

powerhouse that contains one turbine-generator unit with a total installed capacity of 1,220 kW; (5) a proposed 200-foot-long, 50-foot-wide, 8-foot-deep

discharge bay; and (6) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would have an estimated annual generating capacity of 4,440 megawatt-hours.

A qualifying conduit hydropower facility is one that is determined or deemed to meet all of the criteria shown in the table below.

TABLE 1—CRITERIA FOR QUALIFYING CONDUIT HYDROPOWER FACILITY

Statutory provision	Description	Satisfies (Y/N)
FPA 30(a)(3)(A), as amended by HREA .....	The conduit the facility uses is a tunnel, canal, pipeline, aqueduct, flume, ditch, or similar manmade water conveyance that is operated for the distribution of water for agricultural, municipal, or industrial consumption and not primarily for the generation of electricity.	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(i), as amended by HREA .....	The facility is constructed, operated, or maintained for the generation of electric power and uses for such generation only the hydroelectric potential of a non-federally owned conduit.	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(ii), as amended by HREA .....	The facility has an installed capacity that does not exceed 5 megawatts .....	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(iii), as amended by HREA .....	On or before August 9, 2013, the facility is not licensed, or exempted from the licensing requirements of Part I of the FPA.	Y

*Preliminary Determination:* Based upon the above criteria, Commission staff preliminarily determines that the proposal satisfies the requirements for a qualifying conduit hydropower facility, which is not required to be licensed or exempted from licensing.

*Comments and Motions to Intervene:* Deadline for filing comments contesting whether the facility meets the qualifying criteria is 45 days from the issuance date of this notice.

Deadline for filing motions to intervene is 30 days from the issuance date of this notice.

Anyone may submit comments or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210 and 385.214. Any motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular proceeding.

*Filing and Service of Responsive Documents:* All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the “COMMENTS CONTESTING QUALIFICATION FOR A CONDUIT HYDROPOWER FACILITY” or “MOTION TO INTERVENE,” as applicable; (2) state in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) state the name, address, and telephone number of the person filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of sections 385.2001 through 385.2005 of the Commission’s regulations.<sup>1</sup> All comments contesting Commission staff’s preliminary determination that the facility meets the qualifying criteria must set forth their evidentiary basis.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene and comments using the Commission’s eFiling system at [http://](http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp)

[www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp](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](mailto: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. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

*Locations of Notice of Intent:* Copies of the notice of intent can be obtained directly from the applicant or such copies can be viewed and reproduced at the Commission in its Public Reference Room, Room 2A, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. The filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp> using the “eLibrary” link. Enter the docket number (e.g., CD15-21-000) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3676 or email [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Dated: April 6, 2015.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC-15-5-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-552); Comment Request; Extension

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection, FERC-552, Annual Report of Natural Gas Transactions.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due June 15, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC-15-5-000) 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.

Please reference the specific collection number and/or title in your comments.

*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](mailto:ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov), or by phone at: (866) 208-3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502-8659 for TTY.

<sup>1</sup> 18 CFR 385.2001-2005 (2014).

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Type of Request:* Three-year extension of the FERC-552 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

**FERC-552, Annual Report of Natural Gas Transactions**

*OMB Control No.:* 1902-0242.

*Abstract:* The Commission uses the information collected within the FERC-552 to provide greater transparency concerning the use of indices to price natural gas and how well index prices reflect market forces. The collection also includes transactions that contribute to, or may contribute to natural gas price indices. Many market participants rely on indices as a way to reference market prices without taking on the risks of active trading.

FERC-552 had its genesis in the Energy Policy Act of 2005<sup>1</sup>, which

added section 23 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA). Section 23 of the NGA, among other things, directs the Commission “to facilitate price transparency in markets for the sale or transportation of physical natural gas in interstate commerce, having due regard for the public interest, the integrity of those markets, and the protection of consumers.”<sup>2</sup>

*Type of Respondents:* Wholesale natural gas market participants

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*<sup>3</sup> The Commission estimates the total Public Reporting Burden for this information collection as:

**FERC-552—ANNUAL REPORT OF NATURAL GAS TRANSACTIONS**

	Number of respondents <sup>6</sup>	Number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden hours per response	Estimated total annual burden
	(A)	(B)	(A) × (B) = (C)	(D)	(C) × (D)
Wholesale natural gas market participants .....	666	1	666	10	6,660

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$478,652 [6,660 hours ÷ 2,080<sup>4</sup> hours/year = 3.201923 \* \$149,489/year<sup>5</sup> = \$478,652].

The estimated annual cost of filing the FERC-552 per response is \$719 [\$478,652 ÷ 666 responses = \$719/response]

*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.

Dated: April 9, 2015.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket Nos. ER15-861-000; EL15-53-000]

**California Independent System Operator Corporation; Supplemental Notice Concerning Post Technical Conference Comments**

By order issued in this proceeding on March 16, 2015,<sup>1</sup> the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission directed its staff to convene a technical conference to develop a record regarding issues related to imbalance energy price spikes experienced in PacifiCorp’s balancing authority areas subsequent to PacifiCorp’s full activation in the California Independent System Operator Corporation’s Energy Imbalance Market, and to facilitate the development of a long-term solution. Parties wishing to file post-technical conference comments should do so on or before April 23, 2015.

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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<sup>1</sup>Pub. L. 109-58.  
<sup>2</sup>15 U.S.C. 717t-2.

<sup>3</sup>Burden 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. For further explanation of what is included in the information

collection burden, reference 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3(b)(1).  
<sup>4</sup>2,080 hours = 40 hours/week \* 52 weeks (1 year).  
<sup>5</sup>Average annual salary per FERC employee in 2015. We are using FERC cost (salary and benefits) as it fairly reflects an estimate for the industry cost.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**Notice of Effectiveness of Exempt Wholesale Generator or Foreign Utility Company Status**

Old Mill Solar, L.L.C	EG15-36-000
Joliet Battery Storage LLC.	EG15-38-000
West Chicago Battery Storage LLC.	EG15-39-000
Baffin Wind LLC .....	EG15-40-000
RE Barren Ridge 1 LLC.	EG15-41-000
RE Tranquillity LLC	EG15-42-000
RE Roserock LLC .....	EG15-43-000
Malaga Power, LLC ..	EG15-44-000
Goshen Wind, LP .....	FC15-5-000

Take notice that during the month of March 2015, the status of the above-captioned entities as Exempt Wholesale Generators or Foreign Utility Companies became effective by operation of the Commission’s regulations. 18 CFR 366.7(a).

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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<sup>6</sup>Number of respondents as of the 2013 Form 552 survey.

<sup>1</sup>Cal. Indep. Sys. Operator Corp., 150 FERC ¶ 61,191 (2015).