

The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments (options 1 and 2 above) and has eFiling staff available to assist you at (202) 502–8258 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov.

Persons who comment on the environmental review of this project will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, and will receive notification when the environmental documents (EA or EIS) are issued for this project and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process.

The Commission considers all comments received about the project in determining the appropriate action to be taken. However, the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. To become a party, you must intervene in the proceeding. For instructions on how to intervene, see below.

Interventions

Any person, which includes individuals, organizations, businesses, municipalities, and other entities,⁶ 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 Procedure⁷ and the regulations under the NGA⁸ by the intervention deadline for the project, which is 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on January 28, 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 directly impacted by the project in order to intervene. For more information about motions to intervene, refer to the FERC website at <https://www.ferc.gov/resources/guides/how-to/intervene.asp>.

There are two ways to submit your motion to intervene. In both instances, please reference the Project docket number CP26–46–000 in your submission.

(1) You may file your motion to intervene by using the Commission's

eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. 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; first select "General" and then select "Intervention." The eFiling feature includes a document-less intervention option; for more information, visit <https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/document-less-intervention.pdf>; or

(2) You can file a paper copy of your motion to intervene, along with three copies, by mailing the documents to the address below. Your motion to intervene must reference the Project docket number CP26–46–000.

To file via USPS: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

To file via any other courier: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

The Commission encourages electronic filing of motions to intervene (option 1 above) and has eFiling staff available to assist you at (202) 502–8258 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov.

Protests and motions to intervene must be served on the applicant either by mail at: Francisco Tarin, Director, Regulatory, Kinder Morgan, Inc. as Operator of Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America LLC, 2 North Nevada Avenue, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903 or by email (with a link to the document) at francisco_tarin@kindermorgan.com. Any subsequent submissions by an intervenor must be served on the applicant and all other parties to the proceeding. Contact information for parties can be downloaded from the service list at the eService link on FERC Online. Service can be via email with a link to the document.

All timely, unopposed⁹ motions to intervene are automatically granted by operation of Rule 214(c)(1).¹⁰ Motions to intervene that are filed after the intervention deadline are untimely, and may be denied. Any late-filed motion to intervene must show good cause for being late and must explain why the time limitation should be waived and provide justification by reference to factors set forth in Rule 214(d) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations.¹¹

⁹ The applicant has 15 days from the submittal of a motion to intervene to file a written objection to the intervention.

¹⁰ 18 CFR 385.214(c)(1).

¹¹ 18 CFR 385.214(b)(3) and (d).

A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies (paper or electronic) of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties.

Tracking the Proceeding

Throughout the proceeding, additional information about the project will be available from OPP at (202) 502–6595 or on the FERC website at www.ferc.gov using the "eLibrary" link as described above. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. For more information and to register, go to www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp.

Intervention Deadline: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on January 28, 2026.

(Authority: 18 CFR 2.1.)

Dated: January 7, 2026.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC26–1–000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–725Z) 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–725Z (Mandatory Reliability Standards: IRO Reliability Standards).

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

ADDRESSES: You may submit your comments (identified by Docket No.

⁶ 18 CFR 385.102(d).

⁷ 18 CFR 385.214.

⁸ 18 CFR 157.10.

IC26–1–000) 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, but not in scanned or picture format.

- For those 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:*

Deliver to: 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:

Kayla Williams, (202) 502–6468
DataClearance@FERC.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC–725Z (Mandatory Reliability Standards: IRO Reliability Standards).

OMB Control No.: 1902–0276.

Type of Request: Extension to this currently approved information collection.

Abstract: On August 8, 2005, The Electricity Modernization Act of 2005, which is Title XII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPA 2005), was enacted into law.¹ Under section 215 of the Federal Power Act (FPA) implemented in 18 CFR 40, the Commission requires a Commission-certified Electric Reliability Organization (ERO) to develop mandatory and enforceable Reliability Standards,² which are

subject to Commission review and approval. In 2006, the Commission established a process to select and certify an ERO and, subsequently, certified the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) as the ERO.³

The ERO develops proposed Reliability Standards⁴ and, if approved by NERC, submits them to the Commission for review and approval. When the standards are approved by the Commission, the Reliability Standards become mandatory and must be enforced by the ERO, subject to Commission oversight.

