

comments will be taken one at a time with a court reporter present on the line. This format is designed to receive the maximum amount of comments, in a convenient way during the timeframe allotted.

There will not be a formal presentation by Commission staff when the session begins. You may call at any time after the session begins, at which time you will be placed on hold. Calls will be answered in the order they are received. Once answered, you will have the opportunity to provide your comment directly to a court reporter with FERC staff present on the line. A time limit of 5 minutes may be implemented for each commentator. Please note that your hold times may vary based on the number of callers at any given time.

Your comments will be recorded by the court reporter and become part of the public record for this proceeding. Transcripts of all comments received during the scoping session will be publicly available on FERC's eLibrary system. It is important to note that the Commission provides equal consideration to all comments received, whether filed in written form or provided orally at a virtual scoping session.

As a reminder, the Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has staff available to assist you at (866) 208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659, or [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded.

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the *eComment* feature, which is located on the Commission's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to FERC Online. Using *eComment* is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You can file your comments electronically by using the *eFiling* feature, which is also on the Commission's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to FERC Online. With *eFiling*, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New *eFiling* users must first create an account by clicking on "*eRegister*." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making; a comment on a particular project is considered a "Comment on a Filing"; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the Commission. Be sure to reference the project docket number (CP26-20-000) on your letter. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed

to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, 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, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

#### Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the FERC website at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number in the "Docket Number" field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

This notice is being sent to the Commission's current environmental mailing list for the Project. Public sessions or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at <https://www.ferc.gov/news-events/events> along with other related information.

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

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

##### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 3063-033]

##### Blackstone Hydro Associates; Notice of Effectiveness of Withdrawal of Downstream Fishway Effectiveness Monitoring Plan

On October 3, 2024, and supplemented on February 13, 2025, Blackstone Hydro Associates (licensee), filed a Downstream Fishway Effectiveness Monitoring Plan for the Central Falls Hydroelectric Project No. 3063.<sup>1</sup> On February 13, 2026, the licensee filed a request to withdraw its Downstream Fishway Effectiveness Monitoring Plan.

No motion in opposition to the request for withdrawal has been filed,

<sup>1</sup> *Blackstone Hydro Associates, LLC*, 178 FERC ¶ 62,131 (2022).

and the Commission has taken no action to disallow the withdrawal. Pursuant to Rule 216(b) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure,<sup>2</sup> the withdrawal of the application became effective on March 2, 2026, and this proceeding is hereby terminated.

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

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

##### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RD25-4-000]

##### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-725N) 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-725N, (Mandatory Reliability Standards: TPL Reliability Standards). The 60-day notice for RD25-4 comment period ended on March 2, 2026 with no comments received.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due April 16, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments on FERC-725N to OMB through [https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRA/icrPublicCommentRequest?ref\\_nbr=202504-1902-006](https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRA/icrPublicCommentRequest?ref_nbr=202504-1902-006). You can also visit <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain> and use the drop-down under "Currently under Review" to select the "Federal Energy Regulatory Commission" where you can see the open opportunities to provide comments. Comments should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice.

Please submit a copy of your comments to the Commission via email to [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov). You must specify the Docket No. (RD25-4-000) and the FERC Information Collection number (FERC-725N in your email. If you are unable to file electronically,

<sup>2</sup> 18 CFR 385.216(b) (2025).

comments may be filed by USPS mail or by hand (including courier) delivery:

- *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 methods:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the 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](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), or by telephone at (202)502-6468.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* FERC-725N, (Mandatory Reliability Standards: TPL Reliability Standards.

*OMB Control No.:* FERC-725N (1902-0264).

