

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.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters, will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and seven copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 6281-041]

Five Bears Hydro, Inc. and Five Bears Hydro, LLC; Notice of Application for Transfer of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Protests

On March 24, 2017, Five Bears Hydro, Inc. (transferor) and Five Bears Hydro, LLC (transferee) filed an application for the transfer of license of the Five Bears Power Project No. 6281. The project is located on Ward Creek, a tributary to the Feather River in Plumas County, California. The project occupies land of the United States within the Plumas National Forest.

The transferor and transferee seek Commission approval to transfer the license for the Five Bears Power Project from transferor to the transferee.

Applicant's Contacts: Mr. Dan R. Skowronski, Esquire, Saul Ewing LLP, 500 E. Pratt Street, 8th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202, Phone: 410-332-8675, Email: dskowronski@saul.com; Mr. Michael Hill, General Counsel, EDF Inc., 5404 Wisconsin Avenue., Suite 400, Chevy Chase, MD 20815, Phone: 240-744-8029, Email: michael.hill@edf-inc.com; Ms. Bethanie Haynes, Associate Counsel, EDF Inc., 5404 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 400, Chevy Chase, MD 20815, Phone: 240-744-8018, Email: bethanie.haynes@edf-inc.com; and Mr. Joseph Sanchez, President and Secretary, Five Bears Hydro, Inc., 5404 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 400, Chevy Chase, MD 20815, Phone: 240-744-8014, Email: joseph.sanchez@edf-inc.com.

FERC Contact: Patricia W. Gillis, (202) 502-8735, patricia.gillis@ferc.gov.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests: 30 days from the date that the Commission issues this notice. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. 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-6281-041.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC17-11-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-549B); 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-549B (Gas Pipeline Rates: Capacity Reports and Index of Customers).

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due June 19, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC17-11-000) by either of the following methods:

- **eFiling at Commission's Web site:** <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>.

- **Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Instructions: All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp>. For user assistance contact FERC Online Support by email at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or by phone at: (866) 208-3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502-8659 for TTY.

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 <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/docs-filing.asp>.

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:

Title: FERC-549B (Gas Pipeline Rates: Capacity Reports and Index of Customers).

OMB Control No.: 1902-0169.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-549B information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

Abstract: The information collected under the requirements of FERC-549B includes both the Index of Customers

(IOC) report under Commission regulations at 18 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 284.13(c) and three capacity reporting requirements. One of these is in Commission regulations at 18 CFR 284.13(b) and requires reports on firm and interruptible services. The second is at 18 CFR 284.13(d)(1) and requires pipelines make information on capacity and flow information available on their Internet Web sites. The third is at 18 CFR 284.13(d)(2) and requires an annual filing of peak day capacity.

Capacity Reports Under 284.13(b) and 284.13(d)(1)

On April 4, 1992, in Order No. 636 (RM91-11-000), the Commission established a capacity release mechanism under which shippers could release firm transportation and storage capacity on either a short- or long-term basis to other shippers wanting to obtain capacity. Pipelines posted available firm and interruptible capacity information on their electronic bulletin boards (EBBs) to inform potential shippers.

On August 3, 1992, in Order No. 636-A (RM91-11-002), the Commission determined through staff audits, that the efficiency of the capacity release mechanism could be enhanced by standardizing the content and format of capacity release information and the methods by which shippers accessed this information, which pipelines posted to their EBBs.

On March 29, 1995, through Order 577 (RM95-5-000), the Commission amended § 284.243(h) of its regulations to allow shippers the ability to release capacity without having to comply with the Commission's advance posting and bidding requirements.

On February 9, 2000, in Order No. 637 (RM98-10-000), to create greater substitution between different forms of capacity and to enhance competition across the pipeline grid, the Commission revised its capacity release regulations regarding scheduling,

segmentation and flexible point rights, penalties, and reporting requirements. This resulted in more reliable capacity information availability and price data that shippers needed to make informed decisions in a competitive market as well as to improve shipper's and the Commission's ability to monitor the market for potential abuses.

Peak Day Annual Capacity Report Under 284.13(d)(2)

18 CFR 284.13(d)(2) requires an annual peak day capacity report of all interstate pipelines, including natural gas storage only companies. This report is generally a short report showing the peak day design capacity or the actual peak day capacity achieved, with a short explanation, if needed. The regulation states:

An interstate pipeline must make an annual filing by March 1 of each year showing the estimated peak day capacity of the pipeline's system, and the estimated storage capacity and maximum daily delivery capability of storage facilities under reasonably representative operating assumptions and the respective assignments of that capacity to the various firm services provided by the pipeline.

This annual report/filing is publicly available, while other more specific interstate pipeline and storage capacity details are filed as CEIL, such as the Annual System Flow Diagram (FERC-567) which are not publicly available.

Index of Customers Under 284.13(c)

In Order 581, issued September 28, 1995 (Docket No. RM95-4-000), the Commission established the IOC quarterly information requirement. This Order required the reporting of five data elements in the IOC filing: The customer name, the rate schedule under which service is rendered, the contract effective date, the contract termination date, and the maximum daily contract quantity, for either transportation or storage service, as appropriate.

In a notice issued separate from Order 581 in Docket No. RM95-4-000, issued February 29, 1996, the Commission, through technical conferences with industry, determined that the IOC data reported should be in tab delimited format on diskette and in a form as proscribed in Appendix A of the rulemaking. In a departure from past practice, a three-digit code, instead of a six-digit code, was established to identify the respondent.

