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Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Sarah Oleksak, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EE–3V), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585–0121, (202) 286–2149, WorkplaceCharging@ee.doe.gov or ee.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains: (1) OMB No. New; (2) Information Collection Request Title: Workplace Charging Challenge; (3) Type of Request: New collection; (4) Purpose: DOE's Vehicle Technologies Office (VTO) has developed a voluntary initiative, the EV Everywhere Workplace Charging Challenge. This initiative, launched in January 2013, aims to increase the number of U.S. employers offering workplace charging for PEVs to their employees. Participating employers may sign on as Partners to signal their commitment to workplace charging and otherwise promote workplace charging. As designed, the initiative is intended to benefit both employees and employers.

The goal of the Workplace Charging Challenge is to increase to over 500 the number of employers offering workplace charging to their U.S. employees by 2018, the scheduled end of the program. Individual employers that make available at least one electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE), or charger, to their employees at one major employer location will count towards this goal, regardless of whether or not the employer is a partner in the Workplace Charging Challenge.

As part of this program, DOE will conduct outreach to deploy workplace charging, provide technical assistance to support employers' workplace charging programs, and identify specific success stories, lessons learned, and best practices employers have deployed, thereby increasing the value and facilitating the deployment of additional workplace charging programs. The effort is part of the larger EV Everywhere Grand Challenge, and as the Grand Challenge by necessity incorporates a deployment component, DOE will be able to use its experience and expertise through the VTO Clean Cities Program to educate the public about PEVs, as well as help identify potential workplace charging barriers and the means to remove such barriers.

The Challenge does not endeavor to engage an exhaustive number of employers, but rather will work with self-identified employers committed to leading the way in reducing petroleum consumption through the deployment of PEVs and associated charging infrastructure.

In January 2013, relying on employers' public records and communications, DOE began identifying employers that might be interested in becoming voluntary partners to the Workplace Challenge Program. To measure progress towards the Workplace Charging Challenge goal of more than 500 employers through 2018, DOE will be monitoring some employers directly, and others through data DOE can gather from available online resources, including the Alternative Fuels Data Center. For those employers DOE is monitoring directly, DOE will develop an annual progress update and will publish the generalized results gathered. To generate this annual update, DOE will collect annually from these Workplace Charging Challenge Partners, or employers, data and narratives associated with their PEV charging program and infrastructure.

The principal objective of collecting the information DOE seeks to gather through the Challenge is to allow DOE to develop an objective assessment and estimate of the number of U.S. employers that have established a workplace charging program or otherwise installed EVSE, and to document specific information associated with the offering of such a program to employees. Information requested would be used to establish basic information for Partner employers, which will then be used for future comparisons and analysis of instituted programs and policies. A designated representative for each participating Partner will provide the requested information. The intended respondent is expected to be aware of relevant aspects of the company's charging infrastructure and program if such exists, such that the gathering of information is not expected to be very resource consuming. DOE will compile and issue an annual progress update that would provide an update on the Workplace Charging Challenge program partners' activities, as well as report on metrics DOE is evaluating related to energy consumption, costs, numbers of employers in the program, and best practices that can be identified for the purpose of helping others take steps to deploy charging infrastructure.

The Challenge effort will rely on data the Partners will provide via an online response tool. The data collection

would address the following topic areas: (1) Charging infrastructure and use; (2) employee PEV ownership; and (3) feedback on the Challenge.

The data will be compiled for the purpose of assessing and setting forth in the annual progress updates the Workplace Charging Challenge program's impact in terms of increasing both the number of employers offering workplace charging and the deployment of EVSEs and PEVs.

The data and subsequent analyses will allow DOE to compare historical records dynamically, and provide the opportunity for DOE to determine annual progress toward Workplace Charging Challenge goals. Calculation of progress and impacts will be undertaken on an annual basis.

The Workplace Charging Challenge program is targeted at U.S. employers. Providing initial baseline information for each participating employer, which occurs only once, is expected to take 1.5 hours. Follow-up questions and clarifications for the purpose of ensuring accurate analyses may take up to 3.5 hours; (5) Annual Estimated Number of Respondents: 400; (6) Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses: 400; (7) Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours: 2,000; (8) Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: The total estimated annual cost for all respondents to respond to the voluntary collection is \$9,702.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. Sec 13233; 42 U.S.C. Sec. 13252(a)–(b); 42 U.S.C. 13255.