*Type of Request:* On December 17, 2024, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) submitted a petition seeking approval of proposed Reliability Standard TPL-008-1 (Transmission System Planning Performance Requirements for Extreme Temperature Events).<sup>1</sup> Further, NERC seeks approval of the associated implementation plan, violation risk factors, and violation severity levels. NERC also seeks approval of a proposed definition of “extreme temperature assessment” for inclusion in the NERC Glossary of Terms Used in NERC Reliability Standards (NERC Glossary).<sup>2</sup>

For the reasons discussed below, pursuant In Order No. 896, the Commission directed NERC to submit a new or modified Reliability Standard that addresses the Commission’s identified concerns pertaining to transmission system planning for extreme heat and cold weather events that impact the Reliable Operation of the Bulk-Power System.<sup>3</sup> Specifically, the Commission directed NERC to develop a new or modified Reliability Standard that requires the following: (1) development of benchmark planning cases based on major prior extreme heat and cold weather events and/or meteorological projections; (2) planning for extreme heat and cold weather events using steady state and transient stability analyses expanded to cover a range of extreme weather scenarios including the expected resource mix’s availability during extreme heat and cold weather conditions; and (3) development of corrective action plans that mitigate certain instances where performance requirements for extreme heat and cold weather events are not met.<sup>4</sup>

The FERC-725N information collection requirements are subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under section 3507(d) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. OMB’s regulations require approval of certain information collection requirements imposed by agency rules. Upon approval of a collection of information, OMB will assign an OMB control number and expiration date. Respondents subject to the filing requirements will not be penalized for

failing to respond to these collections of information unless the collections of information display a valid OMB control number. The Commission solicits comments on the need for this information, whether the information will have practical utility, the accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected or retained, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondents’ burden, including the use of automated information techniques. The Commission bases its paperwork burden estimates on the additional paperwork burden presented by the proposed new Reliability Standard TPL-008-1. The new defined term “extreme temperature assessment” is not expected to generate any new burden as it is a definition used within the body of Reliability Standards. Reliability Standards are objective-based and allow entities to choose compliance approaches best tailored to their systems. Additionally, proposed Reliability Standard TPL-008-1, Requirement R1 identifies each responsible entity that shall complete its responsibilities such that the extreme temperature assessment is completed at least once every five calendar years. The NERC Compliance Registry, as of November 20, 2024, identifies unique U.S. entities that are subject to mandatory compliance with proposed Reliability Standard TPL-008-1, as 62 planning coordinators (PC) and 204 transmission planners (TP). Based on these assumptions, we estimate the following reporting burden:

**PROPOSED BURDEN TPL-008-1 DOCKET NO. RD25-4**

Reliability standard	Type and number of entity <sup>5</sup>	Number of annual responses per entity	Total number of responses	Average number of burden hours per response <sup>6</sup>	Total burden hours
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)
<b>Annual Collection TPL-008-1 FERC-725N</b>					
Annual review and record retention .....	62 (PC) .....	1	62	88 hrs., \$70.67/hrs ...	5,456 hrs., \$385,576.
	204 (TP) .....	1	204	56 hrs., \$70.67/hrs ...	11,424 hrs., \$807,334.
<b>Total for TPL-008-1 .....</b>	.....	.....	<b>266</b>	.....	<b>16,880 hrs., \$1,192,910.</b>

The annual responses and burden hours for proposed Reliability Standard TPL-008-1 will be 266 responses: 16,880 hours.

*Respondents:* Businesses or other for-profit institutions; not-for-profit institutions.

*Frequency of Responses:* On occasion.

*Necessity of the Information:* This order approves the Reliability Standard pertaining to transmission system planning performance requirements for

<sup>1</sup> Petition at 1.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 16.

<sup>3</sup> *Transmission Sys. Plan. Performance Requirements for Extreme Weather*, Order No. 896, 183 FERC ¶ 61,191 (2023).

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at P 6.

<sup>5</sup> Number of entities data taken from the NERC compliance registry, dated November 20, 2024.

<sup>6</sup> The estimated hourly cost (salary plus benefits) is a combination based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), as of 2024, for 75% of the average

of an Electrical Engineer (17-2071) \$79.31/hr., 79.31 × .75 = 59.4825 (\$59.48-rounded) (\$59.48/hour) and 25% of an Information and Record Clerk (43-4199) \$44.74/hr., \$44.74 × .25% = 11.185 (\$11.19 rounded) (\$11.19/hour), for a total (\$59.48 + \$11.19 = \$70.67/hour).

extreme temperature events. As discussed above, the Commission proposes to approve proposed Reliability Standard TPL-008-1 pursuant to section 215(d)(2) of the FPA because it establishes transmission system planning performance requirements to help ensure that the Bulk-Power System will operate reliably during extreme heat and extreme cold temperature events.

