

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. IC26-27-000]

COMMISSION INFORMATION COLLECTION ACTIVITIES (FERC-516);
COMMENT REQUEST; MERGER; EXTENSION

(June 22, 2026)

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, 44 USC 3506(c)(2)(A), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection, FERC-516: Electric Rates and Tariffs. The Commission is proposing to renew and consolidate a number of electric tariff collections under FERC-516. There are no proposed changes to any of the ongoing reporting requirements; however, the collection is being updated to remove a number of one-time collections that no longer need to be submitted.

DATES: Comments on the collections of information are due **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: Please submit comments via email to DataClearance@FERC.gov. You must specify the Docket No. (IC26-27-000) and the FERC Information Collection number (FERC-516) 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, N.E., 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>.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Electric Rate Schedules and Tariff Filings

OMB Control No.: 1902-0096

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-516 information collection requirements together with merging the following collections into FERC-516: Electric Rate Schedules and Tariff Filings and removing outdated requirements.

- FERC-516A (OMB 1902-0203): Standardization of Small Generator Interconnection Agreements and Procedures [SGIA and SGIP]
- FERC-516E (OMB 1902-0290): Electric Rate Schedules and Tariff Filings - NAESB Standards - Electric
- FERC-516H (OMB 1902-0303): Electric Rate Schedules and Tariff Filings Pro Forma Open Access Transmission Tariff

- FERC-516J (OMB 1902-0332): Electric Rate Schedules and Tariff Filings (Temp. No. PL24-1-000)
- FERC-717 (OMB-0173): Standards for Bus. Practices & Communication (Real Time Information Networks/Stan. Cond.)
- FERC-917 (OMB 1902-0233) Electric Transmission Facilities: Standards for Business Practices and Communication Protocols for Public Utilities.
- FERC-919 (OMB 1902-0234): Market-Based Rates for Wholesale Sales of Electric Energy, Capacity, and Ancillary Services by Public Utilities

Abstract:

The Commission is obligated under Section 205 and Section 206 of the Federal Power Act (FPA) to regulate electric rates and tariffs. The FERC-516 information collection is associated with filings that are submitted to the Commission to regulate electric rates and tariffs, which provide the Commission and the public with information regarding utility rates and service conditions. Without tariffs, FERC and the public would not be able to properly evaluate rates. This collection currently consists of 15 information collection activities that support regulating the electric rates and tariffs.

The Commission conducted an in-depth review of information collections related to electric tariffs and identified several collections that were unnecessarily separated into distinct collections, as well as information collection instruments that were completed or no longer needed. The Commission proposes to consolidate these information collection activities under FERC-516, its primary electric tariff information collection, so that we can accurately reflect the burden placed on the public. In addition, the Commission is

merging the burden of the temporary collections FERC-516E (Electric Rate Schedules and Tariff Filings - NAESB Standards - Electric) and FERC-516J (Project Area Labor Wage Data) into FERC-516. FERC is also renewing all of the relevant information collections to harmonize their expiration dates under FERC-516. Once the information collection activities are incorporated into FERC-516, then the Commission will discontinue the other collections as they will no longer be needed.

1. FERC-516 (OMB 1902-0096 Exp 11/30/2026): Electric Rates and Tariffs

Section 206 of the FPA, 16 USC 824e, obligates the Commission to remedy unjust, unreasonable, and unduly discriminatory or preferential rates, terms, and conditions of transmission service. The Commission uses information provided through the FERC-516 collection to analyze proposed changes to tariffs, rates, fares, and charges of public utilities providing electric interstate transmission and other jurisdictional services.

