

Authority: These programs are authorized pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5011 and 5013. The income eligibility levels are determined by the current guidelines published by DHHS pursuant to Sections 652 and 673 (2) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 which requires poverty guidelines to be adjusted for Consumer Price Index changes.

Dated: April 16, 1998.

Kenneth L. Klothen,

General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

American Heritage Rivers Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), this notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of the forthcoming meeting of the American Heritage Rivers Advisory Committee ("Committee"), a Presidential Commission. The meeting will be open to the public except for the last portion of the meeting where the Committee will select up to 20 river communities from which the President will chose river communities for designation as American Heritage Rivers. The partial closure is necessary in order to permit the selection of the 20 finalist applicant rivers for submission to the President and to prevent premature disclosure of their identity. Because the seating capacity of the meeting room might be limited, an advance notice of intent to attend, although not required, is requested. This will help make adequate arrangements for those wishing to attend. Members of the public will not be permitted to make oral statements at the meeting due to equity considerations and time constraints. Written comments may be submitted for the record to Mr. Charles R. Smith, Executive Secretary, at the address listed below. Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on May 8.

NAME OF COMMITTEE: American Heritage Rivers Advisory Committee.

DATES OF MEETING: Monday, May 11, 1998, and Tuesday, May 12, 1998, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

PLACE: The meeting will be at the White House Conference Center, 726 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Charles R. (Chip) Smith, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), 108 Army, Pentagon (2E569), Washington, D.C. 20310-0108. Mr. Smith also can be reached by telephone (703) 693-3655, or FAX (703) 697-3366.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Committee shall consist of up to 20 members appointed by the President from the public and private sectors, whose charge shall be to appraise the quality of nominations for selection of rivers as "American Heritage Rivers." The Committee shall recommend up to 20 rivers for designation as American Heritage Rivers by the President.

In its review of nominations submitted by communities, the Committee shall provide its assessment of:

1. The scope of each nomination's application and the adequacy of its design to achieve the community's goals;
2. Whether the natural, economic (including agricultural), scenic, historic, cultural, and/or recreational resources featured in the application are distinctive or unique;
3. The extent to which the community's plan of action is clearly defined and the extent to which the plan addresses all three American Heritage Rivers objectives—natural resource and environmental protection, economic revitalization, and historic and cultural preservation—either through planned actions or past accomplishments, as well as any other characteristics of the proposals that distinguish a nomination, such as:

- (A) Community vision and partnership;
- (B) Sustainability of products and projects, including project maintenance;
- (C) Resources, both committed and anticipated, including means of generating additional support from both private and public sources;
- (D) Anticipated Federal role as defined by the applicants;
- (E) Schedule or timeline;
- (F) Citizen involvement;
- (G) Public education relating to the designation of the river;
- (H) Logistical support, operating procedures, and policies;
- (I) Prior accomplishments, if relevant, and relationship to existing plans and projects in the area; and
- (J) Measures of performance.

4. The strength and diversity of support for the nomination and plan of action as evidenced by letters from local and state governments, Indian tribes, elected officials, any and all parties who participate in the life and health of the

area to be nominated, or who have an interest in the economic life and cultural and environmental vigor of the involved community.

The Committee also should seek to recommend the selection of rivers that as a group:

1. Represent the natural, historic, cultural, social, economic, and agricultural diversity of American rivers;
2. Showcase a variety of stream sizes and an assortment of urban, rural, and mixed settings from around the country, including both relatively pristine and degraded rivers;
3. Highlight a variety of innovative programs in such areas as historic preservation, sustainable development through tourism, wildlife management, fisheries restoration, recreation, community revitalization, agricultural practices, and flood plain and watershed management;
4. Include community efforts in early stages of development as well as those that are more well-established; and
5. Stand to benefit from targeted Federal assistance.

Submitted by Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works):

Charles R. Smith,

Executive Secretary, American Heritage Rivers Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[FERC-576 IC98-576-000]

Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

April 16, 1998.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

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

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described below.

DATES: Consideration will be given to comments submitted on or before June 22, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained from and written comments may be submitted to the Federal Energy

Regulatory Commission, Attn: Michael Miller, Information Services Division, CI-1, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208-1415, by fax at (202) 273-0873, and by e-mail at michael.miller@ferc.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collected under the requirements of FERC-576 "Report by Gas Pipeline Companies on Service Interruptions" (OMB No. 1902-0004) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (15 U.S.C. 717-717w). Under Sections 4, 7, 10(a) and 16 of the NGA the Commission is empowered to

oversee continuity of service in the transportation of natural gas in interstate commerce. The information collected under FERC-576 notifies the Commission in a timely manner of any interruption to service or possible hazard to public health or safety. The Commission uses this information to assess the validity of its regulations and policies which are implemented to insure the availability of adequate supplies at reasonable prices. The data collected pertains to serious interruptions of service to any wholesale customer involving facilities operated under certificate authorization from the Commission. Specifically, the data collected includes: (1) Date of service interruption, (2) date of

reporting the interruption to the Commission, (3) location, (4) brief description of facility involved and cause of interruption, (5) customers affected, (6) duration of interruption, and (7) volumes of gas interrupted.

The Commission implements these mandatory information collection requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR Part 260.9.

Action: The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date.

Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated as follows:

Number of respondents annually	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total annual burden hours
(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)×(2)×(3)
12	1.25	1.0	15

Estimated cost burden to respondents: 15 hours divided by 2,088 hours per year times \$110,000 per year equal \$790 (rounded). The estimated cost per respondent is equal to \$65.83.

The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resource expended to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide the information including: (1) Reviewing instructions; (2) developing, acquiring, installing, and utilizing technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating, verifying, processing, maintaining, disclosing and providing information; (3) adjusting the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; (4) training personnel to respond to a collection of information; (5) searching data sources; (6) completing and reviewing the collection of information; and (7) transmitting, or otherwise disclosing the information.

The estimate of cost for respondents is based upon salaries for professional and clerical support, as well as direct and indirect overhead costs. Direct costs include all costs directly attributable to providing this information, such as administrative costs and the cost for information technology. Indirect or overhead costs are costs incurred by an organization in support of its mission. These costs apply to activities which benefit the whole organization rather than any one particular function or activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed 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 of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER98-2381-000]

CMP Trading & Marketing; Notice of Filing

April 16, 1998.

Take notice that on March 30, 1998, CMP Trading & Marketing tendered for

filing its Quarterly Report of Transactions for the periods July 1997 to September 30, 1997, and October 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426 in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before April 28, 1998. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make Protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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