

FERC-725K—MANDATORY RELIABILITY STANDARD FOR THE SERC REGION

	Number of respondents ²	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden & cost per response ³	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost	Cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
Annual Review and Record Retention.	27 (PC)	1	27	24 hrs. \$1,696.08	648 hrs. \$45,794.16	\$1,696.08
	212 (GO)	1	212	20 hrs. 1,413.40	4,240 hrs. 299,640.80	1,413.40
	70 (TO)	1	70	12 hrs. 848.04	840 hrs. 59,362.80	848.04
	95 (DP)	1	95	12 hrs. 848.04	1,140 hrs. 80,563.80	848.04
Total	404	6,868 hrs. 485,361.56	4,805.56

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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Carlos D. Clay,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP25-233-000]

Magnum Gas Storage, LLC; Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the 2025 Amendment Project

On April 21, 2025, Magnum Gas Storage, LLC (Magnum) filed an application in Docket No. CP25-233-000 requesting to amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (Certificate) issued pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act for the Magnum Gas Storage Project. The proposed project is known as the 2025 Amendment Project (Project) and includes modification of previously approved facilities, and construction and operation of additional facilities in Millard, Juab, and Utah Counties, Utah for a total of 20.8 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of working natural gas storage capacity.

On April 30, 2025, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or

FERC) issued its Notice of Application for the Project. Among other things, that notice alerted agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on a request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's environmental document for the Project.

This notice identifies Commission staff's intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the Project and the planned schedule for the completion of the environmental review.¹ The EA will be issued for a 30-day comment period.

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA November 13, 2025 90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline² February 11, 2026

If a schedule change becomes necessary, additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the Project's progress.

Project Description

The proposed Project is an amendment to the FERC Certificate issued on March 17, 2011, and amended on November 17, 2016, and April 23, 2020, (Docket Nos. PF09-3-000, CP10-22-000, CP16-18-000, and CP20-77-000). The proposed modifications consist primarily of changes to the locations of previously approved facilities and utilities within areas previously analyzed for environmental impacts. Magnum requests authorization to redesign the two

¹ For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1750685312.

² The Commission's deadline applies to the decisions of other federal agencies, and state agencies acting under federally delegated authority, that are responsible for federal authorizations, permits, and other approvals necessary for proposed projects under the Natural Gas Act. Per 18 CFR 157.22(a), the Commission's deadline for other agency's decisions applies unless a schedule is otherwise established by federal law.

authorized caverns for 5.2 Bcf of working gas each and to construct and operate two additional storage caverns with 5.2 Bcf of working gas capacity each, one additional brine disposal pond and related facilities, and two new pipeline interconnections.

Background

On June 17, 2025, the Commission issued a Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on *Environmental Issues for the Proposed 2025 Amendment Project*. (Notice of Scoping). The Notice of Scoping was sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. Prior to the issuance of the Notice of Scoping, the Commission received comments from two landowners. The concerns raised were impacts to adjacent land use, property rights, and lack of adequate project information. All substantive comments will be addressed in the EA.

Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. This service provides automatic notification of filings made to subscribed dockets, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview> to register for eSubscription.

The Commission's Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, community organizations, Tribal members and others, access publicly available information and navigate Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the

public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502–6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

Additional information about the Project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (866) 208–FERC or on the FERC website (www.ferc.gov). Using the “eLibrary” link, select “General Search” from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and “Docket Number” excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, CP25–233), and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to eLibrary, the helpline can be reached at (866) 208–3676, TTY (202) 502–8659, or at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. The eLibrary link on the FERC website also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM20–12–000]

Potential Enhancements to the Critical Infrastructure Protection Reliability Standards

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Withdrawal of notice of inquiry and termination of rulemaking proceeding.

SUMMARY: The Commission withdraws a notice of inquiry, which sought comment on whether the then-effective Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) Reliability Standards adequately addressed: cybersecurity risks pertaining to data security, detection of anomalies and events, and mitigation of cybersecurity events. The Commission also sought comment on the potential risk of a coordinated cyberattack on geographically distributed targets and whether Commission action, including potential modifications to the CIP Reliability Standards, would be appropriate to address such risk.

DATES: This withdrawal will become effective July 31, 2025.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 1. On June 18, 2020, the Commission issued a notice of inquiry in this proceeding. The notice of inquiry sought comment on potential enhancements to the Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) Reliability Standards corresponding to certain aspects of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework (NIST Framework) and the risk of coordinated cyberattack to the security and reliability of the Bulk-Power System.¹

2. As set forth below, we exercise our discretion to withdraw the notice of inquiry and terminate this rulemaking proceeding.

