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Dated: March 9, 2016.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14751-000]

Alpine Pacific Utilities, LLC; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process.

b. *Project No.:* 14751-000.

c. *Date Filed:* January 28, 2016.

d. *Submitted By:* Alpine Pacific Utilities, LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Fresno Dam Site Water Power Project.

f. *Location:* On the Milk River in Hill County, Montana near the town of Kremlin at the existing Bureau of Reclamation Fresno Dam.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 5.3 of the Commission's regulations.

h. *Potential Applicant Contact:* Justin D. Ahmann, Alpine Pacific Utilities, LLC, 111 Legend Trail, Kalispell, MT 59901.

i. *FERC Contact:* Ryan Hansen at (202) 502-8074; or email at ryan.hansen@ferc.gov.

j. Alpine Pacific Utilities, LLC filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on February 2, 2016. Alpine Pacific Utilities, LLC provided public notice of its request on February 8, 2016. In a letter dated March 9, 2016, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved Alpine Pacific Utilities, LLC's request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.

k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with the U.S. Fish

and Wildlife Service under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR part 402; and NOAA Fisheries under section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and implementing regulations at 50 CFR 600.920. We are also initiating consultation with the Montana State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

l. Alpine Pacific Utilities, LLC filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

m. A copy of the PAD is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site (<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 at FERCONlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph h.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RD16-2-000]

Proposed Agency Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) invites public comment in Docket No. RD16-2-000 on a proposed change to

collections of information FERC-725P (OMB Control No. 1902-0269) and FERC-725P1 (OMB Control No. 1902-0280) that the Commission is submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The Commission previously issued a Notice in the **Federal Register** (81 FR 230, January 5, 2016) requesting public comments. The Commission received no comments and is making this notation in the submittals to OMB.

DATES: Comments regarding the proposed information collections must be received on or before April 14, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Comments filed with OMB, identified by the OMB Control Nos. 1902-0269 (FERC-725P) and 1902-0280 (FERC-725P1), should be sent via email to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at: oir_submission@omb.gov, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. The Desk Officer may also be reached via telephone at 202-395-0710.

A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Commission, in Docket No. RD16-2-000, 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:

Titles: FERC-725P (Mandatory Reliability Standards: Reliability Standard PRC-005-3) and FERC-725P1 (Mandatory Reliability Standards: PRC-005 Reliability Standard)

OMB Control Nos.: 1902-0269 (FERC-725P) and 1902-0280 (FERC-725P1)

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-725P1 information collection requirements with the stated

changes to the current reporting and record retention requirements, and elimination of the requirements of FERC-725P.

Abstract: Reliability Standard PRC-005-6 (Protection System, Automatic Reclosing, and Sudden Pressure Relaying Maintenance) replaces or supplements requirements from previous versions of the PRC-005 Reliability Standard, which are approved under FERC-725P and FERC-725P1. The requirements and associated burden of Reliability Standard PRC-005-6 will be included in FERC-725P1.¹

The Commission requires the information collected by the FERC-725P1 to implement the statutory provisions of section 215 of the Federal Power Act (FPA).² On August 8, 2005, Congress enacted into law the Electricity Modernization Act of 2005, which is Title XII, Subtitle A, of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct 2005).³ EPAct 2005 added a new section

215 to the FPA, which required a Commission-certified Electric Reliability Organization (ERO) to develop mandatory and enforceable Reliability Standards, which are subject to Commission review and approval. Once approved, the Reliability Standards may be enforced by the ERO subject to Commission oversight, or the Commission can independently enforce Reliability Standards.⁴

On February 3, 2006, the Commission issued Order No. 672, implementing section 215 of the FPA.⁵ Pursuant to Order No. 672, the Commission certified one organization, North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), as the ERO.⁶ The Reliability Standards developed by the ERO and approved by the Commission apply to users, owners, and operators of the Bulk-Power System as set forth in each Reliability Standard. On November 13, 2015, NERC filed a petition for Commission approval of proposed Reliability Standard PRC-005-6 (Protection System, Automatic

Reclosing, and Sudden Pressure Relaying Maintenance). NERC also requested approval of the proposed implementation plan for PRC-005-6, and the retirement of previous versions of Reliability Standard PRC-005.

NERC explained in its petition that Reliability Standard PRC-005-6 represents an improvement upon the most recently-approved version of the standard, PRC-005-4.⁷ FERC approved the proposed Reliability Standard PRC-005-6 on December 18, 2015.⁸

Type of Respondents: Transmission Owners (TO), Generator Owners (GO), and Distribution Providers (DP).

Estimate of Annual Burden:⁹ Estimates for the changes to burden and cost due to Docket No. RD16-2-000 follow.

⁷ As noted in NERC's petition, NERC filed a separate motion to delay implementation of the approved, but not yet effective, versions of the PRC-005 Reliability Standard in Docket Nos. RM14-8-000 (PRC-005-3), RD15-3-000 (PRC-005-3(i)), and RM15-9-000 (PRC-005-4) until after the Commission issues an order or rule regarding proposed PRC-005-6. NERC's motion was granted in a delegated letter order issued December 4, 2015. See North American Elec. Reliability Corp., Docket Nos. RM14-8-000 et al. (Dec. 4, 2015) (delegated letter order).

⁸ The Delegated Letter Order is available in FERC's eLibrary at <http://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/common/opennat.asp?fileID=14076238>.