2. FERC-516A (OMB 1902-0203 Exp 11/30/2026): Standardization of Small Generator Interconnection Agreements and Procedures [SGIA and SGIP]

The regulations at 18 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 35.28(f)(1) require transmission providers to include the following information in their open-access transmission tariffs (OATTs):¹

¹ The regulation at 35.28(c)(1) requires an OATT “of general applicability” for every public utility that owns, controls, or operates facilities used for the transmission of electric energy in interstate commerce. The OATT must be the *pro forma* tariff promulgated by the Commission, as amended from time to time, or such other tariff as may be approved by the Commission consistent with the principles set forth in

- Commission-approved, standard, *pro forma* interconnection procedures (i.e., small generator interconnection procedures or SGIP); and
- A single, uniformly applicable interconnection agreement (i.e., a small generator interconnection agreement or SGIA).

This information helps the Commission ensure that transmission providers consider and process interconnection requests by small generators consistently and in compliance with the FPA.

3. FERC-516E (OMB 1902-0290 Exp 4/30/2028): Electric Rate Schedules and Tariff Filings - NAESB Standards - Electric

This was a temporary collection, implemented solely because another item was pending for FERC-516. Merging the collection into FERC-516 resolves this administrative situation. The Commission's regulations incorporate by reference, with certain enumerated exceptions, the latest version (Version 004) of the Standards for Business Practices and Communication Protocols for Public Utilities adopted by the Wholesale Electric Quadrant (WEQ) of the North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) (WEQ Version 004 Standards) applicable to the wholesale electric industry.

The WEQ Version 004 Standards include standards to support cybersecurity for the wholesale electric industry, and complement the NERC Reliability Standards, the NAESB Renewable Energy Certificates Contract, and standards to identify definitions for common grid services to support distributed energy resource

interactions. Additionally, WEQ Version 004 Standards include Open Access Same-time Information System (OASIS) Business Practice Standards, the Coordinate Interchange Business Practice Standards, and the Abbreviations, Acronyms, and Defined Terms. Industry-wide business practice standards help the industry achieve increased levels of efficiency.

4. FERC-516H (OMB 1902-0303 Exp 3/31/2027): Electric Rate Schedules and Tariff Filings Pro Forma Open Access Transmission Tariff

This collection covers the requirement for transmission owners to update their OATT, which includes forecasts and ratings, and share transmission line ratings and facilities ratings methodologies with transmission providers, RTOs/ISOs, and market monitors. This collection also included a one-time update to their OATT related to rulemaking RM22-2-000 in which the Commission revised Schedule 2 of its *pro forma* OATT, section 9.6.3 of its *pro forma* large generator interconnection agreement (LGIA), and section 1.8.2 of its *pro forma* SGIA to prohibit the inclusion in transmission rates of any charges related to the provision of reactive power within the standard power factor range by generating facilities. This one-time filing has been completed and will no longer be included in the burden estimate.

5. FERC-516J (OMB 1902-0332 Exp 6/30/2027): Electric Rate Schedules and Tariff Filings

This was a temporary collection, implemented solely because another item was pending for FERC-516. Merging the collection into FERC-516 resolves this

administrative situation. The Commission clarified it will look to applicable collective-bargaining agreements or Project Labor Agreements as an appropriate default source of project-area wage standards because collectively bargained wages reflect actual wage and fringe benefit rates paid to the project workforce. Collective-bargaining agreements reflect the actual labor cost that should be included in public utilities' cost-of-service rate filings and depreciation studies filed pursuant FPA sections 205 and 206.

6. FERC-717 (OMB 1902-0173 Exp 4/30/2028): Standards for Bus. Practices & Communication (Real Time Information Networks/Stan. Cond.)

OASIS is an Internet-based tool for sharing information on transmission prices and product availability. In Order No. 889, the Commission required public utilities to establish OASIS sites to provide transmission customers with equal and timely access to information about transmission and ancillary services provided in the tariffs. This requirement was established because the Commission has determined that transmission customers must have simultaneous access to the same information available to the Transmission Provider in order to achieve nondiscriminatory transmission services. This is part of the Commission's requirements under the FPA section 205 to ensure that the rates and charges for the wholesale sale of electric energy are just and reasonable, and that the rules and regulations affecting or pertaining to the rates and charges for the wholesale sale of electric energy are just and reasonable.

