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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DOE published a notice of proposed determination (“NOPD”) on December 14, 2020, in which DOE initially determined that current standards for consumer conventional cooking products do not need to be amended. 85 FR 80982. DOE stated in the December 2020 NOPD that it would reevaluate the energy savings associated with identified technology options for the

product if it considered performance standards in a future rulemaking. *Id.* at 85 FR 81004. Subsequently, on August 22, 2022, DOE published a final rule establishing a test procedure for conventional cooking tops. 87 FR 51492. As a result of this new test procedure, DOE issued the February 2023 SNOPR, in which DOE reevaluated its analysis from the December 2020 NOPD and tentatively concluded that amended energy conservation standards for consumer conventional cooking products are technologically feasible and economically justified. 88 FR 6818. The February 2023 SNOPR announced a public meeting to receive comment on the proposed standards and provided for the written submission of comments by April 3, 2023. *Id.*

On March 10, 2023, DOE received a request from the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (“AHAM”) to extend the written comment period on the February 2023 SNOPR by 45 days. AHAM stated that there are a significant number of other regulatory comment periods open simultaneously, many of which impact the same manufacturers, and all of which impact AHAM’s ability to work with their members to discuss and analyze the proposed rule and provide meaningful comment to DOE. (AHAM, No. 764).

Given the unique circumstances of this product, which include a long rulemaking history, several changes in rulemaking course, and the availability of new data, DOE determines that an extension of the public comment period is appropriate to allow interested parties additional time to submit comments for DOE’s consideration. Thus, DOE is extending the comment period by 14 days, until April 17, 2023.

**Signing Authority**

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on March 22, 2023, by Francisco Alejandro Moreno, Acting Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on March 24, 2023.

**Treena V. Garrett,**

*Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**Combined Notice of Filings**

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas & Oil Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

**Filings Instituting Proceedings**

- Docket Numbers:* RP23-586-000.  
*Applicants:* Equitrans, L.P.  
*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: Update Initial Retainage Rate 4-1-2023 to be effective 4/1/2023.  
*Filed Date:* 3/23/23.  
*Accession Number:* 20230323-5130.  
*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 4/4/23.
  - Docket Numbers:* RP23-587-000.  
*Applicants:* MountainWest Pipeline, LLC.  
*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: Statement of Negotiated Rates Version 22 to be effective 4/24/2023.  
*Filed Date:* 3/24/23.  
*Accession Number:* 20230324-5011.  
*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 4/5/23.
  - Docket Numbers:* RP23-588-000.  
*Applicants:* Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC.  
*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: Rate Schedule S-2 Tracker Filing eff 2/1/2023 to be effective 2/1/2023.  
*Filed Date:* 3/24/23.  
*Accession Number:* 20230324-5082.  
*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 4/5/23.
  - Docket Numbers:* RP23-589-000.  
*Applicants:* Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America LLC.  
*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rate Agreement Filing—BP Energy/Eco-Energy to be effective 3/31/2023.  
*Filed Date:* 3/24/23.  
*Accession Number:* 20230324-5091.  
*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 4/5/23.
  - Docket Numbers:* RP23-590-000.  
*Applicants:* Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC.  
*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: List of Non-Conforming Service Agreements (Clean-Up\_2023-03) to be effective 4/24/2023.  
*Filed Date:* 3/24/23.  
*Accession Number:* 20230324-5141.  
*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 4/5/23.
- Any person desiring to intervene or protest in any of the above proceedings

must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.asp>) by querying the docket number.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, service, and qualifying facilities filings can be found at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf>. For other information, call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Dated: March 24, 2023.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RD23-3-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-725B(5)); Comment Request; Extension

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

**ACTION:** Notice 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 currently approved information collection, FERC-725B(5), (Mandatory Reliability Standards, Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP-003-9)—Temporary Placeholder for FERC-725B that is pending approval at OMB.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due May 30, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit copies of your comments (identified by Docket No. RD23-3-000) by one of the following methods:

Electronic filing through <http://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: <http://www.ferc.gov>. 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).

**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>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen Brown may be reached by email at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), telephone at (202) 502-8663.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** FERC-725B(5) (Mandatory Reliability Standards, Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP-003-9))—Temporary Placeholder for FERC-725B that is pending approval at OMB.

