at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov) telephone at (202) 502–8663, and fax at (202) 273–0873.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** FERC–725J (Definition of the Bulk Electric System).

OMB Control No.: 1902–0259.

**Type of Request:** Three-year extension of the FERC–725J with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

**Abstract:** 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.¹

**Type of Respondents:** Generator owners, distribution providers, other NERC-registered entities.

**Estimate of Annual Burden:** The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden and cost ³ for the information collection as:

### FERC–725J (DEFINITION OF THE BULK ELECTRIC SYSTEM)

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**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 estimates 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.

²The estimated hourly cost (salary plus benefits) is based on the figures for May 2018 posted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the Utilities sector (available at [http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics2.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics2.htm)) and updated March 2019 for benefits information (at [http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pecrart1.htm](http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pecrart1.htm)). The hourly estimates for salary plus benefits are:

- Legal (code 23–0000), $142.86
- File Clerks (code 43–4071), $34.50
- Electrical Engineer (code 17–2071), $68.17

The average hourly burden cost for this collection is $81.84 ([$142.86 + $34.50 + $68.17] / 3 = $81.84) and is rounded to $82.00 an hour.

³Revisions to Electric Reliability Organization Definition of Bulk Electric System and Rules of Procedure, Order No. 773, 141 FERC 61,236 (2012); order on rehe’g, Order No. 773–A, 143 FERC 61,053 (2013); order on rehe’g and clarification, 144 FERC 61,174 (2013); aff’d sub nom., People of the State of New York and the Pub. Serv. Comm’n of New York v. FERC, No. 13–0873 (2d. Cir. 2015). On June 13, 2013, the Commission granted NERC’s request for extension of time and extended the effective date for the revised definition of bulk electric system and the Rules of Procedure exception process to July 1, 2014. Revisions to Electric Reliability Organization Definition of Bulk Electric System and Rules of Procedure, 143 FERC 61,231, at P 13 (2013). On March 20, 2014, the Commission approved NERC’s revisions to the definition of bulk electric system and determined the revisions either adequately address the Commission’s Order Nos. 773 and 773–A directives or provide an equally effective and efficient approach. See order approving revised definition, 146 FERC ¶ 61,199 (2014).

¹Burden is defined 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. See 5 CFR 1320 for additional information on the definition of information collection burden.

Dated: August 7, 2019.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric corporate filings:

Applicants: Simon Solar Farm LLC.
Description: Application for Authorization Under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act, et al. of Simon Solar Farm LLC.
Filed Date: 8/6/19.
Accession Number: 20190806–5167.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/7/19.

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

Docket Numbers: ER18–1156–001.
Applicants: St. Joseph Energy Center, LLC.
Description: Report Filing: Refund Report to be effective N/A.
Filed Date: 8/7/19.
Accession Number: 20190807–5047.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/7/19.

Applicant: Essential Power Rock Springs, LLC.
Description: Report Filing: Refund Report to be effective N/A.
Filed Date: 8/7/19.
Accession Number: 20190807–5042.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/7/19.

The filings are accessible in the Commission’s eLibrary system by clicking on the links or querying the docket number.

Any person desiring to intervene or protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission’s Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date.

Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.


Dated: August 7, 2019.
Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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[Project No. 2880–015]

Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission and Soliciting Additional Study Requests and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Licensing and Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments: Cherokee Falls Hydroelectric Project, LLC

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

a. Type of Application: New License.
b. Project No.: 2880–015.
c. Date Filed: July 31, 2019.
d. Applicant: Cherokee Falls Hydroelectric Project, LLC.
e. Name of Project: Cherokee Falls Hydroelectric Project (Cherokee Falls Project).
f. Location: The existing project is located on the Broad River, in Cherokee County, South Carolina. The project does not affect federal lands.

i. FERC Contact: Michael Spencer at (202) 502–3603, or at michael.spencer@ferc.gov.

j. Cooperating agencies: Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues that wish to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document should follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item i below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission’s policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. See, 94 FERC 61,076 (2001).

k. Pursuant to section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission’s regulations, if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merits, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the application, and