

**DATES:** Thursday, May 17, 2012, from 3:30 p.m.–4 p.m. (EST). To receive the call-in number and passcode, please contact the Board's Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at the address or phone number listed below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gil Sperling, STEAB Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585. Phone number is (202) 287–1644.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of the Board:* To make recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy regarding goals and objectives, programmatic and administrative policies, and to otherwise carry out the Board's responsibilities as designated in the State Energy Efficiency Programs Improvement Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101–440).

*Tentative Agenda:* Plan for the upcoming June 26–28, 2012, live Board meeting; update the Board on the activities of the STEAB's Task Forces; review of EECBG recommendations to DOE; and provide an update to the Board on routine business matters and other topics of interest.

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Gil Sperling at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests to make oral comments must be received five days prior to the meeting; reasonable provision will be made to include requested topic(s) on the agenda. The Chair of the Board is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

*Minutes:* The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review and copying within 60 days on the STEAB Web site, [www.steab.org](http://www.steab.org).

Issued at Washington, DC, on April 23, 2012.

**LaTanya R. Butler,**

*Acting Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**[Docket No. IC12–5–000]**

**Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–65, FERC–65A, and FERC–65B); Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Comment request.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 USC 3507(a)(1)(D), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is submitting the information collections Notification of Holding Company Status (FERC–65), Exemption Notification of Holding Company Status (FERC–65A), and Waiver Notification of Holding Company Status (FERC–65B) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review of the information collection requirements. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission issued a Notice in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 8245, 02/14/2012) requesting public comments. FERC received no comments on the FERC–65, FERC–65A or FERC–65B and is making this notation in its submittal to OMB.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due by May 29, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments filed with OMB (identified by FERC–65, FERC–65A, and/or FERC–65B) should be sent via email to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs: [oira\\_submission@omb.gov](mailto:oira_submission@omb.gov). Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. The Desk Officer may also be reached via telephone at 202–395–4718.

A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, identified by the Docket No. IC12–5–000, 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.

*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.

*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:** Ellen Brown may be reached by email at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), by telephone at (202) 502–8663, and by fax at (202) 273–0873.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Titles:* Notification of Holding Company Status (FERC–65), Exemption Notification of Holding Company Status (FERC–65A), and Waiver Notification of Holding Company Status (FERC–65B).

*OMB Control Nos.:* 1902–0218 (FERC–65), 1902–0216 (FERC–65A), and 1902–0217 (FERC–65B).

*Type of Request:* Three-year extension of the FERC–65, FERC–65A, and FERC–65B information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

*Abstract:*

**FERC–65 (Notification of Holding Company Status)**

The FERC–65 is a one-time informational filing outlined in the Commission's regulations at 18 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 366.4. The FERC–65 must be submitted within 30 days of becoming a holding company. The Commission does not require the information to be reported in a specific format. The filing consists of the name of the holding company, the name of public utilities, the name of natural gas companies in the holding company system, and the names of service companies. The Commission requires the filing to include the names of special-purpose subsidiaries (which provide non-power goods and services) and the names of all affiliates and subsidiaries (and their corporate interrelationship) to each other. Filings may be submitted in hardcopy or electronically through the Commission's eFiling system.

**FERC–65A (Exemption Notification of Holding Company Status)**

While noting the previously outlined requirements of the FERC–65, the Commission has allowed for an exemption from the requirement of providing the Commission with a FERC–65 if the books, accounts, memoranda, and other records of any person are not relevant to the jurisdictional rates of a public utility or natural gas company; or if any class of transactions is not relevant to the

jurisdictional rates of a public utility or natural gas company. Companies seeking this exemption file the FERC-65A. Commission regulations within 18 CFR 366.3 describe the criteria in more specificity.

#### FERC-65B (Waiver Notification of Holding Company Status)

Entities may file a FERC-65B pursuant to the notification procedures contained in 18 CFR 366.4 to obtain a

waiver from the requirement of providing the Commission with a FERC-65 if they meet the requirements in 18 CFR 366.3(c). Specifically, the Commission waives the requirement of providing it with a FERC 65 for any holding company with respect to one or more of the following: (1) Single-state holding company systems; (2) holding companies that own generating facilities that total 100 MW or less in size and are used fundamentally for their own load

or for sales to affiliated end-users; or (3) investors in independent transmission-only companies. Filings may be made in hardcopy or electronically through the Commission's Web site.

*Type of Respondents:* Holding company, Public utilities, natural gas companies, service companies.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*<sup>1</sup> The Commission estimates the total Public Reporting Burden for this information collection as:

#### FERC-65, FERC-65A, AND FERC-65B (IC12-5-000): NOTIFICATION OF HOLDING COMPANY STATUS, EXEMPTION NOTIFICATION, AND WAIVER NOTIFICATION

|  | Number of respondents | Number of responses per respondent | Total number of responses | Average burden hours per response | Estimated total annual burden (hours) |
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|  | (A)                   | (B)                                | (A) × (B) = (C)           | (D)                               | (C) × (D)                             |
| FERC-65 Notification of Holding Company Status ..... | 8                     | 1                                  | 8                         | 3                                 | 24                                    |
| FERC-65A Exemption Notification .....                | 1                     | 1                                  | 1                         | 1                                 | 1                                     |
| FERC-65B Waiver Notification .....                   | 0                     | 1                                  | 0                         | 1                                 | 0                                     |
| Total .....  | <sup>2</sup> N/A      | <sup>2</sup> N/A                   | 9                         | <sup>2</sup> N/A                  | 25                                    |

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$1,725.35. [25 hours ÷ 2,080<sup>3</sup> hours/year = 0.01202 years \* \$143,540/year<sup>4</sup> = \$1,725.35]

The estimated annual cost of filing the FERC-65, FERC-65A, and FERC-65B per response is \$191.71. [\$1,725.35 ÷ 9 responses = \$191.71/response]

*Comments:* Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collections of information are 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 collections 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 collections of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: April 20, 2012.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

Secretary.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

##### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12690-005]

##### Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County, WA; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Ready for Environmental Analysis, Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests, Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Fishway Prescriptions, and Waiving the Timing Requirement for Filing Competing Development Applications

Take notice that the following hydrokinetic pilot project license application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* Pilot Project License.

b. *Project No.:* 12690-005.

c. *Date Filed:* March 1, 2012.

d. *Applicant:* Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County, Washington (Snohomish PUD).

e. *Name of Project:* Admiralty Inlet Pilot Tidal Project.

f. *Location:* On the east side of Admiralty Inlet in Puget Sound, Washington, about 1 kilometer west of Whidbey Island, entirely within Island

County, Washington. The project would not occupy any federal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-828(c).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Steven J. Klein, Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County, Washington, P.O. Box 1107, 2320 California Street, Everett, WA 98206-1107; (425) 783-8473.

i. *FERC Contact:* David Turner (202) 502-6091.

j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests, comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and fishway prescriptions:* 30 days from the issuance of this notice; reply comments are due 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

Motions to intervene, protests, comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and fishway prescriptions may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site <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) or toll

<sup>1</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.

<sup>2</sup> Not applicable.

<sup>3</sup> 2,080 hours = 40 hours/week \* 52 weeks (1 year).

<sup>4</sup> Average annual salary per employee in 2012.