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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under section 153(a)(1)(I) of the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002, 20 U.S.C. 9543(a)(1)(I), which authorizes NCES to gather data on the financing and management of education, NCES collects data annually from SEAs through ED Form 2447. The report from SEAs includes attendance, revenue, and expenditure data from which NCES determines a State's "average per-pupil expenditure" (SPPE) for elementary and secondary education, as defined in section 8101(2) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA) (20 U.S.C. 7801(2)).

In addition to using the SPPE data as general information on the financing of elementary and secondary education, the Secretary uses these data directly in calculating allocations for certain formula grant programs, including, but not limited to, title I, part A of the ESEA, Impact Aid, and Indian Education programs. Other programs, such as the Education for Homeless Children and Youth program under title VII of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and the Teacher Quality State Grants program (title II, part A of the ESEA), make use of SPPE data indirectly because their formulas are based, in whole or in part, on State title I, part A allocations.

In January 2018, the Census Bureau, acting as the data collection agent for NCES, will email ED Form 2447 to SEAs, with instructions, and will request that SEAs commence submitting FY 2017 data to the Census Bureau on Wednesday, January 31, 2018. SEAs are urged to submit accurate and complete data by Friday, March 30, 2018, to facilitate timely processing.

Submissions by SEAs to the Census Bureau will be analyzed for accuracy and returned to each SEA for verification. SEAs must submit all data, including any revisions to FY 2016 and FY 2017 data, to the Census Bureau no later than Wednesday, August 15, 2018. Any resubmissions of FY 2016 or FY 2017 data by SEAs in response to requests for clarification or reconciliation or other inquiries by NCES or the Census Bureau must be

completed by Tuesday, September 4, 2018. Between August 15, 2018, and September 4, 2018, SEAs may also, on their own initiative, resubmit data to resolve issues not addressed in their final submission of NPEFS data by August 15, 2018. All outstanding data issues must be reconciled or resolved by the SEAs, NCES, and the Census Bureau as soon as possible, but no later than September 4, 2018.

In order to facilitate timely submission of data, the Census Bureau will send reminder notices to SEAs in June and July of 2018.

Having accurate, consistent, and timely information is critical to an efficient and fair Department of Education (Department) allocation process and to the NCES statistical process. To ensure timely distribution of Federal education funds based on the best, most accurate data available, the Department establishes, for program funding allocation purposes, Wednesday, August 15, 2018, as the final date by which the SEAs must submit data using either the interactive survey form on the NPEFS data collection Web site at: <http://surveys.nces.ed.gov/ccdnpefs> or ED Form 2447.

Any resubmissions of FY 2016 or FY 2017 data by SEAs in response to requests for clarification or reconciliation or other inquiries by NCES or the Census Bureau must be completed through the interactive survey form on the NPEFS data collection Web site or ED Form 2447 by Tuesday, September 4, 2018. If an SEA submits revised data after the final deadline that result in a lower SPPE figure, the SEA's allocations may be adjusted downward, or the Department may direct the SEA to return funds. SEAs should be aware that all of these data are subject to audit and that, if any inaccuracies are discovered in the audit process, the Department may seek recovery of overpayments for the applicable programs.

Note: The following are important dates in the data collection process for FY 2017 data and revisions to reports for previous fiscal years:

January 31, 2018—SEAs can begin to submit accurate and complete data for FY 2017 and revisions to previously submitted data for FY 2016.

March 30, 2018—Date by which SEAs are urged to submit accurate and complete data for FY 2016 and FY 2017.

August 15, 2018—Mandatory final submission date for FY 2016 and FY 2017 data to be used for program funding allocation purposes.

September 4, 2018—Mandatory final deadline for responses by SEAs to requests for clarification or reconciliation or other

inquiries by NCES or the Census Bureau. All data issues must be resolved.

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Authority: 20 U.S.C. 9543.

Dated: November 9, 2017.

