

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. PL20–3–000]

Actions Regarding the Commission's Policy on Price Index Formation and Transparency, and Indices Referenced in Natural Gas and Electric Tariffs**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.**ACTION:** Notice of policy statement.

SUMMARY: On April 21, 2022, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) revised its price index policy set forth in its Policy Statement on Natural Gas and Electric Price Indices (*Revised Policy Statement*). In order to comply with Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Paperwork Reduction Act requirements on Policy Statements, the Commission is establishing a new information collection, FERC–549E, (Price Index Data Providers and Developers) OMB No. 1902–New, to reflect the burden to implement the policy changes in the *Revised Policy Statement* and to reflect the unreported burden arising from the prior policy statements. The Commission is also seeking comment on the burden and cost related to complying with the *Revised Policy Statement*.

DATES: Send comments on or before December 2, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Comments, identified by docket number, may be filed in the following ways. Electronic filing through <https://www.ferc.gov>, is preferred.

- *Electronic Filing:* Documents must be filed in acceptable native applications and print-to-PDF, but not in scanned or picture format.

- For those unable to file electronically, comments may be filed by USPS mail or by hand (including courier) delivery.

- *Mail via U.S. Postal Service Only:* Addressed to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

- *Hand (including courier) delivery:* Deliver to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

The Comment Procedures Section of this document contains more detailed filing procedures.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. On April 21, 2022, the Commission issued an order in the above-captioned proceeding.¹ Upon further consideration, we determine that the reference in the *Revised Policy Statement* to the existing information collection FERC–549 was in error. That information collection is already in use for a matter unrelated to the *Revised Policy Statement*.² The Commission should have referenced an information collection for the prior policy statements.³ However, when the Commission issued the prior policy statements, the orders did not provide a Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) burden estimate.⁴ In order to comply with Office of Management and Budget (OMB) PRA requirements on Policy Statements, the Commission is establishing a new information collection, FERC–549E, (Price Index Data Providers and Developers) OMB No. 1902–New, to reflect the burden to implement the policy changes in the *Revised Policy Statement* and to reflect the unreported burden arising from the prior policy statements. The Commission is also seeking comment on

¹ *Actions Regarding the Commission's Policy Statement on Price Index Formation & Transparency, & Indices Referenced in Nat. Gas & Elec. Tariffs*, 87 FR 25,237 (Apr. 21, 2022), 179 FERC ¶ 61,036 (2022) (*Revised Policy Statement*).

² See FERC–549, NGPA Section 311 Transactions and NGA Blanket Certificate Transactions, OMB Control No. 1902–0086.

³ *Policy Statement on Nat. Gas & Elec. Price Indices*, 104 FERC ¶ 61,121, clarified, *Order on Clarification of Policy Statement on Nat. Gas & Elec. Price Indices*, 105 FERC ¶ 61,282 (2003), clarified, *Order Further Clarifying Policy Statement on Nat. Gas & Elec. Price Indices*, 70 FR 41,002 (July 15, 2005), 112 FERC ¶ 61,040 (2005) (prior policy statements).

⁴ *Id.*

the burden and cost as shown in this order related to complying with the *Revised Policy Statement*.

2. We clarify that the term “burden” as used in paragraphs 24, 29, 36, 37, 47, 56, 58, and 97, as well as the header for section II.c (following paragraph 47), of the *Revised Policy Statement* is not intended to incorporate the statutory definition of burden contained in 5 CFR 1320.3(b) (2021).⁵ Rather, the term “burden” as used in those paragraphs and section header refers to the practical effect of the *Revised Policy Statement* on entities that have been voluntarily reporting to the Commission. That is, while the Commission’s statements on burden properly indicated that changes in the *Revised Policy Statement* would reduce the actual “burden” on data providers—as that term is commonly understood, those statements did not incorporate the statutory definition of the term “burden.” Nonetheless, the statutory definition of “burden” contained in 5 CFR 1320.3(b) (2021) is incorporated in paragraph 110 of the *Revised Policy Statement* and into the new FERC–549E.

3. Because we are establishing a new information collection herein, this order corrects the Commission’s statements in the *Revised Policy Statement* related to burden, due to burden now being implemented and reported in the FERC–549E information collection. The *Revised Policy Statement*’s effective date remains December 31, 2022.