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Patrick B. Davis,

Director, Vehicle Technologies Office, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RD14–2–000]

Proposed Agency Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) invites public comment in Docket No. RD14–2–000 on a proposed collection of information that the Commission is

developing for submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Comments are invited on:

- (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility;
- (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before March 31, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Comments, identified by docket number, may be filed in the following ways:

- *Electronic Filing through* <http://www.ferc.gov>. Documents created electronically using word processing software should be filed in native applications or print-to-PDF format and not in a scanned format.

- *Mail/Hand Delivery:* Those unable to file electronically may mail or hand-deliver an original of their comments to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Brown may be reached by email at DataClearance@FERC.gov, telephone at (202) 502-8663, and fax at (202) 273-0873.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed information collection in Docket No. RD14-2-000 relates to a proposed revision to the definition of bulk electric system, developed by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), and submitted to the Commission for approval. NERC's petition related to the revised definition of bulk electric system is pending before the Commission. The proposed revision modifies the definition of bulk electric system in response to Commission directives in Order Nos. 773 and 773-A as well as some other clarifying revisions.¹ The information collection

requirements contained in the definition of bulk electric system are contained in FERC-725J (OMB Control Number 1902-0259).

On December 20, 2012, the Commission issued Order No. 773, a Final Rule approving NERC's modifications to the definition of "bulk electric system" and the Rules of Procedure exception process to be effective July 1, 2013. On April 18, 2013, in Order No. 773-A the Commission largely affirmed its findings in Order No. 773. In Order Nos. 773 and 773-A the Commission directed NERC to modify the definition of bulk electric system in two respects: (1) Modify the local network exclusion (exclusion E3) to remove the 100 kV minimum operating voltage to allow systems that include one or more looped configurations connected below 100 kV to be eligible for the local network exclusion; and (2) modify the exclusions to ensure that generator interconnection facilities at or above 100 kV connected to bulk electric system generators identified in inclusion I2 are not excluded from the bulk electric system.

In its December 13, 2013 Petition, NERC proposed revisions to respond to the Commission directives. In addition, NERC revised inclusion I4 to include the collector system at the point of aggregation.² Therefore, the estimates for this information collection are based on the three proposed modifications.

The Commission estimates a modest decrease in information collection and reporting that would result from implementing the proposed revisions to the definition of bulk electric system. Specifically, the Commission estimates a decrease in information collection and reporting that would result from implementing NERC's proposed revisions to the definition of bulk electric system. The estimate is derived in NERC's alternative proposal in addressing the Commission's concern

Procedure, Order No. 773, 141 FERC ¶ 61,236 (2012); *order on reh'g*, Order No. 773-A, 143 FERC ¶ 61,053 (2013), *order on reh'g and clarification*, 144 FERC ¶ 61,174.

² The bulk electric system definition components consist of the core definition, five inclusions and four exclusions. NERC does not propose any changes to the core definition, inclusion I3 or exclusion E2. The proposed changes chiefly affect exclusions E1 and E3 and inclusion I4. NERC also made minor clarifying changes to inclusions I1, I2, and I5 and exclusion E4. These minor changes do not affect the information collection and reporting requirements approved in Order Nos. 773 and 773-A.

regarding low voltage looped configurations. NERC explains that its technical analysis shows that a 50 kV threshold for sub-100 kV loops does not affect the application of exclusion E1. NERC states that this approach will ease the administrative burden on entities as it negates the necessity for an entity to prove that they qualify for exclusion E1 if the sub-100 kV loop in question is less than or equal to 50 kV.³ This administrative burden falls into the category of "System Review and List Creation" as described in Order Nos. 773 and 773-A.⁴ NERC's technical justification has shown that a subset of low voltage loops (operating between 0 and 50 kV) do not provide parallel flows and thus qualify for exclusion E1.

