

pressure into Transco's mainline E to 800 psig.

(8) Modifications to the existing Linden regulator station located at milepost 1808.19 in Union County, New Jersey, to reduce the pressure in Transco's 42-inch Mainline E from 800 psig to 638 psig.

(9) Addition of a 12-inch tap on Transco's existing Mainline A at milepost 1711.67 in Chester County, Pennsylvania to tie-in to an existing Transco 16-inch lateral.

(10) Installation of a pressure control valve and related piping, and a 290 hp nameplate uprating of six existing reciprocating engines (for a total nameplate uprating of 1,740 hp) at Transco's existing Compressor Station 200 located at milepost 1722.24 in Chester County, Pennsylvania.

Transco estimates that the proposed facilities will cost \$117.7 million. Transco requests that the Commission grant rolled-in rate treatment of the costs of the SeaBoard facilities in Transco's next Section 4 rate proceeding which becomes effective following the in-service date of the Project. It is stated that the rate impact on existing customers of rolling in the costs of the SeaBoard Expansion Project is below the five percent threshold specified in the Commission's Statement of Policy, 71 FERC ¶ 61,241 (1995), for establishing a presumption in favor of rolled-in rates and the Project will produce significant system-wide operational and financial benefits and will be operated on an integrated basis with its existing facilities.

To meet the proposed in-service date for the SeaBoard Expansion Project, Transco requests that the Commission issue a preliminary determination approving all aspects of the application other than environmental matters by November 1, 1996, with a final determination and all appropriate certificate authorizations by January 24, 1997.

Comment date: June 21, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraphs

F. Any person desiring to be heard or make any protest with reference to said filing should on or before the comment date file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will

be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this filing if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the certificate is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for the applicant to appear or be represented at the hearing.

G. Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Agency Information Collection Activities Up for Renewal; Monthly Progress Reports.

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Monthly Progress Reports, OMB Control Number 2030-0005. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 6, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Acquisition Management (3802F), 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460. Attention: Edward N. Chambers.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edward N. Chambers. (202) 260-6028 / FAX: (202) 260-1203 / CHAMBERS.ED@EPAMAIL.EPA.GOV

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are EPA contractors.

Title: Monthly Progress Reports, OMB Control Number 2030-0005, expiration date 11-30-96.

Abstract: On a monthly basis, contractors are required to provide a progress report detailing what was accomplished on the contract for that period of time, what remains to be done, as well as a general listing of expenditures for that period of time. This allows EPA to monitor the efficiency and cost effectiveness of the work being performed. Once the information is received, it is reviewed against existing financial data, contractor deliverables, invoices, and agency records for verification. These reports are prescribed under clauses in EPA contracts.

Monthly progress reports contain confidential business information and are protected from release in accordance with 40 CFR Part 2. No sensitive information is required.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information

unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR Part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15.

The EPA would like to solicit comments:

(i) to evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) to evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement: The annual burden for this collection is estimated to average 516 hours for each Agency contract. This represents an average of 43 hours for each monthly progress report. Since EPA currently has 398 contracts requiring monthly progress reports, the total annual burden for all respondents is estimated at 205,368 hours (398 contracts x 516 hours per contract). The total number of responses is estimated at 4,776 (398 contracts x 12 months). The annual cost of this collection for each contract is estimated at \$34,308 (\$2,859 per report x 12 months). The annual costs for all respondents is estimated at \$13,654,584 (\$34,308 per contract x 398 contracts).

Burden means 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. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; to train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; to search data sources; to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Dated: May 31, 1996.

Susan Kantrowitz,

Acting Director, Policy, Training and Oversight Division.

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Agency Information Collection Activities Up for Renewal; Oral and Written Purchase Orders

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Oral and Written Purchase Orders, OMB Control No. 2030-0007. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 6, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Environmental Protection Agency Office of Acquisition Management (3802F) 401 M. Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460. Attention: Edward N. Chambers.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edward N. Chambers. (202) 260-6028/ FAX: (202) 260-1203/ CHAMBERS.ED@EPAMAIL.EPA.GOV

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are vendors responding to oral requests for quotations.

Title: Oral and Written Purchase Orders, OMB Control No. 2030-0007, expiration date 11-30-96.

Abstract: Vendors responding to an oral request for quotation will report item title, unit cost, delivery destination, delivery time, company name, small business status, address, phone number, and a point of contact. They will submit this information by telephone when an Agency need for their products or services arises. EPA will use this information to award a purchase order.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed

in 40 CFR Part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15.

The EPA would like to solicit comments:

(i) to evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) to evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement: The annual burden for this collection on respondents is 3,823 hours. This represents an average of 15 minutes for each of the 15,292 oral purchase orders issued in fiscal year 1995. The total number of responses is estimated at 15,292 (1 response per order x 15,292 oral purchase orders). The annual cost of this collection for respondents is estimated at \$54,134 (\$3.54 per order x 15,292 oral purchase orders).

Burden means 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. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; to train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; to search data sources; to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Dated: May 31, 1996.

Susan Kantrowitz,

Acting Director, Policy Training and Oversight Division.

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