7. FERC-917 (OMB 1902-0233 Exp 10/31/2027) Electric Transmission Facilities:
Standards for Business Practices and Communication Protocols for Public
Utilities.

Section 206 of the FPA, 16 USC 824e, obligates the Commission to remedy unjust, unreasonable, and unduly discriminatory or preferential rates, terms, and conditions of transmission service. FERC-917 supports the Commission implementation of FPA section 206 via 18 CFR 35.28 (“Non-Discriminatory Open Access Transmission Tariff”) and the *pro forma* OATT. The Commission’s regulations at 18 CFR 35.28 require certain types of entities to have on file an OATT that contains minimum terms and conditions of non-discriminatory transmission service. This requirement applies to all public utilities² that own, control, or operate facilities used for transmitting electric energy in interstate commerce. Other provisions in section 35.28 of the Commission’s regulations apply to non-public utilities, but only if they seek voluntary compliance with jurisdictional transmission tariff reciprocity conditions.

8. FERC-919 (OMB 1902-0234 Exp 11/30/2026): Market-Based Rates for
Wholesale Sales of Electric Energy, Capacity, and Ancillary Services by Public
Utilities

The FERC–919 collection is necessary to ensure that market-based rates charged by public utilities are just and reasonable as mandated by FPA sections 205 and

² As defined at 16 USC 824(e), a “public utility” is any person who owns or operates facilities subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission under Subchapters II and III of the FPA.

206. Section 205 of the FPA requires just and reasonable rates and charges.

Section 206 allows the Commission to revoke a seller's market-based rate authorization if it determines that the seller may have gained market power since it was originally granted market-based rate authorization by the Commission. Under FERC-919, as stated in 18 CFR Part 35, Subpart H, the Commission codifies market-based rate standards for generating electric utilities for use in the Commission's determination of whether a wholesale seller of electric energy, capacity, or ancillary services qualify for market-based rate authority. Subpart H mandates that sellers submit market power analyses and related filings. Market power analyses must address both horizontal and vertical market power.

Type of Respondents: Jurisdictional Public Utilities and Electric Transmission Companies

*Estimate of Annual Burden*³: As part of its in-depth review of these information collection activities, FERC identified three categories of information collection requirements that cover all previous information collection activities: Electric Tariff Filings, Compliance Filings, and Information Sharing Requirements. The Electric Tariff and Compliance Filings are triggered by a respondent's activities rather than a predictable schedule based on the number of potential respondents. The previous approach overestimated the burden because it did not account for the frequency of responses based on FERC's historical records. Therefore, FERC determined that it could more accurately

³ The Commission defines burden 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.

reflect the number of respondents for these information collection activities by using the number of actual submissions from previous years. FERC also reviewed the estimated number of hours for each information collection activity and determined that the burden hours are driven by complexity of an entity's proposed change, which cannot be predicted by FERC. As such, FERC is confident that an average across this wider group of activities still represents an appropriate estimated burden. The Information Sharing Requirements are based on the number of entities subject to an information sharing requirement. The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden for the combined FERC-516 information collection as:

	Number of Respondents (1)	Annual Number of Responses per Respondent (2)	Total Number of Responses (1)*(2) =(3)	Average Burden & Cost Per Response⁴ (4)	Total Annual Burden Hours & Total Annual Cost (3)*(4)=(5)	Cost per Respondent (\$) (5)÷(1)
Electric Tariff Filings – Common filings	4,355	1	4,355	100 hrs. \$10,200	435,500 hrs. \$44,421,000	\$10,200
Electric Tariff Filings – Long Term Transmission	1	1	1	1,180 hrs. \$120,360	1,180 hrs. \$120,360	\$120,360
Compliance Filings – Common Filings	3,377	1	3,377	12 hrs. \$1,224	40,524 hrs. \$4,133,448	\$1,224

⁴ The estimates for cost per response are derived using the following formula: Average Burden Hours per Response * \$102 per Hour = Average Cost per Response. The hourly cost figure comes from the Commission's average salary and benefits for FY2026. FERC estimates that respondents require a similar mix of skills as the Commission in responding to Information Collections.