*Internal Review:* The Commission has reviewed the proposed Reliability Standard and made a determination that its action is necessary to implement section 215 of the FPA.

*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: March 12, 2026.

**Carlos D. Clay,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP26-133-000]

#### Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization and Establishing Intervention and Protest Deadline

Take notice that on March 3, 2026, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco), Post Office Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251, filed in the above referenced docket, a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.203, 157.205, 157.208, and 157.210 of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Transco's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-426-000, for authorization to construct their Wharton West Expansion Project. Specifically, the project includes valving and piping modifications at Transco's existing Compressor Station 30 in Wharton

County, Texas; installation of a new 12-inch tap (Goliad Delivery Interconnect) on Transco's existing McMullen Lateral in Goliad County, Texas; installation of a new receipt interconnect (White Creek Interconnect) in Live Oak County, Texas; and piping modifications at the existing Meider Valve Site in Live Oak County, Texas. The project will allow Transco to deliver 170,000 Dth/d of incremental firm transportation service to Luminant for the conversion of the Coletto Creek Power Plant from coal-fired to natural gas-fired electric generation. The estimated cost for the project is \$7.8 million, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov>). From the Commission's Home Page on the internet, this information is available on eLibrary. The full text of this document is available on eLibrary in PDF and Microsoft Word format for viewing, printing, and/or downloading. To access this document in eLibrary, type the docket number excluding the last three digits of this document in the docket number field.

User assistance is available for eLibrary and the Commission's website during normal business hours from FERC Online Support at (202) 502-6652 (toll free at 1-866-208-3676) or email at [ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov](mailto:ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov), or the Public Reference Room at (202) 502-8371, TTY (202) 502-8659. Email the Public Reference Room at [public.referenceroom@ferc.gov](mailto:public.referenceroom@ferc.gov).

Any questions concerning this request should be directed to Greg Williams, Regulatory Analyst Lead, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC, Post Office Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251-1396 by phone at (801) 209-6764 or by email at [Greg.Williams@Williams.com](mailto:Greg.Williams@Williams.com).

#### Public Participation

There are three ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project: you can file a protest to the project, you can file a motion to intervene in the proceeding, and you can file comments on the project. There is no fee or cost for filing protests, motions to intervene, or comments. The deadline for filing protests, motions to intervene, and comments is 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on May 11, 2026. How to

file protests, motions to intervene, and comments is explained below.

For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, contact the Office of Public Participation (OPP) at (202) 502-6595 or [OPP@ferc.gov](mailto:OPP@ferc.gov).

#### Protests

Pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission's regulations under the NGA,<sup>1</sup> any person<sup>2</sup> or the Commission's staff may file a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed or if a protest is filed and then withdrawn within 30 days after the allowed time for filing a protest, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request for authorization will be considered by the Commission.

Protests must comply with the requirements specified in section 157.205(e) of the Commission's regulations,<sup>3</sup> and must be submitted by the protest deadline, which is 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on May 11, 2026. A protest may also serve as a motion to intervene so long as the protestor states it also seeks to be an intervenor.

#### Interventions

Any person has the option to file a motion to intervene in this proceeding. Only intervenors have the right to request rehearing of Commission orders issued in this proceeding and to subsequently challenge the Commission's orders in the U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal.

To intervene, you must submit a motion to intervene to the Commission in accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure<sup>4</sup> and the regulations under the NGA<sup>5</sup> by the intervention deadline for the project, which is 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on May 11, 2026. As described further in Rule 214, your motion to intervene must state, to the extent known, your position regarding the proceeding, as well as your interest in the proceeding. For an individual, this could include your status as a landowner, ratepayer, resident of an impacted community, or recreationist. You do not need to have property

<sup>1</sup> 18 CFR 157.205.

<sup>2</sup> Persons include individuals, organizations, businesses, municipalities, and other entities. 18 CFR 385.102(d).

<sup>3</sup> 18 CFR 157.205(e).

<sup>4</sup> 18 CFR 385.214.

<sup>5</sup> 18 CFR 157.10.