**OMB Control No.:** 1902-NEW.

**Type of Request:** New collection request for FERC-725B(5)—temporary placeholder for FERC-725B information collection requirements with changes to the reporting requirements.

**Abstract:** On August 8, 2005, Congress enacted the Energy Policy Act of 2005.<sup>1</sup> The Energy Policy Act of 2005 added a new section 215 to the Federal Power Act (FPA),<sup>2</sup> which requires a Commission-certified Electric Reliability Organization to develop mandatory and enforceable Reliability Standards,<sup>3</sup> including requirements for cybersecurity protection, which are subject to Commission review and approval. Once approved, the Reliability Standards may be enforced by the Electric Reliability Organization subject to Commission oversight, or the

<sup>1</sup> Energy Policy Act of 2005, Public Law 109-58, sec. 1261 *et seq.*, 119 Stat. 594 (2005).

<sup>2</sup> 16 U.S.C. 824o.

<sup>3</sup> Section 215 of the FPA defines Reliability Standard as a requirement, approved by the Commission, to provide for reliable operation of existing bulk-power system facilities, including cybersecurity protection, and the design of planned additions or modifications to such facilities to the extent necessary to provide for reliable operation of the Bulk-Power System. However, the term does not include any requirement to enlarge such facilities or to construct new transmission capacity or generation capacity. *Id.* at 824o(a)(3).

Commission can independently enforce Reliability Standards.

On February 3, 2006, the Commission issued Order No. 672,<sup>4</sup> implementing FPA section 215. The Commission subsequently certified the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) as the Electric Reliability Organization. The Reliability Standards developed by NERC become mandatory and enforceable after Commission approval and apply to users, owners, and operators of the Bulk-Power System, as set forth in each Reliability Standard.<sup>5</sup> The CIP Reliability Standards require entities to comply with specific requirements to safeguard bulk electric system (BES) Cyber Systems<sup>6</sup> and their associated BES Cyber Assets. These standards are results-based and do not specify a technology or method to achieve compliance, instead leaving it up to the entity to decide how best to comply.

The Commission has approved multiple versions of the CIP Reliability Standards submitted by NERC, partly to address the evolving nature of cyber-related threats to the Bulk-Power System. High impact systems include large control centers. Medium impact systems include smaller control centers, ultra-high voltage transmission, and large substations and generating

<sup>4</sup> *Rules Concerning Certification of the Elec. Reliability Org.; and Procedures for the Establishment, Approval, and Enft of Elec. Reliability Standards*, Order No. 672, 71 FR 8661 (Feb. 17, 2006), 114 FERC ¶ 61,104, *order on reh'g*, Order No. 672-A, 71 FR 19814 (Apr. 28, 2006), 114 FERC ¶ 61,328 (2006).

<sup>5</sup> NERC uses the term "registered entity" to identify users, owners, and operators of the Bulk-Power System responsible for performing specified reliability functions with respect to NERC Reliability Standards. *See, e.g., Version 4 Critical Infrastructure Protection Reliability Standards*, Order No. 761, 77 FR 24594 (Apr. 25, 2012), 139 FERC ¶ 61,058, at P 46, *order denying clarification and reh'g*, 140 FERC ¶ 61,109 (2012). Within the NERC Reliability Standards are various subsets of entities responsible for performing various specified reliability functions. We collectively refer to these as "entities."

<sup>6</sup> NERC defines BES Cyber System as "[o]ne or more BES Cyber Assets logically grouped by a responsible entity to perform one or more reliability tasks for a functional entity." NERC, *Glossary of Terms Used in NERC Reliability Standards*, at 5 (2020), [https://www.nerc.com/files/glossary\\_of\\_terms.pdf](https://www.nerc.com/files/glossary_of_terms.pdf) (NERC Glossary of Terms). NERC defines BES Cyber Asset as

A Cyber Asset that if rendered unavailable, degraded, or misused would, within 15 minutes of its required operation, mis-operation, or non-operation, adversely impact one or more Facilities, systems, or equipment, which, if destroyed, degraded, or otherwise rendered unavailable when needed, would affect the reliable operation of the Bulk Electric System. Redundancy of affected Facilities, systems, and equipment shall not be considered when determining adverse impact. Each BES Cyber Asset is included in one or more BES Cyber Systems.

*Id.* at 4.