Compliance Filings – Regional Planning with OATT	221	1	221	1,434 hrs. \$146,268	316,914 hrs. \$32,325,228	\$146,268
Information Sharing Requirements	1,879	1	1,879	95 hrs. \$9,690	178,505 \$18,207,510	\$9,690
TOTAL			9,833		972,623 hrs. \$99,207,546	

Electric Tariff Filings category –

The Electric Tariff Filings category includes all tariff requests, tariff revisions and rate change applications, as well as Change in Status Filings, Triennial Filings, and Notices of Succession and Cancellation for sellers with existing authorization. These filings are part of the Commission’s processes to grant market-based rate authorization for wholesale sales of electric energy, capacity, and ancillary services by sellers that can demonstrate that they and their affiliates lack or have adequately mitigated horizontal and vertical market power.

Electric Tariff Filings category – Common Filings – Previous Information**Collection activities**

Previous FERC Form	Title	Number of Respondents (1)	Annual Number of Responses per Respondent (2)	Total Number of Responses (1)*(2) = (3)	Average Burden per response (4)	Total Annual Burden Hours (3)*(4)=(5)
516	Electric Rate Schedules and Tariff Filings (Ongoing Filing)	1,230	4	4,920	103	506,760
516A	Standardization of Small Generator Interconnection Agreements and Procedures	141	1	141	16.84	2,421
516J	Project Area Labor Wage	6	1	6	15	90
919	Change in Status Filings (18 CFR 35.42(a))	149	1	149	49	7,301
919	Market power analysis in new applications for market-based rates (18 CFR 35.37a)	144	1	144	135	19,440
919	Triennial market power analysis in category 2 seller updates (18 CFR 35.37a)	65	1	65	133.23	8,660
TOTAL				5,425		544,672 hrs.

Electric Tariff Filings – Long Term Transmission

Previous FERC Form	Title	Number of Respondents (1)	Annual Number of Responses per Respondent (2)	Total Number of Responses (1)*(2) = (3)	Average Burden per response (4)	Total Annual Burden Hours (3)*(4)=(5)
516	Long-Term Firm Transmission Rights in Organized Electricity Markets	1	1,180	1	1,180	1,180
TOTAL				1		1,180

Compliance Filings category –

FERC’s electric tariff compliance filings are a core regulatory mechanism through which jurisdictional utilities, RTOs/ISOs, and other market participants demonstrate adherence to Commission-approved requirements under the FPA Act and Title 18 of the CFR.

These filings ensure that the terms, rates, and conditions of wholesale electric service remain just, reasonable, and not unduly discriminatory, and that changes mandated by Commission orders or rulemakings are accurately implemented.

Relevant jurisdictional public utilities and electric transmission providers must submit compliance filings when the Commission issues an order or rule that directs specific tariff changes or requires utilities to update previously filed tariff records. These filings are triggered by the utility’s activities and the timing of FERC directives rather than by a predetermined schedule, and they must be submitted within the deadlines established in the relevant order or regulation. The burden for any compliance filing depends on the

individual entity's circumstances and the complexity of their filing related to the directive or regulation.

Compliance Filings category – Common Filings – Previous Information Collection activities

Previous FERC Form	Title	Number of Respondents (1)	Annual Number of Responses per Respondent (2)	Total Number of Responses (1)*(2) = (3)	Average Burden per response (4)	Total Annual Burden Hours (3)*(4) = (5)
516	Ongoing Uplift Reporting (previously approved under 516G)	6	12	72	3	216
516	Annual Update of ADIT Worksheet, RM19-5 (Ongoing Filing)	106	1	106	4	424
516	Compliance Filing Rehearing	44	11	484	1.45	704
516	Interconnection Reform_RM22-14_Reasonable Efforts Standard (Ongoing)	44	4	176	4	704
516	Interconnection Reforms_RM22-14_First Ready First Served (Ongoing)	44	4	176	4	704

