Facilities including License/Relicense, Exemption, and Qualifying Conduit Facility Determination).

OMB Control Nos.: 1902–0058 (FERC–500) and 1902–0115 (FERC–505).

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved information collections.

Abstract: Part I of the Federal Power Act (FPA) ¹ authorizes the Commission to grant hydropower licenses and exemptions to citizens of the United States, or to any corporation organized under the laws of United States or any State thereof, or to any State or municipality. Holders of such licenses and exemptions construct, operate, and maintain dams, water conduits, reservoirs, power houses, transmission lines, or other project works necessary or convenient for the development and improvement of navigation and for the development, transmission, and utilization of power across, along, from, or in any of the streams or other bodies of water over which Congress has jurisdiction. This jurisdiction stems from Congressional authority to regulate commerce with foreign nations and among the several States, or upon any part of the public lands and reservations of the United States.

FERC–500 and FERC–505 include applications and other information collection activities implemented under numerous regulations. Some of the regulations are relevant to both FERC–500 and FERC–505, and others are relevant only to FERC–500 or FERC–505. Effective October 4, 2021, information collection activities within FERC–500 are for projects with an installed capacity of more than 10 MW. Information collection activities within FERC–505 are for other smaller projects. The applicability and required contents of each activity are listed at the pairs of regulations listed in the following table:

Title	18 CFR cites	FERC–500	FERC–505
Application for License for Major ² Unconstructed Project and Major Modified Project	4.40 and 4.41	Yes	Yes.
Application for License for Major Project—Existing Dam	4.50 and 4.51	Yes	Yes.
Application for License for Minor ³ Waterpower Projects and Major Waterpower Projects More Than 10 Megawatts.	4.60 and 4.61	No	Yes.
Application for License for Transmission Line Only	4.70 and 4.71	Yes	Yes.
Exemption of Small Conduit Hydroelectric Facilities	4.90 and 4.92	No	Yes.
Exemption of Small Hydroelectric Power Projects of 10-Megawatts or Less	4.101 and 4.107	No	Yes.
Application for Amendment of License	4.200 and 4.201	Yes	Yes.
Notice of Intent to Construct Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facilities	4.400 and 4.401	No	Yes.

¹ 16 U.S.C. 791a–823g.

² As defined at 18 CFR 4.30(b)(14) through 4.30(b)(16), a “major” project has a total installed generating capacity of more than 1.5 MW.

³ As defined at 18 CFR 4.30(b)(17), a “minor” project has a total installed generating capacity of 1.5 MW or less.

Title	18 CFR cites	FERC-500	FERC-505
Application Under the Integrated Licensing Process	5.1 and 5.18	No	Yes.

Each of the “contents” regulations listed above requires information that assists the Commission in identifying the respondent and the type of proposed project. In addition, certain types of applications must include all ⁴ or some ⁵ of the following exhibits:

- Exhibit A is a description of the project.
- Exhibit B is a statement of project operation and resource utilization.
- Exhibit C is a proposed construction schedule for the project.
- Exhibit D is a statement of project costs and financing.
- Exhibit E is an environmental report.
- Exhibit F consists of general design drawings of the principal project works described under Exhibit A and supporting information used as the basis of design.
- Exhibit G is a map of the project.

No exhibits are required in a Notice of Intent to Construct Qualifying

Conduit Hydropower Facilities under 18 CFR 4.401. However, the Notice of Intent must include:

- Statements that the proposed project will use the hydroelectric potential of a non-federally owned conduit and that the proposed facility has not been licensed or exempted from the licensing requirements and Part I of the FPA;
- A description of the proposed facility;
- Project drawings;
- If applicable, the preliminary permit number for the proposed facility; and
- Verification in accordance with 18 CFR 4.401(g).

In addition to the reporting requirements described above, FERC-500 and FERC-505 also contain requirements for those entities who ultimately receive a FERC license or exemption. Both information collections include an activity related to recreation

signage (18 CFR 8.1 and 8.2) which is used to inform the public of appropriate uses at the project. FERC-500 includes an annual conveyance report (18 CFR 141.15) which must be submitted only if a conveyance of easements or rights-of-way across project lands, or a lease of project lands, has occurred in the previous year.

Types of Respondents: Entities requesting Licenses, Relicenses, Exemptions, or Qualifying Conduit Facility Determinations, and certain entities in receipt of Commission Licenses and Exemptions.

