

issues. Agenda: Introduction; Board Business: Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2024, Swearing in of Presidential Appointees, Approval of the "2024 Rules of the US Military Academy Board of Visitors," Approval of the Minutes from the July 2023 Meeting, select Summer meeting date; Superintendent's Remarks; Open Discussion; Developing Leaders of Character; Promoting a Professional Climate; and Continuously Transforming Toward Preeminence.

Public's Accessibility to the Meeting: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102–3.140 through 102–3.165 and subject to the availability of space, this meeting is open to the public. Seating is on a first to arrive basis. Attendees are requested to submit their name, affiliation, and daytime phone number seven business days prior to the meeting to Mrs. Ghostlaw, via electronic mail, the preferred mode of submission, at the address listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.140d, the Committee is not obligated to allow a member of the public to speak or otherwise address the Committee during the meeting, and members of the public attending the Committee meeting will not be permitted to present questions from the floor or speak to any issue under consideration by the Committee. Because the Committee meeting will be held in a Federal Government facility security screening is required. A government photo ID is required to enter the building. The Library of Congress Building is fully handicapped accessible. Wheelchair access is available at 10 First Street SE, Washington, DC. Enter on First Street or Second Street side of building.

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Written Comments or Statements: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.105(j) and 102–3.140 and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the public or interested organizations may submit written comments or statements to the committee, in response to the stated agenda of the open meeting or in regard to the committee's mission in general. Written comments or statements should be submitted to Mrs. Ghostlaw, the Committee Designated Federal Officer, via electronic mail, the preferred mode of submission, at the address listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Each page of the comment or statement must include the author's name, title or

affiliation, address, and daytime phone number. Written comments or statements being submitted in response to the agenda set forth in this notice must be received by the Designated Federal Official at least seven business days prior to the meeting to be considered by the Committee. The Designated Federal Official will review all timely submitted written comments or statements with the Committee Chairperson and ensure the comments are provided to all members of the Committee before the meeting. Written comments or statements received after this date may not be provided to the committee until its next meeting.

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.140d, the committee is not obligated to allow a member of the public to speak or otherwise address the Committee during the meeting. However, the Committee Designated Federal Official and Chairperson may choose to invite certain submitters to present their comments verbally during the open portion of this meeting or at a future meeting. The Designated Federal Officer, in consultation with the Committee Chairperson, may allot a specific amount of time for submitters to present their comments verbally.

James W. Satterwhite Jr.,
Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RD24–2–000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–725E); Comment Request; Revision and Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice for revision and extension of 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 the revision and extension to the information collection, FERC–725E (Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Western Electric Coordinating Council).

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due April 8, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may submit your comments (identified by Docket No.

RD24–2–000) on FERC–725E by one of the following methods:

Electronic filing through <https://www.ferc.gov> is preferred.

- **Electronic Filing:** Documents must be filed in acceptable native applications and print-to-PDF, but not in scanned or picture format.

- For those unable to file electronically, comments may be filed by USPS mail or by hand (including courier) delivery:

- **Mail via U.S. Postal Service Only:**

Addressed to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

- **Hand (including courier) Delivery:**

Deliver to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

Instructions: All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <https://www.ferc.gov>. For user assistance, contact FERC Online Support by email at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or by phone at (866) 208–3676 (toll-free).

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 <https://www.ferc.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jean Sonneman may be reached by email at DataClearance@FERC.gov, telephone at (202) 502–6362.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC–725E, Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Western Electric Coordinating Council (WECC).

OMB Control No.: 1902–0246.

Type of Request: Revision and extension to the FERC–725E information collection requirements.

Abstract: FERC–725E is the information collection that 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). Reliability Standards that the ERO proposes to the Commission may include Reliability Standards that are proposed to the ERO by a Regional Entity.¹ A Regional Entity is an entity that has been approved by the Commission to enforce Reliability Standards under delegated authority from the ERO.² On June 8, 2008, the Commission approved eight regional

¹ 16 U.S.C. 824o(e)(4).

² 16 U.S.C. 824o(a)(7) and (e)(4).

Reliability Standards submitted by the ERO that were proposed by WECC.³

WECC promotes bulk electric system reliability in the Western Interconnection. WECC is the Regional Entity responsible for compliance monitoring and enforcement. In addition, WECC 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 WECC Bylaws.