Previous FERC Form	Title	Number of Respondents (1)	Annual Number of Responses per Respondent (2)	Total Number of Responses (1)*(2)=(3)	Average Burden per response (4)	Total Annual Burden Hours (3)*(4)=(5)
516	Interconnection Reforms_RM22-14_Interconnection Info. Access (Ongoing)	44	2	88	4	352
516A	Ongoing Mandatory Pre-Application Report, Supplemental Review, and Review of Required Upgrades (RM13-2)	426	4	1,602	7.88	12,630
516A	Ongoing Voluntary Pre-Application Report, Supplemental Review, and Review of Required Upgrades (RM13-2)	800	2	1,550	0.83	1,300
516E	NAESB Version 4	216	1	216	6	1,296
516H	Compliance Filing - Transmission Providers (One-Time)	40	1	40	4	160

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917	RM21-17: Revise the regional transmission planning process - Right-sizing transmission (with OATT) (Ongoing))	48	1	48	120	5,760
917	RM21-17: Evaluating Alternative Transmission Technologies (with OATT)	48	1	48	100	4,800
917	RM21-17-001: Requirement for transmission providers to consult with states prior to amendment of cost allocation methods on file with the Commission (ongoing)	48	1	48	39	1,872

Previous FERC Form	Title	Number of Respondents (1)	Annual Number of Responses per Respondent (2)	Total Number of Responses (1)*(2)=(3)	Average Burden per response (4)	Total Annual Burden Hours (3)*(4)=(5)
917	RM21-17: Consider in the regional transmission planning processes regional transmission facilities that address certain interconnection-related needs	48	1	48	50	2,400
917	RM21-17: Sharing Information between planning regions	48	1	48	25	1,200
917	RM21-17: Revise the regional transmission planning process - Right-sizing transmission (with OATT) (One-time)	48	1	48	30	1,440
917	RM21-17: Participate in Long-Term Regional Transmission Planning (Without OATT))	77	1	77	202	15,554

Previous FERC Form	Title	Number of Respondents (1)	Annual Number of Responses per Respondent (2)	Total Number of Responses (1)*(2) = (3)	Average Burden per response (4)	Total Annual Burden Hours (3)*(4)=(5)
917	RM21-17: Evaluating Alternative Transmission Technologies (without OATT)	77	1	77	20	1,540
917	RM21-17: Revise the regional transmission planning process - Right-sizing transmission (without OATT) (One-Time))	77	1	77	20	1,540
917	RM21-17: Revise the regional transmission planning process - Right-sizing transmission (without OATT) (Ongoing)	77	1	77	40	3,080
919	Order 860A Upstream Affiliates	440	1	440	46	20,240
919	Relational Database: Order 860-A Category 1-(Ongoing)	1,000	0	333	2.44	814
919	Relational Database: Order 860-A Category 2 (Ongoing)	1,500	1	1,500	4.1	6,154
TOTAL				7,379		84,884 hrs.

Compliance Filings category – Regional Planning with OATT – Previous**Information Collection activities**

Previous FERC Form	Title	Number of Respondents (1)	Annual Number of Responses per Respondent (2)	Total Number of Responses (1)*(2)=(3)	Average Burden per response (4)	Total Annual Burden Hours (3)*(4)=(5)
917	FERC-917, Non-discriminatory Open Access Transmission Tariff	162	1	162	576	93,312
917	RM21-17: Revise OATT to comply with regional transmission planning process (One-Time))	48	1	48	770	36,960
917	RM21-17: Participate in Long-Term Regional Transmission Planning (With OATT))	48	1	48	4,995	239,760
TOTAL				258		370,032 hrs.