NERC established the following IRO standards within FERC–725Z:

IRO–001–4 (Reliability Coordination—Responsibilities) purpose is to establish the responsibility of Reliability Coordinators to act or direct other entities to act. Applicable transmission operator, balancing authority, generator operator and distribution provider shall follow the operating instructions from their reliability coordinator or inform the reliability coordinator why they cannot comply.

IRO–002–7 (Reliability Coordination, Monitoring and Analysis) purpose is to provide system operators with the capabilities necessary to monitor and analyze data needed to perform their reliability functions. The requirements of IRO–002–7 define data exchange capabilities, testing functionality, notifications when those capabilities are not available, monitor status at facilities, and some personnel functions. IRO–002–7 does have a WECC Variance to develop a methodology that creates models for performing operational planning analyses and real-time assessments.

Currently effective IRO–009–2 applicable to reliability coordinators and the purpose of the standard is to prevent instability, uncontrolled separation, or cascading outages that adversely impact the reliability of the interconnection by ensuring prompt action to prevent or mitigate instances of exceeding Interconnection Reliability

any requirement to enlarge such facilities or to construct new transmission capacity or generation capacity.”

³ North American Electric Reliability Corp., 116 FERC ¶ 61,062, order on reh’g and compliance, 117 FERC ¶ 61,126 (2006), order on compliance, 118 FERC ¶ 61,190, order on reh’g, 119 FERC ¶ 61,046 (2007), aff’d sub nom. *Alcoa Inc. v. FERC*, 564 F.3d 1342 (D.C. Cir. 2009).

⁴ The NERC Standard Processes Manual, Appendix 3A of the NERC Rules Of Procedure, (posted at https://www.nerc.com/FilingsOrders/us/RuleOfbProcedureDL/SPM_Clean_Mar2019.pdf) describes the process for developing, modifying, withdrawing, or retiring a Reliability Standard.

Operating Limits (IROLs). The standard mandates that a Reliability Coordinator must have operating processes to prevent IROL exceedance and, if an exceedance is predicted, initiate those processes. It also requires them to mitigate exceedances when they occur and coordinate their actions with neighboring Reliability Coordinators in situations where there is a difference in IROLs.

Additionally, regarding data exchange, NERC cites Reliability Standard IRO–010–5 (Reliability Coordinator Data Specification and Collection) and its stated purpose of preventing instability, uncontrolled separation, or cascading outages “by ensuring the Reliability Coordinator has the data it needs to monitor and assess the operation of its Reliability Coordinator Area.” In IRO–010–5 required in the standard that the reliability coordinator must specify the data necessary for it to perform its operational planning analyses and provide the specifications to the entities from which it needs data who then must comply with the data request using a mutually agreeable format and security protocols.

IRO–014–3 purpose is to ensure that each Reliability Coordinator’s operations are coordinated such that they will not adversely impact other Reliability Coordinator Areas and to preserve the reliability benefits of interconnected operations. IRO–014–3 standard requires Reliability Coordinators (RCs) to coordinate operating procedures and handle emergencies to ensure interconnected operations remain reliable and do not negatively impact neighboring RC areas.

IRO–017–1 (Outage Coordination) purpose is to ensure that outages are properly coordinated in the Operations Planning time horizon and Near-Term Transmission Planning Horizon. IRO–017–1, known as “Outage Coordination,” establishes requirements for coordinating generation and transmission outages to maintain bulk electric system reliability. Reliability coordinators, planning coordinators, balancing authorities, transmission owners and transmission planners are applicable entities for IRO–017–1.

IRO–018–1(i) (Reliability Coordinator Real-time Reliability Monitoring and Analysis Capabilities), submitted by North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC). IRO–018–1(i) mandates that Reliability Coordinators (RCs) possess real-time monitoring and analysis tools to ensure bulk electric system reliability. This standard, which includes requirements for RCs, aims to enhance system operators’ awareness of

¹ The Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPA 2005), Public Law 109–58, Title XII, Subtitle A, 119 Stat. 594, 941 (2005), codified at 16 U.S.C. 824o (2000).