There are several regional Reliability Standards in the WECC region. These regional Reliability Standards generally require entities to document compliance with substantive requirements, retain documentation, and submit reports to WECC.

In RD24–2–000, standard VAR–501–WECC–3.1 is being updated for syntax and the proposed changes have been deemed non-substantive. The currently approved VAR–501–WECC–3.1 is being replaced by VAR–501–WECC–4. The changes include updates to document numbering, the removal and replacement of obsolete language, and removal of redundant language.

For the purposes of the extension, the following standards will remain unchanged:

- BAL–002–WECC–3 (Contingency Reserve)⁴ requires balancing authorities and reserve sharing groups to document compliance with the contingency reserve requirements described in the standard.

- BAL–004–WECC–3 (Automatic Time Error Correction)⁵ requires balancing authorities to document that time error corrections and primary inadvertent interchange payback were conducted according to the requirements in the standard.

- FAC–501–WECC–2 (Transmission Maintenance)⁶ requires transmission owners with certain transmission paths to have a transmission maintenance and inspection plan and to document maintenance and inspection activities according to the plan.

- IRO–006–WECC–3 (Qualified Transfer Path Unscheduled Flow (USF) Relief)⁷ requires balancing authorities and reliability coordinators to document actions taken to mitigate unscheduled flow.

- VAR–501–WECC–4 (Power System Stabilizers (PSS)) requires the Western

Interconnection is operated in a coordinated manner under normal and abnormal conditions by establishing the performance criteria for WECC power system stabilizers.

Type of Respondents: Balancing authorities, reserve sharing groups, transmission owners, reliability coordinators, transmission operators, generator operators and generator owners.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*⁸ We provide the tables below with burden estimates which show the current burden estimates which include the ongoing burden associated with reporting and recordkeeping requirements, which are not changing in RD24–2–000. Further, the change in RD24–2–000 is considered non-substantive, therefore, the Commission is estimating that there is no change in the burden estimates from the currently approved estimates.

In Table 1, the Commission highlights the burden estimates for the VAR–501–WECC–4 (updated in Docket no. RD24–2–000). In Table 2, the Commission estimates the total estimated burden for the entirety of the FERC 725E collection.

FERC–725E, MANDATORY RELIABILITY STANDARDS FOR THE WESTERN ELECTRIC COORDINATING COUNCIL, CHANGES IN DOCKET NO. RD24–2–000

Entity	Number of respondents ⁹	Annual number of responses per respondent	Annual number of responses	Average burden hrs. & cost ¹⁰ per response (\$)	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost (\$)	Cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1) = (6)
Standard VAR–501–WECC–4						
<i>Reporting Requirements</i>						
Generator Owners and/or Operators annual	311	2	622	1 hr.; \$91.81	622 hrs.; \$57,105.82	\$183.62
<i>Recordkeeping Requirements</i>						
Generator Owners and/or Operators annual	311	2	622	0.5 hrs.; 28.07	311 hrs.; \$17,459.54	56.14

³ N. Am. Electric Reliability Corp., 119 FERC ¶ 61,260 (2007).

⁴ BAL–002–WECC–2 is included in the OMB-approved inventory for FERC–725E. On November 9, 2016, NERC and WECC submitted a joint petition for approval of an interpretation of BAL–002–WECC–2, to be designated BAL–002–WECC–2a. BAL–002–WECC–2a was approved by order in Docket No. RD17–3–000 on January 24, 2017. The Order determined: “The proposed interpretation provides clarification regarding the types of resources that may be used to satisfy Contingency Reserve requirements in regional Reliability Standard BAL–002–WECC–2.” BAL–002–WECC–2a did not trigger the Paperwork Reduction Act and did not affect the burden estimate. BAL–002–WECC–2a is being included in this Notice and the Commission’s submittal to OMB as part of the FERC–725E. BAL–002–WECC–3 became effective June 28, 2021, under docket RM19–20–000 in Order No. 876, replacing BAL–002–WECC–2a.

⁵ BAL–004–WECC–3 was approved under docket RD18–2–000 on May 30, 2018.

⁶ FAC–501–WECC–2 was approved under docket RD18–5–000 on May 30, 2018.