Information Sharing Requirements category –

FERC's electric tariff information-sharing requirements apply primarily to RTOs and ISOs, which must share credit-related information with one another so they can accurately assess market participants' credit exposure and respond quickly to credit

events. The rule does not require entities to submit this information to FERC; instead, each RTO/ISO must maintain tariff provisions that enable information sharing and then facilitate that sharing according to its own processes. This includes that public utilities must operate an OASIS site, which provides all transmission customers with equal and timely access to information about transmission availability, prices, and terms of service and ensures transparency and nondiscriminatory access.

Information Sharing Requirements category – Previous Information Collection activities

Previous FERC Form	Title	Number of Respondents (1)	Annual Number of Responses per Respondent (2)	Total Number of Responses (1)*(2)=(3)	Average Burden per response (4)	Total Annual Burden Hours (3)*(4)=(5)
516	Demand Response, RM10-17 (Ongoing Filing)	6	12	72	50	3,600
516	Variable Energy Resource Integration Rule, RM10-11 (Ongoing Filing, Voluntary)	162	2	324	30	9,720
516	Variable Energy Resource Integration Rule, RM10-11 (Ongoing Filing, Mandatory)	294	2	588	31	18,228

Previous FERC Form	Title	Number of Respondents (1)	Annual Number of Responses per Respondent (2)	Total Number of Responses (1)*(2) = (3)	Average Burden per response (4)	Total Annual Burden Hours (3)*(4)=(5)
516H	Transmission owners update forecasts and ratings, and share transmission line ratings and facilities ratings methodologies w/ transmission providers, RTOs/ISOs & market monitors (Year 1 and ongoing)	289	1	289	176	50,864
717	Open Access Same-Time Information System (OASIS)	216	1	216	30	6,480
917	Information to be Posted on the OASIS and Auditing Transmission Service Information (Standards)	162	1	162	421	68,202
TOTAL				1,651		157,094 hrs.

Removed Information Collection activities

Information collection activities are removed when the underlying regulatory obligations have already been fully completed, or when later rules or policy updates render those

activities unnecessary or obsolete. FERC regularly reviews information collections to identify those that have been overtaken by regulatory updates, superseded by newer requirements, or no longer needed for oversight.

Previous FERC Form	Title	Number of Respondents (1)	Annual Number of Responses per Respondent (2)	Total Number of Responses (1)*(2) = (3)	Average Burden per response⁵ (4)	Total Annual Burden Hours (3)*(4) = (5)
516	Reform of Generator Interconnection Procedures and Agreements, RM17-8, Non-RTO/ISO (Ongoing Filing)	162	4	648	4	2,592
516	Reform of Generator Interconnection Procedures and Agreements, RM17-8, RTO/ISO (Ongoing Filing)	6	4	24	4	96
516	Updates to Interconnection Procedures and Agreements per Final Rule RM22-14 (One-Time)	44	7	308	32.95	10,149

⁵ These Average Burden Hours estimates are rounded based on previously approved Total Burden Hours and respondents. The Total Annual Burden Hours reflect the already approved levels.

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516	Compliance Filing (FR RM22-2)	43	1	43	4	172
516	Essential Reliability Services and the Evolving Bulk-Power System -- Primary Frequency Response, RM16-6 (Ongoing Filing)	74	1	74	10	740
516A	Compliance Filing (RM22-2) FR	43	1	43	4	172
516A	Interconnection Reforms_RM22-14_Alternative Technologies (One-Time)	44	1	44	29.33	1,291
516A	Update Interconnection Procedures and Agreements (Rehearing Order RM22-14)	44	2	88	1	88

Previous FERC Form	Title	Number of Respondents (1)	Annual Number of Responses per Respondent (2)	Total Number of Responses (1)*(2) = (3)	Average Burden per response (4)	Total Annual Burden Hours (3)*(4)=(5)
917	RM21-17: Seek agreement from the states to establish a Long-Term Regional Transmission Cost Allocation Method and/or a State Agreement Process (Year 1)	48	1	48	390	18,720
TOTAL				1,320		34,020 hrs.

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.

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