² The Federal Power Act (as modified by the EPA 2005) states “[t]he terms “reliability standard” means a requirement, approved by the Commission under this section, to provide for reliable operation of the bulk-power system. The term includes requirements for the operation of existing bulk-power system facilities, including cybersecurity protection, and the design of planned additions or modifications to such facilities to the extent necessary to provide for reliable operation of the bulk-power system, but the term does not include

monitoring tools and data quality. In this order, the Reliability Standards build on monitoring, real-time assessments and support effective situational awareness. The Reliability Standards accomplish this by requiring applicable entities to: (1) provide notification to operators of real-time monitoring alarm failures; (2) provide operators with indications of the quality of information being provided by their monitoring and analysis capabilities; and (3) address deficiencies in the quality of information being provided by their monitoring and analysis capabilities.

NERC observes that the performance of the requirements it cites is premised on the existence of data exchange capabilities, regardless of whether a

separate requirement expressly requires the reliability coordinator to have data exchange capabilities in place. In review this 725Z collection for the IRO Reliability Standards, the number of entities/respondents was checked and broken down into the applicable type of entity for each reliability standard. As we continue to combine various work projects associated with the 725Z collection there was an increase in the number of responses from 953 to 2,687. The increase is largely associated with capturing all of the reliability standard applicable entities into this single collection and the single largest contributor was the addition of generator owners in reliability standard IRO-001-4. These adjustments in

response count will provide a more accurate representation of all the entities under the 725Z collection. Staff looked at each reliability standard as its own unique project and in doing so eliminated the multiple entity count by making a more accurate representation of the number of responses.

Type of Respondents: Reliability coordinators (RC), Planning Coordinators (PC), Balancing authorities (BA), Transmission Owners (TO), Transmission Planners (TP), Transmission Operators (TOP), Distribution Planners (DP) are included entities for *Estimate of Annual Burden*:⁵ The Commission estimates the changes in the annual public reporting burden and cost⁶ as follows.

FERC-725Z—REPORTING AND RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS FOR RELIABILITY STANDARDS IRO-001, IRO-002, IRO-008, IRO-009, IRO-010, IRO-014, IRO-017, AND IRO-018

Information collection requirements	Number of respondents & type of entity (1) ⁷	Annual number of responses per respondent (2)	Total number of responses (1) * (2) = (3)	Average burden hours & cost per response (\$) (4)	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost (\$) (3) * (4) = (5)	Total annual burden cost (5)/(1)
IRO-001-4	12 (RC)	1	12	24 hrs., \$1,524.48	288 hrs., \$18,293.76 ..	\$1,524.48
	97 (BA)	1	97	4 hrs., \$254.08	388 hrs., \$24,645.76 ..	254.08
	1,314 (GO)	1	1,314	4 hrs., \$254.08	5,256 hrs., \$333,861.12.	254.08
	298 (DP)	1	298	4 hrs., \$254.08	1,192 hrs., \$75,715.84	254.08
	166 (TOP)	1	166	12 hrs., \$762.24	1,992 hrs., \$126,531.84.	762.24
IRO-002-7	12 (RC)	1	12	24 hrs., \$1,524.48	288 hrs., \$18,293.76 ..	1,524.48
IRO-008-3	12 (RC)	1	12	160 hrs., \$10,163.2	1,920 hrs., \$121,985.4	10,163.2
IRO-009-2	12 (RC)	1	12	12 hrs., \$762.24	144 hrs., \$9,146.88	762.24
IRO-010-5	12 (RC)	1	12	24 hrs., \$1,524.48	288 hrs., \$18,293.76 ..	1,524.48
IRO-014-3	12 (RC)	1	12	12 hrs., \$762.24	144 hrs., \$9,146.88	762.24
IRO-017-1	12 (RC)	1	12	1,200 hrs., \$76,224	14,400 hrs., \$914,688	76,224
	62 (PC)	1	62	96 hrs., \$6,097.92	5,704 hrs., \$362,318.08.	6,097.92
	211 (TP)	1	211	96 hrs., \$6,097.92	20,256 hrs., \$1,286,661.12.	6,097.92
IRO-018-1(i)	337 (TO)	1	337	8 hrs., \$508.12	2,696 hrs., \$171,249.92.	508.12
	97 (BA)	1	97	8 hr., \$508.16	776 hrs., \$49,291.52 ..	508.16
	12 (RC)	1	12	34 hrs., \$2,159.68	408 hrs., \$25,916.16 ..	2,159.68
Total for FERC-725Z.	2,678	55,218 hrs., \$3,538,599.16.

