

**DATES:** Thursday, June 6, 2013

1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (EDT)—

Registration

2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (EDT)—Meeting

Friday, June 7, 2013

7:45 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. (EDT)—

Registration

8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (EDT)—

Meeting

**ADDRESSES:** U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 5E-069, 1000 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20585.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lou Capitanio, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Oil and Natural Gas, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585. *Phone:* (202) 586-5098.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of the Committee:* The purpose of the Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee is to provide advice on potential applications of methane hydrate to the Secretary of Energy, and assist in developing recommendations and priorities for the Department of Energy's Methane Hydrate Research and Development Program.

*Tentative Agenda:* The agenda will include: Welcome and Introduction by the Designated Federal Officer; Welcome by the Chair of the Committee; Committee Business; FY 2012 Arctic Production test—data and results; Update on the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's Lower 48 Assessment; Results of Consortium for Ocean Leadership Workshop; Update on International Activity; FY 2013 Methane Hydrate Program Activities and Plans; Draft Interagency Roadmap; Methane Hydrate Program Budget; Methane Hydrate Program Strategic Direction; Advisory Committee Discussion; and Public Comments, if any.

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. The Designated Federal Officer and the Chair of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact Lou Capitanio at the phone number listed above. You must make your request for an oral statement at least five business days prior to the meeting, and reasonable provisions will be made to include the presentation on the agenda.

Public comment will follow the three-minute rule.

*Minutes:* The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 60 days at the following Web site: [http://www.fe.doe.gov/programs/oilgas/hydrates/Methane\\_Hydrates\\_Advisory\\_Committee.html](http://www.fe.doe.gov/programs/oilgas/hydrates/Methane_Hydrates_Advisory_Committee.html).

Issued at Washington, DC, on April 30, 2013.

**LaTanya R. Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. IC13-11-000]

**Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-539); Comment Request**

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

**ACTION:** Comment request.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is submitting the information collection FERC-539, Gas Pipeline Certificates: Import/Export Related, 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** (78 FR 12747, 02/25/2013) requesting public comments. FERC received no comments on the FERC-539 and is making this notation in its submittal to OMB.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due by June 5, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments filed with OMB, identified by the OMB Control No. 1902-0062, should be sent via email to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs: [oir\\_submission@omb.gov](mailto:oir_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. IC13-11-000, 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 CONTACT:**

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:**

*Title:* Gas Pipeline Certificates: Import/Export Related.

*OMB Control No.:* 1902-0062.

*Type of Request:* Three-year extension of the FERC-539 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

*Abstract:* Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA)<sup>1</sup> provides, in part, that “. . . no person shall export any natural gas from the United States to a foreign country or import any natural gas from a foreign country without first having secured an order from the Commission authorizing it to do so.” The 1992 amendments to Section 3 of the NGA concern importation or exportation from/to a nation which has a free trade agreement with the United States and requires that such importation or exportation: (1) Shall be deemed to be a “first sale” (i.e. not a sale for a resale) and (2) shall be deemed to be consistent with the public interest. Applications for such importation or exportation should be granted without modification or delay.

*Type of Respondents:* Facilities proposing to import or export natural gas.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*<sup>2</sup> The Commission estimates the total Public Reporting Burden for this information collection as:

information collection burden, reference 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 717-717w.

<sup>2</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

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Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden hours per response	Estimated total annual burden
(A)	(B)	(A) × (B) = (C)	(D)	(C) × (D)
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The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$5,880 [84 hours \* \$70/hour<sup>3</sup> = \$5,880].

*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: April 30, 2013.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2355-018]

#### **Exelon Generation Company, LLC; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests, Ready for Environmental Analysis, Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Preliminary Terms and Conditions, and Preliminary Fishway Prescriptions, and Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement**

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* New Major License.

b. *Project No.:* 2355-018.

c. *Date Filed:* August 29, 2012.

d. *Applicant:* Exelon Generation Company, LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Muddy Run Pumped Storage Project.

f. *Location:* On Muddy Run, a tributary to the Susquehanna River, in Lancaster and York Counties, Pennsylvania. The project does not occupy any federal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Colleen Hicks, Manager, Regulatory and Licensing, Hydro, Exelon Power, 300 Exelon Way, Kennett Square, PA 19348, at (610) 765-6791 or email at

*Colleen.Hicks@exeloncorp.com* and Kathleen Barron, Vice President, Federal Regulatory Affairs and Wholesale Market Policy, Exelon Corporation, 101 Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC 20001, at (202) 347-7500 or email at *Kathleen.Barron2@exeloncorp.com*.

i. *FERC Contact:* Emily Carter, (202) 502-6512 or *emily.carter@ferc.gov*.

j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests, comments, recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and preliminary fishway prescriptions is September 30, 2013; reply comments are due November 14, 2013.*

Motions to intervene, protests, comments, recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and preliminary 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. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and seven copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project.

Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. This application has been accepted for filing and is now ready for environmental analysis.

l. The existing Muddy Run Pumped Storage Project consists of four dams. The main dam is a rock-filled structure across the Muddy Run ravine with a central impervious core, a maximum height of approximately 260 feet and a total length of 4,800 feet. The east dike is a zoned-earth and rock-filled embankment with a maximum height of approximately 12 feet and a total length of 800 feet. The recreation pond dike is a zoned-earth and rock-filled embankment with a maximum height of approximately 90 feet and a total length of 750 feet. The canal embankment has a maximum height of approximately 35 feet. Total storage in the 900-acre Muddy Run reservoir (upper reservoir) is approximately 60,000 acre-feet and the total useable storage is approximately 35,500 acre-feet at the maximum pool elevation of 520 feet.<sup>1</sup> The maximum pool elevation is approximately 411 feet above the normal elevation of Conowingo pond. Conowingo pond (lower reservoir) has a surface area of 9,000 acres and design storage of approximately 310,000 acre-feet at the normal full pool elevation of 109.2 feet.

The main spillway is a non-gated concrete ogee-type structure that is 200 feet long, 20 feet high and with a crest elevation of 521 feet, which is directed to a vegetated natural ravine. The recreation pond spillway is a rock-cut channel approximately 140 feet wide and with a crest elevation of 520 feet.

The power intake facilities consist of four cylinder gates with trash racks in a cylindrical tower. Each intake supplies two units. Each intake leads to a 430-foot-deep vertical shaft then to a horizontal power tunnel, which divides into two sections. The power tunnel sections transition to a penstock that

<sup>3</sup> Average salary (per hour) plus benefits per full-time equivalent employee.

<sup>1</sup> All elevations are referenced to National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) 1929.