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The Application, and any filed protests, motions to intervene, notices of intervention, and comments will be available electronically on the DOE website at [www.energy.gov/hgeo/regulation](http://www.energy.gov/hgeo/regulation).

A decisional record on the Application will be developed through responses to this Notice by parties, including the parties’ written comments and replies thereto. Additional procedures will be used as necessary to achieve a complete understanding of the facts and issues. If an additional procedure is scheduled, notice will be provided to all parties. If no party requests additional procedures, a final Order may be issued based on the official record, including the Application and responses filed by parties pursuant to this Notice, in accordance with 10 CFR 590.316.

Signed in Washington, DC, on January 21, 2026.

**Amy Sweeney,**

*Director, Office of Global Energy Security, Office of Strategic Resources.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. IC26–8–000]

**Commission Information Collection Activities (Ferc-538) 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–538 (Gas Pipeline Certificates: Section 7(a) Mandatory Initial Service).

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due March 27, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit comments via email to [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov). You must specify the Docket No. (IC26–8–000) and the FERC Information Collection number (FERC–538) 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.

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**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:* Gas Pipeline Certificates: Section 7(a) Mandatory Initial Service.

*OMB Control No.:* 1902–0061.

*Type of Request:* Three-year extension of the FERC–538 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

*Abstract:* The purpose of FERC–538 is to implement the information collections pursuant to sections 7(a), 10(a) and 16 of Natural Gas Act,<sup>1</sup> and part 156 of the Commission Regulations.<sup>2</sup> These statutes and regulations allow for the Commission, after receiving an application, to order a natural gas company to extend or improve its transportation facilities and sell natural gas to the municipality or person and, for such purpose, to extend its transportation facilities to communities immediately adjacent to such facilities or to territories served by the natural gas pipeline company. The Commission uses the application data in order to be fully informed concerning the applicant, and the service the applicant is requesting.

*Type of Respondents:* Persons or municipalities authorized to engage in the local distribution of natural gas.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*<sup>3</sup> The Commission estimates the annual reporting burden and cost for the information collection as:

	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden hrs. & cost (\$) per response <sup>4</sup>	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost (\$)	Cost per respondent (\$)
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Gas Pipeline Certificates.	1	1	1	240 hrs.; \$24,720 .....	240 hrs.; \$24,720 .....	24,720

*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

<sup>13</sup>Executive Order 14224 of March 1, 2025, *Designating English as the Official Language of the United States*, 90 FR 11363 (Mar. 6, 2025).

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 717f–w.

<sup>2</sup> 18 CFR part 156 (2005).

<sup>3</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, reference 5 CFR 1320.3.

<sup>4</sup> Commission staff estimates that the industry’s hourly cost for wages plus benefits is similar to the Commission’s \$103 FY 2025 average hourly cost for wages and benefits.

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: January 20, 2026.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RD25-7-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (Ferc-725s); 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-725S, Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System; EOP Reliability Standards. The 60-day notice published on September 23, 2025; no comments were received.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due February 25, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments on FERC-725S to OMB through [https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRA/icrPublicCommentRequest?ref\\_nbr=202508-1902-004](https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRA/icrPublicCommentRequest?ref_nbr=202508-1902-004). 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. (RD25-7-000) and the FERC Information Collection number (FERC-725S) 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:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

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#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kayla Williams, (202) 502-6468.

[DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* FERC-725S, Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System; EOP Reliability Standards.

*OMB Control No.:* 1902-0270 (FERC-725S).

*Type of Request:* Revisions to Existing Collections of Information in FERC-725S (EOP-012-3).

*Abstract:* The Commission-certified Electric Reliability Organization (ERO) submitted a petition seeking approval of proposed Reliability Standard EOP-012-3 (Extreme Cold Weather Preparedness and Operations). On September 18, 2025, the Commission approved proposed Reliability Standard EOP-012-3, its associated violation risk factors and violation severity levels, the revised defined term Generator Cold Weather Constraint declaration, and the proposed retirement of Reliability Standard EOP-012-2 immediately prior to the effective date of proposed Reliability Standard EOP-012-3.<sup>1</sup>

As the Commission has previously stated, "[i]t is essential to the reliable operation of the Bulk-Power System to ensure enough generating units will be available during the next cold weather event."<sup>2</sup> When extreme cold weather events such as Winter Storms Uri or Elliott occur, the Bulk-Power System cannot operate reliably without adequate generation availability. Proposed Reliability Standard EOP-012-3 improves upon the mandatory and effective Standard EOP-012-2 by enhancing the requirements for generator cold weather preparedness and Generator Cold Weather Constraint declarations and by making other

improvements consistent with the Commission's directives in its June 2024 Order to help ensure that adequate generation is available during extreme cold weather.<sup>3</sup> Accordingly, the Commission determined that proposed Reliability Standard EOP-012-3 was just, reasonable, not unduly discriminatory or preferential, and in the public interest.

The Commission also modified Reliability Standard EOP-012-3's implementation effective date so that the proposed Reliability Standard goes into effect on October 1, 2025. Other than the implementation effective date of the proposed Reliability Standard, the Commission approved the remainder of NERC's proposed implementation plan.

The Commission also found it necessary that NERC confirm that Reliability Standard EOP-012-3 adequately addresses reliability concerns related to the generator owner constraint declarations, generator owner constraint declaration timetable notifications, and the Extreme Cold Weather Temperature definition.

The Commission previously directed NERC to collect data associated with an earlier version of this Reliability Standard.<sup>4</sup> However, additional data is needed to determine whether the proposed Reliability Standard addresses the reliability concerns noted above. As such, the Commission directed NERC, pursuant to section 39.2(d) of the Commission's regulations,<sup>5</sup> to submit comprehensive biennial informational filings for a limited period of time as explained in more detail below.

Information collection FERC-725S (OMB Control No. 1902-0270) currently covers the EOP Reliability Standards.<sup>6</sup> In Docket No. RD25-7-000, the Commission replaced the current OMB approved Reliability Standard EOP-012-2 with proposed Standard EOP-012-3 (Table 1). Proposed Requirements R1 through R8 were carried over and modified from the prior version of the Standard, and Requirement R9 and Attachment 1 are new. The proposed Reliability Standard creates a mechanism for NERC to receive, review, evaluate, and confirm validity of each Generator Cold Weather Constraint as well as corrective action extension

<sup>3</sup> See, e.g., *N. Am. Elec. Reliability Corp.*, 182 FERC ¶ 61,094, at PP 3-11 (February 2023 Order), *reh'g denied*, 183 FERC ¶ 62,034, *order on reh'g*, 183 FERC ¶ 61,222 (2023).

<sup>4</sup> See *id.* P 11.

<sup>5</sup> 18 CFR 39.2(d) (2025) ("The [ERO] . . . shall provide the Commission such information as is necessary to implement section 215 of the [FPA].").

<sup>6</sup> The FERC-725S collection includes the EOP family of Reliability Standards: EOP-004-4, EOP-005-3, EOP-006-3, EOP-008-2, EOP-010-1, EOP-011-4, and EOP-012-3.

<sup>1</sup> 16 U.S.C. 824o(d)(2).

<sup>2</sup> *N. Am. Elec. Reliability Corp.*, 187 FERC ¶ 61,204, at P 2 (2024) (June 2024 Order) (citing FERC, NERC, and Regional Entity Staff, *The February 2021 Cold Weather Outages in Texas and the South Central United States* 189 (Nov. 16, 2021), <https://www.ferc.gov/media/february-2021-cold-weather-outages-texas-and-south-central-united-states-ferc-nerc-and> (November 2021 Report)).