⁹ 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 information, refer to 5 CFR 1320.3.

¹ In the future, to consolidate reporting requirements associated with the PRC Standards, the Commission plans to transfer the burden associated with Reliability Standard PRC-005-6 to FERC-725G (OMB Control No. 1902-0252) and to remove it from FERC-725P1. Note that, if approved by OMB, the FERC-725P (a temporary collection number) will have a 0 burden and will be eliminated by this action and the changes in Docket No. RD16-2.

² 16 U.S.C. 824o (2012).

³ Energy Policy Act of 2005, Public Law 109-58, Title XII, Subtitle A, 119 Stat. 594, 941 (codified at 16 U.S.C. 824o).

⁴ 16 U.S.C. 824o(e)(3).

⁵ *Rules Concerning Certification of the Electric Reliability Organization; and Procedures for the Establishment, Approval, and Enforcement of Electric Reliability Standards*, Order No. 672, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,204, *order on reh'g*, Order No. 672-A, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,212 (2006).

⁶ *North American Electric Reliability Corp.*, 116 FERC ¶ 61,062, *order on reh'g and compliance*, 117 FERC ¶ 61,126 (2006), *order on compliance*, 118 FERC ¶ 61,190, *order on reh'g*, 119 FERC ¶ 61,046 (2007), *aff'd sub nom. Alcoa Inc. v. FERC*, 564 F.3d 1342 (D.C. Cir. 2009).

CHANGES MADE IN RD16-2-000

Requirements in reliability standard	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden and cost per response	Total annual burden (hours) and cost	Total annual cost per respondent
	(1)	(2)	(1)*(2) = (3)	(4)	(3)*(4) = (5)	(\$)
FERC-725P (Reduction due to Replacement of PRC-005-3)^{10 11}						
One-time review of existing plant and substation sites to determine which ones fall under PRC-005-3 [reduction].	¹² 937	- 1	- 937	2 hrs.; \$146	- 1,874 hrs.; - \$136,802.	- 146
One-time review and adjustment of existing program [reduction].	¹³ 288	- 1	- 288	8 hrs.; \$584	- 2,304 hrs.; - \$168,192.	- 584
Total Net Decrease to FERC-725P.	.....	.....	- 1,225	.....	- 4,178 hrs.; - \$304,994.	.....
FERC-725P1						
Replacement of PRC-005-4 ^{14 15} — One-time review of sudden pressure relay maintenance program and adjustment (Burden Reduction).	1,287	- 1	- 1,287	8 hrs.; \$522.72 ...	- 10,296 hrs.; - \$672,740.64.	- 522.72
Implementation of PRC-005-6— One-time review of existing plant and substation sites to determine which ones fall under PRC-005-6 ¹⁶ (Burden Increase).	¹⁷ 937	1	937	2 hrs.; \$145	1,874 hrs.; \$135,396.50.	144.50
Implementation of PRC-005-6— One-time review and adjustment of existing program for reclosing relays and associated equipment ¹⁸ (Burden Increase).	288	1	288	8.5 hrs.; \$614	2,448 hrs.; \$176,868.	614
Implementation of PRC-005-6— One-time review and adjustment of existing program for sudden pressure relays ¹⁹ (Burden Increase).	1,287	1	1,287	8 hrs.; \$531.60 ...	10,296 hrs.; \$684,169.20.	531.60
Total Net Increase to FERC-725P1.	.....	.....	+1,225	.....	4,322 hrs.; \$323,693.06.	.....
Total Net Change, due to RD16-2.	.....	.....	0	.....	144 hrs.; \$18,699.06.	.....

Comments: Comments are invited on:
(1) Whether the collections of

¹⁰ The estimates for cost per response are derived using the following formula: Average Burden Hours per Response * \$73 per Hour = Average Cost per Response. The hourly cost figure comes from the average of the salary plus benefits for a manager and an engineer (rounded to the nearest dollar). The figures are taken from the Bureau of Labor Statistics [BLS] at (http://bls.gov/oes/current/naics3_221000.htm).

¹¹ Implemented in Docket No. RM14-8.

¹² This figure reflects the generator owners and transmission owners identified in the NERC Compliance Registry as of May 28, 2014.

¹³ This figure is a subset of GOs and TOs, as discussed in Order 803 (Docket No. RM14-8), P 41.

¹⁴ Implemented in Docket No. RM15-9.

¹⁵ The estimates for cost per response are derived using the following formula: Average Burden Hours per Response * \$65.34 per Hour = Average Cost per Response. The hourly cost figure comes from the average of the wages plus benefits for an engineer (rounded to the nearest dollar). The figures are based on information from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (at http://bls.gov/oes/current/naics3_221000.htm).

information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility;

¹⁶ The average hourly cost (wages plus benefits) is estimated to be \$72.25 (and is based on BLS May 2014 Data, updated 8/2015). It is based on the average of the hourly wages plus benefits of:

- Management (occupation code 11-0000, \$78.04 per hour) and
- electrical engineer (occupation code 17-2071, \$66.45 per hour).

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- Management (occupation code 11-0000, \$78.04 per hour) and
- electrical engineer (occupation code 17-2071, \$66.45 per hour).

¹⁹ The average hourly cost (wages plus benefits) is estimated to be \$66.45, based on BLS estimates for an electrical engineer.

(2) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden and cost of the collections of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collections; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collections 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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