In Order 637, issued February 9, 2000 (Docket Nos. RM98-10-000 and RM98-12-000), the Commission required the filing of: The receipt and delivery points held under contract and the zones or segments in which the capacity is held, the common transaction point codes, the contract number, the shipper identification number, an indication whether the contract includes negotiated rates, the names of any agents or asset managers that control capacity in a pipeline rate zone, and any affiliate relationship between the pipeline and the holder of capacity. It was stated in the Order that the changes to the Commission's reporting requirements would enhance the reliability of information about capacity availability and price that shippers need to make informed decisions in a competitive market as well as improve shippers' and the Commission's ability to monitor marketplace behavior to detect, and remedy anti-competitive behavior. Order 637 required a pipeline post the information quarterly on its Internet Web sites instead of on the outdated EBBs.

Type of Respondents: Respondents for this data collection are interstate pipelines subject to FERC regulation under the Natural Gas Act and those entities defined as Hinshaw Pipelines under the Natural Gas Policy Act.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*¹ The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden for the information collection as:

FERC-549B (GAS PIPELINE RATES: CAPACITY REPORTS AND INDEX OF CUSTOMERS)

	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden & cost per response ²	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost	Cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1)*(2)=(3)	(4)	(3)*(4)=(5)	(5)÷(1)
Capacity Reports under 284.13(b) & 284.13(d)(1)	185	6	1,110	145 \$11,093	160,950 \$12,313,230	\$66,558

¹ 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 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

² The estimates for cost per response are derived using the following formula: 2017 Average Burden

Hours per Response * \$76.50 per Hour = Average Cost per Response. The hourly cost figure of \$76.50 is the average FERC employee wage plus benefits. We assume that respondents earn at a similar rate.

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	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden & cost per response ²	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost	Cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1)*(2)=(3)	(4)	(3)*(4)=(5)	(5)÷(1)
93049344Peak Day Annual Capacity Re- port under 284.13(d)(2)	185	1	185	10 \$765	1,850 \$141,525	\$765
Index of Customers under 284.13(c)	185	4	740	3 \$230	2,220 \$170,200	\$920
Total			2,035		165,020 \$12,624,955	\$68,243

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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 3267-000]

Chasm Hydro, Inc.; Notice of Existing Licensee's Notice of Intent To Not File a Subsequent License Application, and Soliciting Pre-Application Documents and Notices of Intent To File a License Application

At least five years before the expiration of a license for a minor water power project not subject to sections 14 and 15 of the Federal Power Act (*i.e.*, a project having an installed capacity of 1.5 megawatts or less), the licensee must file with the Commission a letter that contains an unequivocal statement of the licensee's intent to file or not to file an application for a subsequent license.¹

¹ 18 CFR 16.19(b) (2016) (citing 18 CFR 16.6(b)). Section 16.19(b) applies to licenses not subject to Parts 14 and 15 of the Federal Power Act.

If such a licensee informs the Commission that it does not intend to file an application for a new license, nonpower license, or exemption for the project, the licensee may not file an application for a new license, nonpower license, or exemption for the project, either individually or in conjunction with an entity or entities that are not currently licensees of the project.²

On March 3, 2017, Chasm Hydro, Inc., the existing licensee for the Ballard Mills Project No. 3267, filed notice of its intent to not file an application for a subsequent license. Therefore, pursuant to section 16.24(b) of the Commission's regulations, Chasm Hydro, Inc. may not file an application for a subsequent license for the project, either individually or in conjunction with an entity or entities that are not currently licensees of the project.

The 255-kilowatt (kW) Ballard Mills project is located on the Salmon River in the Town of Malone, Franklin County, New York. No federal lands are affected. The existing minor license for the project expires on March 31, 2022.

The principal project works consist of: (1) an 8-foot-high, 110-foot-long concrete capped timber crib overflow dam with 2-foot-high flashboards creating a reservoir with a surface area of 10 acres and a volume of 50 acre feet; (2) a 105-foot-long earth embankment dam; (3) a 4.75-foot-wide sluice gate located at the west abutment of the dam; (4) two 8-foot-wide flood sluice gates located between the existing timber crib dam and powerhouse; (5) a 29-foot-long by 20-foot-wide concrete masonry powerhouse with a single horizontal shaft Kaplan turbine-generator unit rated at 255 kW; (6) an abandoned powerhouse structure located at the east abutment of the dam; (7) a 150-foot-long underground cable connecting to a transformer pole; (8) a 0.48/13.2-kilovolt transformer; (9) a 170-foot-long, 13.2-

² 18 CFR 16.24(b) (2016).

kilovolt overhead transmission line; and (10) appurtenant facilities.

Any party interested in filing a license application for the Ballard Mills Project No. 3267 must first file a Notice of Intent (NOI)³ and pre-application document (PAD)⁴ pursuant to Part 5 of the Commission's regulations. Although the integrated licensing process (ILP) is the default pre-filing process, section 5.3(b) of the Commission's regulations allows a potential license applicant to request to use alternative licensing procedures when it files its NOI.⁵

This notice sets a deadline of 120 days from the date of this notice for interested applicants, other than the existing licensee, to file NOIs, PADs, and requests to use an alternative licensing process.

Applications for a subsequent license from potential (non-licensee) applicants must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license.⁶ Because the existing license expires on March 31, 2022, applications for license for this project must be filed by March 31, 2020.⁷

Questions concerning this notice should be directed to Gaylord Hoisington (202) 502-6032 or gaylord.hoisington@ferc.gov.

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³ 18 CFR 5.5 (2016).

⁴ 18 CFR 5.6 (2016).

⁵ 18 CFR 5.3(b) (2016).

⁶ 18 CFR 16.20 (2016).

⁷ To the extent an interested applicant files an NOI and PAD and elects or is required to use the Commission's ILP, a process plan will be issued within 180 days of this notice, which accelerates the steps of the ILP to allow for filing a subsequent license application by the March 31, 2020 deadline.