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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC99-2-001; FERC Form No. 2]

Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

November 13, 1998.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of submission for review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the energy information collection listed in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under provisions of Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13). Any interested person may file comments on the collection of information directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission received public comments from a regulated entity and a Federal agency in response to an earlier notice issued June 18, 1998, 63 FR 34369 (June 24, 1998) and has replied to these comments in its submission to OMB.

DATES: Comments regarding this collection of information are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before December 21, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Address comments to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Desk Officer, 725 17th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20503. A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attention: Mr. Michael Miller, 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 energy information collection submitted to OMB for review contains:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC Form No. 2 "Annual Report of Major Natural Gas Companies."

2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

3. *Control No.:* OMB No. 1902-0028. The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no substantive changes to the existing collection. There is an increase in the reporting burden due to an increase in the number of companies filing this information. This increase reflects an adjustment to the Commission's regulatory burden for this information collection requirements. These are mandatory collection requirements.

4. *Necessity of Collection of Information:* Submission of the information is necessary to enable the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of Natural Gas Act (NGA), 15 U.S.C. 717. The NGA authorizes the Commission to prescribe rules and regulations concerning accounts, records and memoranda as appropriate for purposes of administering the NGA. The Commission may prescribe a system of accounts for jurisdictional companies, and after notice and hearing, may determine the account in which particular outlays and receipts will be entered, charged or credited. The FERC Form 2 data is used for the following: to assess the financial conditions of natural gas pipeline companies; verification of cost data in various rate proceedings and supply programs, in the audit program implemented by the Office of Finance, Accounting and Operations (formerly Office of Chief Accountant) and to compute annual charges. Major natural gas pipeline companies are defined as having combined gas transported or stored for a fee that exceeds 50 million Dekatherms. The reporting requirements are found at 18 CFR 260.1.

5. *Respondent Description:* The respondent universe currently comprises on average, 59 companies subject to the Commission's regulations.

6. *Estimated Burden:* 87,615 total burden hours, 59 respondents, 1 response annually, 1,485 hours per response (average).

7. *Estimated Cost Burden to Respondents:* 87,615 hours ÷ 2,080 hours × \$109,888 per year = \$4,628,768. Average cost per respondent = \$78,454.

Statutory Authority: Section 8, 10(9) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), 15 U.S.C. 717g, 717i.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC99-2A-001; FERC Form No. 2A]

Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

November 13, 1998.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of submission for review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the energy information collection listed in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under provisions of Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13). Any interested person may file comments on the collection of information directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission received public comments from a Federal agency in response to an earlier notice issued June 18, 1998, 63 FR 34369-70 (June 24, 1998) and has replied to these comments in its submission to OMB.

DATES: Comments regarding this collection of information are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification.

ADDRESSES: Address comments to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Desk Officer, 725 17th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20503. A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attention: Mr. Michael Miller, 888 First Street N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

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(202) 273-0873, and by e-mail at michael.miller@ferc.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review contains:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC Form No. 2-A "Annual Report of Non-Major Natural Gas Companies."

2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

3. *Control No.:* OMB No. 1902-0030. The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no substantive changes to the existing collection. There is a decrease in the reporting burden due to a decrease in the number of companies filing this information. This increase reflects an adjustment to the Commission's regulatory burden for this information collection requirement. These are mandatory collection requirements.

4. *Necessity of Collection of Information:* Submission of the information is necessary to enable the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of Natural Gas Act (NGA), 15 U.S.C. 717. The NGA authorizes the Commission to prescribe rules and regulations concerning accounts, records and memoranda as appropriate for purposes of administering the NGA. The Commission may prescribe a system of accounts for jurisdictional companies, and after notice and hearing, may determine the account in which particular outlays and receipts will be entered, charged or credited. The FERC Form 2-A data is used for the following: to assess the financial conditions of natural gas pipeline companies; verification of costs data in various rate proceedings and supply programs, in the audit program implemented by the Office of Finance, Accounting and Operations (formerly Office of Chief Accountant) and to compute annual charges. Non-Major natural gas pipeline companies are defined as not meeting the filing threshold for FERC Form No. 2, but having combined gas transported or stored for a fee that exceeds 200,000 Dekatherms in each of the three previous calendar years. The reporting requirements are found at 18 CFR 260.2.

5. *Respondent Description:* The respondent universe currently comprises on average, 58 companies subject to the Commission's regulations.

6. *Estimated Burden:* 1,740 total burden hours, 58 respondents, 1 response annually, 30 hours per response (average).

7. *Estimated Cost Burden to Respondents:* 1,740 hours ÷ 2,080 hours × \$109,888 per year = \$91,926. Average cost per respondent = \$1,585.

Statutory Authority: Sections 8, 10(a) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), 15 U.S.C. 717g, 717i.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC99-6-001 FERC Form No. 6]

Information Collection Submitted for Review and Request for Comments

November 13, 1998.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of submission for review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the energy information collection listed in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under provisions of Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13). Any interested person may file comments on the collection of information directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission received comments from an oil pipeline company and from a federal agency in response to an earlier notice issued June 19, 1998, 63 FR 34639 (June 25, 1998). The Commission has responded to these comments in its submission to OMB.

DATES: Comments regarding this collection of information are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification.

ADDRESSES: Address comments to Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Desk Officer, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503. A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attention: Mr. Michael Miller, 888 First Street N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description

The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review contains:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC Form 6 "Annual Report for Oil Pipeline Companies"

2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

3. *Control No.:* OMB No. 1902-0022. The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection. There is an increase in the reporting burden due to an increase in the number of entities who are now subject to the Commission's jurisdiction and as a result must submit this annual report. Specifically, as a result of Order No. 571, 59 FR 59137 (November 16, 1994), jurisdictional companies that have revenues in excess of \$350,000 in each of the previous three years are required to file page 700. Currently 5 companies in addition to the 148 respondents must file page 700 based on the earnings threshold. This is a mandatory information collection requirement.

4. *Necessity of Collection of Information:* Submission of the information is necessary to enable the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing the provisions of the Interstate Commerce Act (ICA), 49 U.S.C. The ICA authorizes the Commission to make investigations and to collect and record data plus prescribe rules and regulations concerning accounts, records and memoranda as appropriate for purposes of administering the ICA. The Commission may prescribe a system of accounts for jurisdictional companies, and after notice and hearing, may determine the accounts in which particular outlays and receipts will be entered, charged or credited. Every pipeline carrier subject to the provisions of Section 20 of the ICA must file with the Commission copies of the FERC Form 6.

The Commission's Office of Finance, Accounting and Operations (formerly Office of Chief Accountant) uses the information in the following manner: in its audit program; for continuous review of on the financial condition of regulated companies; verification in various rate proceedings and supply programs; and for computation of annual charges which are then assessed against oil pipeline companies to recover the Commission's annual costs.

5. *Respondent Description:* The respondent universe currently comprises on average, 153 companies subject to the Commission's jurisdiction