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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RD16-9-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-725V);  
Comment Request; Extension

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 USC 3506(c)(2)(A), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the information collection, [FERC-725V (Mandatory Reliability Standards: COM Reliability Standards)] which will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a review of the information collection requirements.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due [INSERT DATE THAT IS 60 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. RD16-9-000) 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 e-mail 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 e-mail at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), telephone at (202) 502-8663, and fax at (202) 273-0873.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* FERC-725V, Mandatory Reliability Standards: COM Reliability Standards

*OMB Control No.:* 1902-0277

*Type of Request:* Three-year approval of the FERC-725V information collection requirements, as modified.

*Abstract:* On August 15, 2016, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) filed a petition for Commission approval, pursuant to section 215(d)(1) of the Federal Power Act (“FPA”)<sup>1</sup> and Section 39.5<sup>2</sup> of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s regulations, for approval of proposed Reliability Standard COM-001-3 (Communications), the associated Implementation Plan, retirement of currently-effective Reliability Standard COM-001-2.1, and Violation Risk Factors (“VRFs”) and Violation Severity Levels (“VSLs”) associated with new Requirements R12 and R13 proposed in Reliability Standard COM-001-3. Proposed Reliability Standard COM-001-3 reflects

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<sup>1</sup> 16 U.S.C. § 824o (2012).

<sup>2</sup> 18 C.F.R. § 39.5 (2015).

revisions developed under Project 2015-07 Internal Communications Capabilities, in compliance with the Commission's directive in Order No. 888 that NERC "develop modifications to COM-001-2, or develop a new standard, to address [the Commission's] concerns regarding ensuring the adequacy of internal communications capability whenever internal communications could directly affect the reliability operations of the Bulk-Power System.

*Type of Respondents:* Public utilities.

*Estimate of Annual Burden*<sup>3</sup>: With respect to the proposed revisions to Reliability Standard COM-001-3 and the retirement of the currently-effective Reliability Standard COM-001-2.1, the Commission estimates that there will be no material change in industry information collection obligations because the Requirements R12 and R13 (which are additions to COM-001-3) do not impact the paperwork burden of impacted registered entities.

*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

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<sup>3</sup> The Commission defines burden 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.

collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: November 23, 2016

Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.

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