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

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, refer to 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

⁶ The estimated hourly cost (salary plus benefits) is a combination of the following categories from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) website, May

2025 http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics2_22.htm: 75% of the average of an Electrical Engineer (17-2071) \$71.19/hr., x .75 = 53.3925 (\$53.39-rounded) (\$53.39/hour); and 25% of an Information and Record Clerk (43-4199) \$40.51/hr., \$40.51 x .25 = 10.1275 (\$10.13 rounded) (\$10.13/hour), for a total (\$53.39 + \$10.13 = \$63.52/hour).

⁷ The NERC Compliance Registry, as of July 11, 2025, identifies the following NERC unique U.S. entities that are subject to mandatory compliance

with Reliability Standard IRO-001-4, IRO-002-7, IRO-008-3, IRO-009-2, IRO-010-5, IRO-014-3, IRO-017-1, IRO-018-1(i). The number of respondents below is based on an estimate of the NERC compliance registry US only Unique Entities; for balancing authority, transmission operator (TOP), transmission Planners (TP), distribution planners (DP), generator owner (GO) and reliability coordinator (RC).

of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: January 7, 2026.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP26-56-000]

Boardwalk Storage Company, LLC; Notice of Application and Establishing Intervention Deadline

Take notice that on December 29, 2025, Boardwalk Storage Company, LLC (BSC), 9 Greenway Plaza, Suite 2800, Houston, Texas 77046, filed an application under sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations requesting authorization for its BSC Amend Certificated Capacity Project (Project). The Project consists of the abandonment of certain storage capacity of Cavern 25 at Boardwalk Storage's Choctaw Gas Storage Facility (Choctaw Facility) located in Iberville Parish, Louisiana, so that the cavern's certificated capacity aligns with the cavern's current physical capabilities, and to amend Boardwalk Storage's certificated capacity to reflect the proposed abandonment. BSC requests that the certificated capacity for the Choctaw Facility be amended from 11.8 billion cubic feet (Bcf) (7.6 Bcf of working gas and 4.2 Bcf of cushion gas), to 9.55 Bcf (6.16 Bcf of working gas and 3.39 Bcf of cushion gas), all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open for 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, or the Public Reference Room at (202) 502-8371, TTY (202) 502-8659. Email the Public Reference Room at public.referenceroom@ferc.gov.

Any questions regarding the proposed project should be directed to Juan Eligio Jr., Director, Regulatory Affairs, Boardwalk Storage Company, LLC, 9 Greenway Plaza, Suite 2800, Houston, Texas 77046, by phone at (713) 479-3480, or by email at Juan.Eligio@bwpipelines.com.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure,¹ within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: complete its environmental review and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or environmental assessment (EA) for this proposal. The filing of an EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

Public Participation

There are three ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project: you can file comments on the project, you can protest the filing, and you can file a motion to intervene in the proceeding. There is no fee or cost for filing comments or intervening. The deadline for filing a motion to intervene is 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on January 28, 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.

Comments

Any person wishing to comment on the project may do so. Comments may include statements of support or

objections, to the project as a whole or specific aspects of the project. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be.

Protests

Pursuant to sections 157.10(a)(4)² and 385.211³ of the Commission's regulations under the NGA, any person⁴ may file a protest to the application. Protests must comply with the requirements specified in section 385.2001⁵ of the Commission's regulations. A protest may also serve as a motion to intervene so long as the protestor states it also seeks to be an intervenor.

To ensure that your comments or protests are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on January 28, 2026.

There are three methods you can use to submit your comments or protests to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the Project docket number CP26-56-000 in your submission.

(1) You may file your comments electronically by using the eComment feature, which is located on the Commission's website at www.ferc.gov under the link to Documents and Filings. Using eComment is an easy method for interested persons to submit brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You may file your comments or protests electronically by using the eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. 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; first select "General" and then select "Comment on a Filing"; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments or protests by mailing them to the following address below. Your written comments must reference the Project docket number (CP26-56-000).

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² 18 CFR 157.10(a)(4).

³ 18 CFR 385.211.

⁴ Persons include individuals, organizations, businesses, municipalities, and other entities. 18 CFR 385.102(d).

⁵ 18 CFR 385.2001.

¹ 18 CFR 157.9.