⁷ On December 20, 2013, NERC and WECC submitted a joint petition for approval of IRO–006–WECC–2 and retirement of IRO–006–WECC–1. IRO–006–WECC–2 was approved by order in Docket No. RD14–9–000 on May 13, 2014. IRO–006–WECC–3 was approved by order in Docket No. RD19–4–000 on May 10, 2019. Because the reporting burden for IRO–006–WECC–3 did not increase for entities that operate within the Western Interconnection, FERC submitted the order to OMB for information only. The burden related to IRO–006–WECC–3 does not differ from the burden of IRO–006–WECC–2, which is included in the OMB-approved inventory. IRO–006–WECC–3 is being included in this Notice and the Commission’s submittal to OMB as part of FERC–725E.

⁸ 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, refer to 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

⁹ The number of respondents is derived from the NERC Compliance Registry as of December 15, 2023.

¹⁰ For VAR–501–WECC–4, the 2023 hourly cost (for salary plus benefits) uses the figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics for three positions involved in the reporting and recordkeeping requirements. These figures include salary (http://bls.gov/oes/current/naics2_22.htm) and benefits (<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/ecen.nr0.htm>) and are:

1. Manager: \$106.33/hour
2. Engineer: \$77.29/hour
3. Information and Record Clerk: \$56.14/hour

The hourly cost for the reporting requirements (\$91.81) is an average of the cost of a manager and engineer. The hourly cost for recordkeeping requirements uses the cost of an Information and Record Clerk (\$56.14/hour).

**FERC-725E, MANDATORY RELIABILITY STANDARDS FOR THE WESTERN ELECTRIC COORDINATING COUNCIL, CHANGES IN
DOCKET NO. RD24-2-000—Continued**

Entity	Number of respondents ⁹	Annual number of responses per respondent	Annual number of responses	Average burden hrs. & cost ¹⁰ per response (\$)	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost (\$)	Cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1) = (6)
Burden Annual for VAR-501-WECC- 4					933 hrs.; \$74,565.36	

*Net Burden for FERC-725E, for
Submittal to OMB.* The table below
describes the new and continuing
information collection requirements and

the associated burden for FERC-725E.
(The burden in Table 2 refers to burden
associated with VAR-501-WECC-4,
BAL-002-WECC-3, BAL-004-WECC-3,

FAC-501-WECC-2, and IRO-006-
WECC-3).

FERC-725E, MANDATORY RELIABILITY STANDARDS FOR THE WESTERN ELECTRIC COORDINATING COUNCIL

[Continuing information collection requirements]

Entity	Number of respondents ¹¹	Annual number of responses per respondent	Annual number of responses	Average burden hrs. & cost per response (\$)	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost (\$)	Cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1) = (6)

Reporting Requirements

Balancing Authorities	34	1	34	21 hrs., \$1,928.01	714 hrs., \$65,552.34	\$1,928.01
Transmission Owners that op- erate qualified transfer paths	5	3	15	40 hrs., 3,672.40	600 hrs., 55,086.00	11,017.20
Reliability Coordinators	2	1	2	1 hr., 91.81	2 hr., 183.62	91.81
Reserve Sharing Group	2	1	2	1 hr., 91.81	2 hrs., 183.62	91.81
Generator Owners and/or Op- erators annual for VAR- 501-WECC-4	311	2	622	1 hr.; 91.81	622 hrs.; 57,105.82	183.62
Total Annual Reporting Requirements for FERC-725E					1,940 hrs.; \$178,111.40	

Recordkeeping Requirements

Balancing Authorities	34	1	34	2.1 hrs., 117.89	71.4 hrs., 4,008.40	117.89
Balancing Authorities (IRO- 006)	34	1	34	1 hr., 56.14	34 hrs., 1,908.76	56.14
Reliability Coordinator	2	1	2	1 hr.; 56.14	2 hr.; 112.28	56.14
Generator Owners and/or Op- erators annual for VAR- 501-WECC-4	311	2	622	0.5 hrs.; 28.07	311 hrs.; 17,459.54	56.14
Total Annual Recordkeeping for FERC-725E					418.4 hrs.; \$23,488.98	
Total Annual Burden for FERC-725E					2,358.4 hrs.; \$201,600.38	

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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Debbie-Anne Reese,

Acting Secretary.

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¹¹ The number of respondents is derived from the
NERC Compliance Registry as of December 15,
2023, and represent unique US register entities in
the WECC regional area.