4. The burden estimates contained within the burden table labeled FERC–549 will now be implemented in FERC–549E. The original table for FERC–549 at paragraph 110 of the *Revised Policy Statement* is being replaced with a new table for FERC–549E (below). Although the FERC–549E shows no relative reduction in burden, that is because there was no burden estimate prepared in 2005. Instead, FERC–549E represents an original total burden that incorporates both the unreported burden arising from the prior policy statements and any decrease in that unreported burden resulting from implementation of the policy changes in the *Revised Policy Statement*. The table reflecting the changes is as follows:

⁵ *Revised Policy Statement*, 87 FR 25,237, 179 FERC ¶ 61,036.

IMPLEMENTATION OF BURDEN DUE TO THE REVISED POLICY STATEMENT IN DOCKET NO. PL20-3

| | Number of respondents (1) | Annual number of responses per respondent (2) | Total number of responses (1) * (2) = (3) | Average burden (hrs.) & cost (\$) per response (4) | Total annual burden hrs. & total annual cost (\$) (3) * (4) = (5) |
|---|------------------------------|--|--|---|--|
| Burden for FERC-549E | | | | | |
| Data Providers (and their affiliates)—perform biennial self-audit. | ⁶ 104 | .5 | 52 | 80 hrs.; \$6,960 | 4,160 hrs.; \$361,920. |
| Data Providers (and their affiliates) that provide next-day transactions. | ⁷ 96 | ⁸ 249 | 23,904 | 4 hrs.; \$348 | 95,616 hrs.; \$8,318,592. |
| Data Providers (and their affiliates) that provide next-month transactions. | ⁹ 77 | ¹⁰ 12 | 924 | 4 hrs.; \$348 | 3,696 hrs.; \$321,552. |
| Grand Total for Data Providers. | | | 24,880 | | 103,472 hrs.; \$9,002,064. |

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| Burden for FERC-549E | | | | | |
| Price Index Developers—re-certify every 7 yrs.. | 6 | 0.14 | 0.84 | 320 hrs.; \$27,840 .. | 268.8 hrs.; \$23,385.6. |
| Price Index Developers—code of conduct & confident.; & inform customers. | 6 | 1 | 6 | 80 hrs.; \$6,960 | 480 hrs.; \$41,760. |
| Price Index Developers—identify assessed index price vs. calculated. | 6 | 1 | 6 | 80 hrs.; \$6,960 | 480 hrs.; \$41,760. |
| Grand Total for Price Index Developers. | | | 12.84 | | 1,228.80 hrs.; \$106,905.60. |
| Total Burden for FERC-549E. | | | 24,892.84 | | 104,700.80 hrs.; \$9,108,969.60. |

5. The Commission is providing the opportunity for an additional 30-day comment period. The Commission seeks comments on the burden and cost as shown in this order related to

⁶ A total of 104 data providers (and their affiliates), perform self-audits on the data they provide to price index developers. This figure includes data providers (and their affiliates) that transact solely in the next-day market, data providers (and their affiliates) that transact solely in the next-month market, and data providers (and their affiliates) that transact in both the next-day and next-month market.

⁷ This figure includes data providers (and their affiliates) that transact solely in the next-day market and in both the next-day and next-month markets.

⁸ This figure (249 annual responses per respondent) relates to reporting on all non-holiday trading days.

⁹ This figure includes data providers (and their affiliates) that transact solely in the next-month market and in both the next-day and next-month market.

¹⁰ Respondents who report their next-month transactions to price index developers report their transactions once a month (or 12 times a year).

complying with the *Revised Policy Statement*.

Title: FERC-549E, Price Index Data Providers and Developers.

OMB Control No.: 1902-NEW.

Respondents: Natural Gas Data Providers (Market Participants That Report Transaction).

6. Comments are due December 2, 2022. Comments must refer to Docket No. PL20-3-000, and must include the commenter's name, the organization they represent, if applicable, and their address in their comments. All comments will be placed in the Commission's public files and may be viewed, printed, or downloaded remotely as described in the Document Availability section below. Commenters are not required to serve copies of their comments on other commenters.

7. The Commission encourages comments to be filed electronically via the eFiling link on the Commission's

website at <http://www.ferc.gov>. The Commission accepts most standard word processing formats. Documents created electronically using word processing software must be filed in native applications or print-to-PDF format and not in a scanned format. Commenters filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing.