I. Background

3. In the notice of inquiry, the Commission sought comment on whether the then-effective CIP Reliability Standards adequately addressed the following topics: (i) cybersecurity risks pertaining to data security, (ii) detection of anomalies and events, and (iii) mitigation of cybersecurity events. Commission staff identified these topics after reviewing the NIST Framework and comparing its content to that of the CIP Reliability Standards. The Commission also sought comment on the potential risk of a coordinated cyberattack on geographically distributed targets and whether Commission action, including potential modifications to the CIP Reliability Standards, would be proper to address such risk. In issuing the notice of inquiry, the Commission explained that as “new cyber threats continue to evolve, the Reliability Standards should keep pace to support a robust, defense in depth approach to electric grid cybersecurity.”²

A. Comments

4. The Commission received 24 comments in response to the questions posed in the notice of inquiry.³ Most

¹ *Potential Enhancements to the Critical Infrastructure Prot. Reliability Standards*, Notice of Inquiry, 171 FERC ¶ 61,215 (June 18, 2020) (Notice of Inquiry); NIST, *Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity*, (Apr. 16, 2018), <https://nvlpubs.nist.gov/nistpubs/CSWP/NIST.CSWP.04162018.pdf>.

² Notice of Inquiry, 171 FERC ¶ 62,215 at P 2.

³ Comments were received from: jointly, American Public Power Association (APPA) and Large Public Power Council (LPPC); Jonathan Appelbaum (Appelbaum); Canadian Electricity Association; Cogentrix Energy Power Management, LLC; Jason Christopher and Tim Conway (Christopher and Conway); George R. Cotter; Jointly, Edison Electric Institute (EEI) and Electric Power Supply Association (EPSA); Forescout Technologies, Inc. (Forescout); Independent System Operators and Regional Transmission Organizations Council (IRC); National Rural Electric Cooperative Association; New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJ PUC); North American Electric Reliability

commenters responded that the then-effective Reliability Standards, together with Reliability Standards pending implementation and Reliability Standards under development by NERC at that time, adequately addressed the NIST Framework categories identified in the notice of inquiry.⁴ Other commenters acknowledged that the Reliability Standards may not address some aspects of the NIST Framework but asserted that the NIST Framework and CIP Reliability Standards serve fundamentally different purposes and, as a result, cautioned against an apples-to-apples comparison of the two regimes.⁵ Some commenters did identify potential areas for improvement.⁶

5. Regarding coordinated cyberattacks, the comments identified Reliability Standards, NERC programs, and voluntary actions that industry was taking to address the potential risk.⁷ Other commenters suggested that there should be additional protections for low impact bulk electric system (BES) Cyber Systems.⁸

II. Discussion

6. We appreciate the feedback that the Commission received in response to the notice of inquiry. After careful consideration of the record, including later actions by NERC and the Commission to address issues core to the notice of inquiry, we exercise our discretion to withdraw the notice of inquiry and terminate this proceeding.⁹

Corporation (NERC); MISO Transmission Owners (MISO TO); Reliable Energy Analytics, LLC (REA); Siemens Energy, Inc.; Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA); Southern Company Services, Inc. for Southern Power Co., Mississippi Power Co., Georgia Power Co., and Alabama Power Co.; Southwestern Power Administration; Transmission Access Policy Study Group; United States Army Corps of Engineers; United States Bureau of Reclamation; Western Area Power Administration; Wolverine Power Supply Cooperative, Inc.; and XTec, Inc.

⁴ See *e.g.*, NERC Comments at 7; EEI and EPSA Comments at 8–10; MISO TOs Comments at 5–6; IRC Comments at 2–3.

⁵ See *e.g.*, EEI/EPSA Comments at 4; APPA and LPPC Comments at 1–2; Christopher and Conway Comments at 6. Other comments support the use of the NIST Framework as a reference. See *e.g.*, NJ PUC Comments at 3.

⁶ See *e.g.*, REA Comments at 3–4; Appelbaum Comments at 9, 16.

⁷ See NERC Comments at 16 (explaining it could mitigate the risks of coordinated cyberattacks through: (1) assessments, reports, and studies; (2) alerts and lessons learned issuances; (3) collaboration on risk prioritization with stakeholders; (4) information sharing; and (5) simulated training exercises); see also SEIA Comments at 6; EEI and EPSA Comments at 14–15; MISO TO Comments at 8–9.

⁸ See *e.g.*, Applebaum Comments at 25; Forescout Comments at 1–2.

⁹ See *e.g.*, *Revised Pub. Util. Filing Requirements for Elec. Quarterly Repts.*, 169 FERC ¶ 61,236 (2019)

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