

Non-substantive change request

1) EIA is requesting approval for the following three non-substantive changes to Form EIA-930A, Annual Balancing Authority Generator Inventory:

- Add clarifying instructions to Schedule 5 of Form EIA-930A
- Update contact information for EIA
- Clarify the meaning of the acronym E.T. (eastern time)

Non-substantive Change #1

Background: EIA would like to add clarifying instructions to Schedule 5 of Form EIA-930A. Currently, respondents may assume EIA has a specific definition in mind when using the term “spinning reserve.” We want to clarify that respondents may answer the Schedule 5 questions based on how their organization customarily uses the term “spinning reserve”, consistent with North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) guidance.

This clarification will ensure respondents do not spend time adjusting their responses to accommodate a specific interpretation of spinning reserves or associated metrics. This in turn will reduce respondent burden.

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SCHEDULE 5. TARGET SPINNING RESERVE (additional clarifying instructions highlighted in yellow below)

Respond to all questions in Schedule 5 based on how your organization customarily uses the term “spinning reserve.”

For **Question 1, “Does your Balancing Authority (BA) or your Reserve Sharing Group (RSG) have a target spinning reserve?”**, respond “Yes” or “No”.

If you answered “Yes” to Schedule 5, Question 1, then answer questions 2 through 5. If you answered “No” to Schedule 5, Question 1, you may skip questions 2 through 5.

For **Question 2. “What is the spinning reserve target?”**, provide your answer in megawatts (MW). If your BA is part of a reserve sharing group (RSG), then provide your BA’s portion of your RSG’s Spinning Reserve Target. If your target is not a megawatt target, you can disregard the MW label and specify the target using a brief description in the answer cell for question 2.

For **Question 3. “Over the past calendar year, how many hours did your system operate with spinning reserves below your target level?”**, specify the number of hours (HH:00-HH:59) that experienced a moment when your system operated with spinning below your target level. You may disregard transient drops in spinning reserves resulting from contingency response. If your BA is part of a Reserve Sharing Group (RSG), this question only applies to the portion of the spinning reserve target allocated to your BA and the portion of spinning reserves managed by your BA. If your BA can calculate this metric using multiple methods, your response may describe the method chosen in the answer cell for question 3.

For **Question 4. “What was the minimum spinning reserve actually held during the past calendar year?”**, provide your answer in megawatts (MW). You may disregard transient drops in spinning

reserves resulting from contingency response. If your BA is part of a reserve sharing group (RSG), this question only applies to the portion of the spinning reserves managed by your BA. If your BA can calculate this metric using multiple methods, your response may describe the method chosen in the answer cell for question 4.

For Question 5. “How many times were spinning reserves deployed during the past calendar year?”, if your BA is part of a reserve sharing group (RSG), this question only applies to the portion of the spinning reserves managed by your BA. Deployments for non-contingency purposes, whether automatic or manual, may be omitted.

Non-substantive Change #2

Background: Under the Reporting Burden Section, clarify the mailing address as highlighted below.

REPORTING BURDEN

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Non-substantive Change #3

Background: Under the Questions Section, clarify the time zone.

QUESTIONS

Please contact the EIA Survey Support Team using the following communication methods:

By email: eia4usa@eia.gov

By phone: 1-855-EIA-4USA (1-855-342-4872) [Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. eastern time]