8. Commenters that are not able to file comments electronically may file an original of their comment by USPS mail or by courier or other delivery services. For submission sent via USPS only, filings should be mailed to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Secretary, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. Submission of filings other than by USPS should be delivered to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

9. No further corrections are warranted pertaining to the *Revised*

Policy Statement. FERC–552 remains the same and no changes are needed for that collection.

By the Commission.

Issued: October 27, 2022.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

Filings Instituting Proceedings

Docket Numbers: RP23–77–000.

Applicants: ANR Pipeline Company.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing;

Jackson Generation #132120–1 NCNR to be effective 11/1/2022.

Filed Date: 10/26/22.

Accession Number: 20221026–5203.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 11/7/22.

Docket Numbers: RP23–78–000.

Applicants: Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing;

Negotiated Rates—Amended Excelsior 510850 eff 11–01–22 to be effective 11/1/2022.

Filed Date: 10/26/22.

Accession Number: 20221026–5215.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 11/7/22.

Docket Numbers: RP23–79–000.

Applicants: Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC.

Description: Compliance filing;

Annual Penalty Revenue Sharing Report 2022 to be effective N/A.

Filed Date: 10/27/22.

Accession Number: 20221027–5020.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 11/8/22.

Docket Numbers: RP23–80–000.

Applicants: Destin Pipeline Company, L.L.C.

Description: Compliance filing; Destin Pipeline Annual Fuel Retention Adjustment to be effective N/A.

Filed Date: 10/27/22.

Accession Number: 20221027–5037.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 11/8/22.

Docket Numbers: RP23–81–000.

Applicants: Carolina Gas Transmission, LLC.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing; CGT—October 27, 2022 Administrative Change to be effective 12/1/2022.

Filed Date: 10/27/22.

Accession Number: 20221027–5043.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 11/8/22.

Any person desiring to intervene or protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.asp>) by querying the docket number.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, service, and qualifying facilities filings can be found at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf>. For other information, call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Dated: October 27, 2022.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Deputy Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–10382–01–OW]

Notice of Public Environmental Financial Advisory Board Virtual Meetings

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announces three public meetings of the Environmental Financial Advisory Board (EFAB). The meetings will be conducted in a virtual format via webcast. The purpose of the meetings will be for the EFAB to provide workgroup updates and work products for the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund charge. Written public comments may be provided in advance. No oral public comments will be accepted during the meetings. Please see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for further details.

DATES: The meetings will be held on:

1. November 17, 2022, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Eastern Time;
2. December 1, 2022, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Eastern Time; and
3. December 15, 2022, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be conducted in a virtual format via webcast only. Information to access the

webcast will be provided upon registration in advance of each meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public who wants information about the meetings may contact Tara Johnson via telephone/voicemail at (202) 564–6186 or email to efab@epa.gov. General information concerning the EFAB is available at <https://www.epa.gov/waterfinancecenter/efab>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The EFAB is an EPA advisory committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2, to provide advice and recommendations to EPA on innovative approaches to funding environmental programs, projects, and activities. Administrative support for the EFAB is provided by the Water Infrastructure and Resiliency Finance Center within EPA's Office of Water. Pursuant to FACA and EPA policy, notice is hereby given that the EFAB will hold three public meetings via webcast for the following purpose: Provide workgroup updates and work products for the Board's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund charge.

Registration for the Meeting: To register for the meeting, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/waterfinancecenter/efab#meeting>. Interested persons who wish to attend the meeting via webcast must register by November 14, 2022 (for the November 17, 2022, meeting), November 28, 2022 (for the December 1, 2022, meeting), and December 12, 2022 (for the December 15, 2022, meeting). Pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

Availability of Meeting Materials: Meeting materials, including the meeting agenda and briefing materials, will be available on EPA's website at <https://www.epa.gov/waterfinancecenter/efab>.

Procedures for Providing Public Input: Public comment for consideration by EPA's federal advisory committees has a different purpose from public comment provided to EPA program offices. Therefore, the process for submitting comments to a federal advisory committee is different from the process used to submit comments to an EPA program office. Federal advisory committees provide independent advice to EPA. Members of the public may submit comments on matters being considered by the EFAB for consideration as the Board develops its advice and recommendations to EPA.

Written Statements: Written statements should be received by November 10, 2022 (for the November 17, 2022, meeting), November 25, 2022