Estimate of Annual Burden: For FERC-500, the Commission estimates 486 responses, 427,609.6 hours, and \$44,043,789 annually. For FERC-505, the Commission estimates 319 responses, 23,637.79 hours, and \$2,434,692 annually. These burdens are itemized in detail in the following table:

Type of response	Average annual number of respondents	Average annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden hours & cost per response (rounded)	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost (rounded)	Cost per respondent
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4) ⁶	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
FERC-500, Application for License/Relicense for Water Projects with Greater than 10 MW Capacity.	12	1	12	35,602.55 hrs.; \$3,667,063	427,230.60 hrs.; \$44,004,752 ..	\$3,667,063
FERC-500, Request for Authorization to Use Expedited Licensing Process.	1	1	1	40 hrs.; \$4,120	40 hrs.; \$4,120	4,120
FERC-500, Annual Conveyance Reports.	41	1	41	3 hrs.; \$309	123 hrs.; \$12,669	309
FERC-500, Recreation Posting	432	1	432	0.5 hr.; \$51.50	216 hrs.; \$22,248	51.50
Subtotals for FERC-500	486	.....	.....	.....	427,609.6 hrs. \$44,043,789 .....	.....
FERC-505, for Small Hydropower Projects and Conduit Facilities including License/Relicense, Exemption, and Qualifying Conduit Facility Determinations.	31	1	31	756.59 hrs.; \$77,929	23,454.29 hrs.; \$2,415,791.87	77,929
FERC-505, Request for Authorization to Use Expedited Licensing Process.	1	1	1	40 hrs.; \$4,120	40 hrs.; \$4,120	4,120
FERC-505, Recreation Posting	287	.....	.....	0.5 hr.; \$51.50	143.5 hrs.; \$14,780.5	51.50
Sub-Totals for FERC-505 ...	319	.....	.....	N/A	23,637.79 hrs.; \$2,434,692 .....	.....
Totals .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	451,247.39 hrs.; \$46,478,481 ..	.....

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 The following regulations require Exhibits A through G: 18 CFR 4.41, 4.51, 4.61, and 4.71.

⁵ The following regulations do not require Exhibits B, C, and D: 18 CFR 4.92 and 4.107. The

regulations at 18 CFR 4.201 and 5.18 pertain to several types of applications and projects. The exhibits required by those regulations vary, depending on the type of application.

⁶ The Commission staff estimates that the industry’s hourly cost for wages plus benefits is similar to the Commission’s \$103.00 FY 2025 average hourly cost for wages and benefits.

(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.

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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 3104-010]

Idaho Power Company; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process.

b. *Project No.:* 3104-010.

c. *Date Filed:* May 30, 2025.

d. *Submitted By:* Idaho Power Company.

e. *Name of Project:* Lucky Peak Transmission Line Project.

f. *Location:* Approximately 10 miles southeast of the city of Boise in Ada County, Idaho. The current license states that the project occupies a total of 13.04 acres of federal lands administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Land Management.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 5.3 of the Commission's regulations.

h. *Potential Applicant Contact:* Andrea Courtney or Nathan Gardiner, P.O. Box 70, 1221 West Idaho Street, Boise, ID 83702; 208-388-2655 or 208-388-2975; email—acourtney@idahopower.com or ngardiner@idahopower.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* Christopher Brosman at (202) 502-8573; or email at Christopher.Brosman@ferc.gov.

j. Idaho Power Company filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on May 30, 2025. Idaho Power Company provided public notice of its request on May 7, 2025. In a letter dated July 16, 2025, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved Idaho Power Company's request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.

k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the

joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, Part 402; and the National Marine Fisheries Service under section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and implementing regulations at 50 CFR 600.920. We are also initiating consultation with the Idaho State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

l. With this notice, we are designating the Idaho Power Company as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act; and consultation pursuant to section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

m. Idaho Power Company filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD); including a proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

n. A copy of the PAD may be viewed and/or printed on the Commission's website <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY (202) 502-8659.

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o. The licensee states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for a new license for Project No. 3104-010. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.8, 16.9, and 16.10 each application for a new license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by May 31, 2028.

p. 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.

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Carlos D. Clay,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2444-042]

Northern States 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 White River Hydroelectric Project No. 2444. The project is located on the White River in Ashland and Bayfield Counties, Wisconsin. Commission staff has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project.¹

The EA contains 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 action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

The Commission provides all interested persons with an opportunity to view and/or print the EA via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov/>), using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field, to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or at (866) 208-3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

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¹ For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1725362410.