Thomas Brock,

Commissioner, National Center for Education Research Delegated the Duties of the Director for the Institute of Education Sciences.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. EL18-28-000; QF12-252-004]

Elk Hills Power, LLC; Notice of Request for Waiver

Take notice that on November 8, 2017, pursuant to section 292.205(c) of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) implementing the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, as amended 18 CFR 292.205(c) (2017), Elk Hills Power, LLC (EHP) submitted a request for limited waiver of the operating standard set forth in section 292.205(a)(1) for the topping-cycle cogeneration facility owned and

operated by EHP, as more fully explained in its request.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of 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 5 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the eLibrary link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an eSubscription link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on November 29, 2017.

Dated: November 9, 2017.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. RD17-8-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-725HH); Comment Request; Revision and Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of revised 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 revisions to the information collection, FERC-725HH (RF Reliability Standards) which will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review of the information collection requirements.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due January 16, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Docket Nos. RD17-8-000 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-725HH, RF Reliability Standards.

OMB Control Number: 1902-0256.

Type of Request: Three-year approval of the FERC-725HH information collection requirements, as modified by Docket No. RD17-8-000.

Abstract: The information collected by the FERC-725HH is required to implement the statutory provisions of section 215 of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. 824o). Section 215 of the FPA buttresses the Commission's efforts to strengthen the reliability of the interstate grid through the grant of new authority by providing for a system of mandatory Reliability Standards developed by the Electric Reliability Organization (ERO). In July 2006, the Commission certified the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) as the ERO.¹

Reliability Standards that the ERO proposes to the Commission may include Reliability Standards that are proposed to the ERO by a Regional Entity.² A Regional Entity is an entity that has been approved by the Commission to enforce Reliability Standards under delegated authority from the ERO.³ On March 17, 2011, the Commission approved a regional Reliability Standard submitted by the ERO that was developed by the ReliabilityFirst Corporation (RF).⁴

RF promotes bulk electric system reliability in the Eastern Interconnection. RF is the Regional Entity responsible for compliance monitoring and enforcement in the RF region. In addition, RF provides an environment for the development of Reliability Standards and the coordination of the operating and planning activities of its members as set forth in the RF bylaws.

There is one regional Reliability Standard in the RF region. The regional Reliability Standard requires planning coordinators within the RF geographical footprint to analyze, assess and document resource adequacy for load in the RF footprint annually, to utilize a "one day in ten years" loss of load criterion, and to document and post load and resource capability in each area or transmission-constrained sub-area identified.

- BAL-502-RFC-02 (Planning Resource Adequacy Analysis, Assessment and Documentation)⁵ establishes common criteria, based on "one day in ten year" loss of load expectation principles, for the analysis, assessment, and documentation of resource adequacy for load in the RF region.

The Commission's request to OMB reflects the following:

- Implementing the regional Reliability Standard BAL-502-RF-03 and the retirement of regional Reliability Standard BAL-502-RFC-02⁶ which is discussed below.

sub nom. Alcoa, Inc. v. FERC, 564 F.3d 1342 (D.C. Cir. 2009).

² 16 U.S.C. 824o(e)(4).

³ 16 U.S.C. 824o(a)(7) and (e)(4).

⁴ *Planning Resource Adequacy Assessment Reliability Standard*, Order No. 747, 134 FERC 61,212 (2011).

⁵ BAL-502-RFC-02 is included in the OMB-approved inventory for FERC-725H.

⁶ Burden associated with BAL-502-RF-02 Reliability Standard was once contained in FERC-725H information collection (OMB Control No. 1902-0256). FERC-725H was discontinued on 3/6/2014. However, the requirements of BAL-502-RF-02 were still imposed on NERC entities. Those requirements are now being retired with no removal of burden (any associated burden was removed concurrent with the discontinuance).

¹ *North American Electric Reliability Corp.*, 116 FERC 61,062 (ERO Certification Order), *order on reh'g & compliance*, 117 FERC 61,126 (2006), *aff'd*