

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Joint Contingency and Expeditionary Services (JCXS); OMB Control Number 0704–0589.

Needs and Uses: The information collection necessary to maintain the safety of contractors and U.S. Armed Forces while ensuring that the U.S. Government is not doing business with entities at odds with American interests. Joint Contingency and Expeditionary Services (JCXS) contain two modules. The Joint Contingency Contracting System (JCCS) evaluates vendors for possible approval or acceptance to do business with and have access to U.S. military installations around the world. The Civilian Arming Authorization Management System (CAAMS) provides a standardized and automated process for the submission, review, approval, and compliance management of the contractor arming process. JCXS is the DoD’s agile, responsive, and global provider of joint expeditionary acquisition business solutions that fulfill mission-critical requirements while supporting interagency collaboration—to include, but not limited to, contracting, finance, spend analysis, contract close-out, staffing, strategic sourcing, and reporting.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Annual Burden Hours: 2,750.

Number of Respondents: 5,500.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 5,500.

Average Burden per Response: 30 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

Dated: August 17, 2026.

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 4114–067]

Lower Saranac Hydro Partners, LLC; Notice of Revised Procedural Schedule

This notice revises the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (Commission) schedule for processing the relicense application for the Lower Saranac Hydroelectric Project No. 4114, which was filed by Lower Saranac Hydro Partners, LLC (Hydro Partners) on May 30, 2025. On June 12, 2025, Commission staff issued a notice of application

tendered for filing, which included an initial processing schedule.

On August 14, 2026, Commission staff granted Hydro Partner’s requested extension of time to file study reports for the project’s relicensing. Staff provided Hydro Partners until August 31, 2026, to file the report for the Run of River Operations Study and until December 31, 2026, to file the final report for the Bypassed Reach Flow Study.

By this notice, Commission staff is updating the procedural schedule. The revised schedule is shown below. Further revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Issue Acceptance Notice and Letter.	January 2027.
Issue Scoping Notice	February 2027.
Issue Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis.	April 2027.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Cynthia Cooksey by email at Cynthia.Cooksey@FERC.gov or by telephone at (202) 502–6034.

(Authority: 18 CFR 2.1.)

Dated: August 14, 2026.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC26–29–000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–725U); 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–725U (1902–0274), Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk Power System; CIP Reliability Standards. There are no proposed changes to the reporting requirements. The comment period ended on July 27, 2026, with no comments received.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due September 18, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments on FERC–725U to OMB through https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRA/ocrPublicCommentRequest?ref_nbr=202608-1902-002. 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. You must specify Docket No. (IC26–29–000) and the FERC Information Collection number (FERC–725U) 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.
- *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:

Contact: Kayla Williams at DataClearance@FERC.gov, telephone at (202) 502–6468.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC–725U, Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk Power System; CIP Reliability Standards.

OMB Control No.: 1902–0274.

Type of Request: Three-year approval of the currently approved collection: FERC–725U with no changes to the reporting or recordkeeping requirements.

Abstract: On August 8, 2005, the Electricity Modernization Act of 2005, which is Title XII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct 2005), was enacted into law. EPAct 2005 added section 215 to the Federal Power Act (FPA),¹ which requires a Commission-certified Electric Reliability Organization (ERO) to develop mandatory and enforceable Reliability Standards, subject to Commission review and approval. Once approved, the Reliability Standards may

¹ 16 U.S.C. 824o.

be enforced by the ERO, subject to Commission oversight, or by the Commission independently. Section 215 of the FPA requires a Commission-certified ERO to develop mandatory and enforceable Reliability Standards, subject to Commission review and approval. Once approved, the Reliability Standards may be enforced by the ERO subject to Commission oversight or by the Commission independently. In 2006, the Commission certified NERC (now called the North American Electric Reliability Corporation) as the ERO pursuant to section 215 of the FPA.

Reliability Standard CIP-014-3 (Physical Security) is part of the implementation of the Congressional mandate of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to develop mandatory and enforceable Reliability Standards to better ensure the reliability of the nation's Bulk Power system. Reliability Standard CIP-014-3 requires applicable transmission owners and transmission operators to identify and protect transmission stations and transmission

substations, and their associated primary control centers that, if rendered inoperable or damaged resulting from a physical attack, could result in widespread instability, uncontrolled separation, or cascading within an Interconnection.

In terms of information collection requirements, an applicable entity must create or maintain documentation showing compliance, when appropriate, with each requirement of the Reliability Standard. This Reliability Standard CIP-014-3 has six requirements. Transmission owners and transmission operators must keep data or evidence to show compliance with the standard for three years unless directed by its Compliance Enforcement Authority. If a responsible entity is found non-compliant, it must keep information related to the non-compliance until mitigation is complete and approved, or for three years, whichever is longer.

The number of respondents below is based on an estimate of the NERC compliance registry for transmission

owners and transmission operators. The Commission based its paperwork burden estimates on the NERC compliance registry as of April 20, 2026. According to the registry, there are 341 transmission owners (TO) and 170 transmission operators (TOP) who are applicable to CIP-014-3. The estimate is based on a zero change in burden from the current standard to the standard approved in this Order. The Commission based the burden estimate on staff experience, knowledge, and expertise.

Reliability Standard CIP-014-3, need to provide the same evidence to demonstrate compliance whether it is kept on-site or loaded electronically into the SEL.

Respondents: Business or other for profit, and not for profit institutions.

Frequency of Responses: On occasion.

Burden Estimates: The Commission estimates the following in the annual public reporting burden and cost ² as indicated below:

FERC-725U

[Mandatory Reliability Standards: Reliability Standard CIP-014]

	Number of respondents ³	Number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden hours & cost per response	Total burden hours & total cost (rounded)	Average cost per respondent
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
Change Annual	341 (TO)	1	341	32 hrs.; \$2,032.64.	10,912 hrs.; \$693,130	32 hrs.; \$2,032.64.
Reporting and Recordkeeping	170 (TOP)	1	170	32 hrs.; \$2,032.64.	5,440 hrs.; \$345,549	32 hrs.; \$2,032.64.
Total FERC-725U			511		16,352 hrs.; \$1,038,679	

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: August 14, 2026.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2645-000]

Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P.; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

The license for the Beaver River Hydroelectric Project No. 2645 was issued for a period ending July 31, 2026.

Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at

the expiration of a license term, to issue from year-to-year an annual license to the then licensee(s) under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA. If the project's prior license waived the applicability of section 15 of the FPA, then, based on section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a

² The estimated hourly cost (salary plus benefits) is a combination of the following categories from the BLS website, http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics2_22.htm: 75% of the average of an Electrical Engineer (17-2071) \$71.19/hr., × .75 = 53.3925

((\$53.39-rounded) (\$53.39/hour); and 25% of an Information and Record Clerk (43-4199) \$40.51/hr., \$40.51 × .25 = 10.1275 (\$10.13 rounded) (\$10.13/hour), for a total (\$53.39 + \$10.13 = \$63.52/hour).

³ The number for TOs (341) and TOPs (170) represent the number of unique US entities and is taken from the NERC compliance registry information as of April 20, 2026.