

manufactured gas for heat, light, or power, within the United States; and (2) [n]either the company nor any of its subsidiary companies is a public-utility company operating in the United States.”²

In the case of EWGs, the person filing a notice of self-certification must also

file a copy of the notice of self-certification with the state regulatory authority of the state in which the facility is located. In addition, that person must represent to the Commission in its submission that it has filed a copy of the notice with the appropriate state regulatory authority.³

Type of Respondents: EWGs and FUCOs.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*⁴ The Commission estimates the total annual burden and cost⁵ for this information collection as follows.

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[Self-certification for entities seeking exempt wholesale generator status or foreign utility company status]

A. Number of respondents (EWGs and FUCOs)	B. Annual number of responses per respondent	C. Total number of responses (Column A × Column B)	D. Average burden hrs. & cost (\$) per response	E. Total annual burden hours & total annual cost (Column C × Column D)	F. Average cost per respondent (\$) (Column E ÷ Column 1)
300	1	300	6 hrs.; \$600	1,800 hrs.; \$180,000	\$600

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: January 18, 2024.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 3240-040—New Hampshire Rolfe Canal Hydroelectric Project; Project No. 6689-018—New Hampshire Penacook Upper Falls Hydroelectric Project; Project No. 3342-025—New Hampshire Penacook Lower Falls Hydroelectric Project]

Briar Hydro Associates, LLC; Notice of Waiver Period for Water Quality Certification Application

On November 28, 2023, Briar Hydro Associates, LLC submitted to the

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) a copy of its applications for Clean Water Act section 401(a)(1) water quality certifications filed with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, in conjunction with the above captioned projects. Pursuant to 40 CFR 121.6 and section [4.34(b)(5), 5.23(b), 153.4, or 157.22] of the Commission's regulations,¹ we hereby notify the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services of the following:

Date of Receipt of the Certification Requests: November 28, 2023.

Reasonable Period of Time to Act on the Certification Requests: One year, November 28, 2024.

If the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services fails or refuses to act on the water quality certification requests on or before the above date, then the agency certifying authority is deemed waived pursuant to section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1341(a)(1).

Dated: January 19, 2024.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER24-935-000]

Frederick Energy Storage LLC; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of Frederick Energy Storage LLC's application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is February 8, 2024.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and

² *Id.*

³ 18 CFR 366.7(a).

⁴ “Burden” is 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, refer to 5 CFR 1320.3.

⁵ The Commission staff thinks that the average respondent for this collection is similarly situated

to the Commission, in terms of salary plus benefits. Based upon FERC's FY 2024 annual full-time equivalent average of \$207,786 (for salary plus benefits), the average hourly cost is \$100 per hour.

¹ 18 CFR [4.34(b)(5)/5.23(b)/153.4/157.22].