Because the E1 exclusion applies to low voltage loops operated below 50 kV, entities will no longer evaluate looped configurations for either the E3 network exclusion or the NERC exception process.⁵ Accordingly, we estimate a decrease of one engineering hour needed for "System Review and List Creation" for transmission owners and distribution providers, respectively. With respect to the revisions to inclusion I4, NERC states that the standard drafting team "identified the portions of the collector system which consistently provide a reliability benefit to the interconnected transmission network and are easily identified within collector systems."⁶ Thus, the Commission estimates no material change in information collection because the engineering time needed to evaluate the collector system component that NERC proposes to be included in the bulk electric system is a simple and straightforward determination of whether the collector system aggregates to greater than 75 MVA.

Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this proposed collection is estimated as:

³ NERC Petition at 19-25, Exhibit D at 2, 48-90.

⁴ System Review and List Creation corresponds to step 1 of NERC's proposed transition plan, which requires each U.S. asset owner to apply the revised bulk electric system definition to all elements to determine if those elements are included in the bulk electric system pursuant to the revised definition. See Order No. 773, 141 FERC ¶ 61,236 at P 330.

⁵ Cf., Order No. 773-A, 143 FERC ¶ 61,053 at P 128.

⁶ NERC Petition at 16.

¹ *Revisions to Electric Reliability Organization Definition of Bulk Electric System and Rules of*

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	Number of respondents ⁷	Number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden hours per response	Estimated total year 1 burden reduction
	(A)	(B)	(A) × (B) = (C)	(D)	(C) × (D)
Transmission Owners (System Review and List Creation)	333	1	333	– 1	– 333
Distribution Providers (System Review and List Creation)	554	1	554	– 1	– 554
Total					– 887

The total estimated decrease in cost burden to respondents (year 1 only) is \$53,220; [i.e., – 887 hours * \$60 ⁸ = – \$53,220].

Dated: January 24, 2014.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13570–002]

Warm Springs Irrigation District: Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* Application for New License for a Major Water Project 5 Megawatts (MW) or Less—Existing Dam.

b. *Project No.:* 13570–002.

c. *Date filed:* April 15, 2013.

d. *Applicant:* Warm Springs Irrigation District.

e. *Name of Project:* Warm Springs Dam Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Malheur River, near the Town of Juntura, Malheur County, Oregon. The project would utilize the existing Warm Springs dam and reservoir, which is owned by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and would occupy 13.5 acres of land administered by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

⁷ The number of respondents for transmission owners and distribution providers is based on the NERC Compliance Registry referenced in Order No. 773.

⁸ The estimate for cost per hour for an electrical engineer is \$60 (the average salary plus benefits) according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics at http://bls.gov/oes/current/naics2_22.htm.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)–825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Randy Kinney, Warm Springs Irrigation District, 334 Main Street North, Vale, OR 97918, (541) 473–3951.

i. *FERC Contact:* Ken Wilcox, (202) 502–6835; kenneth.wilcox@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file filing motions to intervene and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208–3676 (toll free), or (202) 502–8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P–13570–002.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. This application has been accepted for filing, but is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. The proposed project would utilize the existing Reclamation's Warm Springs Dam and reservoir, and would consist of the following new facilities: (1) A new steel liner fitted into one of the outlets; (2) new trashrack at the entrance to the existing outlet works; (3) a 3.5-foot-long, 6-to-8-foot-diameter steel increaser section attached to the liner to transition the outlet into an 8-foot-diameter steel penstock; (4) a 150-foot-long increaser/penstock assembly to convey water to the new powerhouse

located in the stilling basin below the dam; (5) a new 4-foot-diameter fixed cone bypass valve upstream of the powerhouse; (6) a 150-foot-long, 8-foot-diameter steel penstock; (7) a powerhouse containing one 2.7–MW Francis or Kaplan turbine; (8) a 2.2-mile-long, 25-kilovolt transmission line; and (9) appurtenant facilities. The average annual generation is estimated to be 7.442 gigawatt-hours.

m. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. Any qualified applicant desiring to file a competing application must submit to the Commission, on or before the specified intervention deadline date, a competing development application, or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing development application no later than 120 days after the specified intervention deadline date. Applications for preliminary permits will not be accepted in response to this notice.

A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit a development application. A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with