

Burden Statement: Public Reporting burden for this collection is estimated as:

Number of respondents annually (1)	Number of responses per respondent (2)	Average burden hours per response (3)	Total annual burden hours (1)×(2)×(3)
159	1	* 111	17,649

* Rounded off

Estimated cost burden to respondents: 17,649 hours divided by 2088 hours per year times \$109,889 per year equals \$928,848. The cost per respondent is equal to \$5,842.

The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources 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 purposes 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 Commission'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.

David P. Boegers,
Acting Secretary.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

June 19, 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 August 24, 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, Office of the Chief Information Officer, CI-1, 888 First Street N.E., Washington, D.C. 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-574 "Gas Pipeline Certificates: Hinshaw Exemption" (OMB No. 1902-0116) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of Sections 1(c), 4 and 7 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) Pub. L. 75-688) (15 U.S.C. 717-717w). Natural Gas Pipeline companies file applications with the Commission furnishing information in order for a determination to be made as to whether the applicant qualifies for an exemption from the provisions of the Natural Gas Act (Section 1(c). If the exemption is granted, the pipeline is not required to file certificate applications, rate schedules, or any other applications or forms otherwise prescribed by the Commission.

The exemption applies to companies engaged in the transportation or sale for resale or natural gas in interstate commerce if: (a) it receives gas at or within the boundaries of the state from another person; (b) such gas is transported, sold, consumed within such state; and (c) the rates, service and facilities of such company are subject to regulation by a State Commission. The data required to be filed by pipeline companies for an exemption is specified by 18 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 152.

Action: The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection of data.

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

Number of respondents annually (1)	number of responses per respondent (2)	Average burden hours per response (3)	Total annual burden hours (1)×(2)×(3)
1	1	245	245

The estimated total cost to respondents is \$12,907, (245 hours divided by 2,088 hours per year per employee times \$110,000 per year per average employee=\$12,907). The cost per respondent is \$12,907.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collected under the requirements of FERC-550 "Oil Pipeline Rates: Tariff Filings" (OMB No. 1902-0089 is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of Part I, Sections 1, 6, and 15, of the Interstate Commerce Act (ICA) (Pub. L. No. 337, 34 Stat. 384). Jurisdiction over oil pipelines, as it relates to the establishment of rates or charges for the transportation of oil by pipeline or the establishment of valuations for pipelines, was transferred from the Interstate Commerce Commission to the Commission, pursuant to Section 306 and 402 of the Department of Energy Organization Act (DOS Act), 42 U.S.C. 7155 and § 7172, and Executive Order No. 12009, 42 FR 46267 (September 15, 1977).

The filing requirement provide the basis for analysis of all rates, fares, or charges whatsoever demanded, charged or collected by any common carrier or carriers in connection with the transportation of crude oil and petroleum products and are used by the Commission to establish a basis for determining the just and reasonable rates that should be charged by the regulated pipeline company. Based on this analysis, a recommendation is made to the Commission to take action whether to suspend, accept or reject the proposed rate. The data required to be filed for pipeline rates and tariff filings is specified by 18 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Chapter I Parts 340-348.

Action: The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection of data.

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)×(2)×(3)
170	3.06	10.9	5,668

The estimated total cost to respondents is \$298,100 (5,668 hours divided by 2,088 hours per year per employee times \$110,000 per year per average employee=\$298,100). The cost per respondent is \$1,754.

The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources

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 purposes of collecting, validating, verifying, processing, maintaining, disclosing and providing information;

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