

unless the Commission orders otherwise.

If the project is not subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that the Washington Electric Cooperative, Inc is authorized to continue operation of the North Branch No. 3 Hydroelectric Project under the terms and conditions of the prior license until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first.

Dated: November 2, 2022.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC22-26-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (Ferc-577); Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission FERC-577 (Natural Gas Facilities: Environmental Review and Compliance), which will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review. No comments were received on the 60-day notice published on August 29, 2022.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due December 8, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments on FERC-577 to OMB through www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain.

Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. Please identify the OMB Control Number (1902-0128) in the subject line of your comments. Comments should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain.

Please submit copies of your comments to the Commission. You may submit copies of your comments (identified by Docket No. IC22-26-000) by one of the following methods:

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, Secretary of the Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

Instructions: OMB submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Using the search function under the “Currently Under Review” field, select Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; click “submit,” and select “comment” to the right of the subject collection.

FERC submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <https://www.ferc.gov>. For user assistance, contact FERC Online Support by email at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or by phone at: (866) 208-3676 (toll-free).

Docket: Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this

docket or in viewing/downloading comments and issuances in this docket may do so at <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen Brown may be reached by email at DataClearance@FERC.gov, telephone at (202) 502-8663.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC-577, Natural Gas Facilities: Environmental Review and Compliance.

OMB Control No.: 1902-0128.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-577 with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

Abstract: The FERC-577 contains the Commission’s information collection pertaining to regulations which implement the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) as well as the reporting requirements for landowner notifications. These requirements are contained in 18 CFR parts 2, 157, 284, and 380. The information to be submitted includes draft environmental material in accordance with the provisions of part 380 of FERC’s regulations in order to implement the Commission’s procedures under NEPA. Without such information, the Commission would be unable to fulfill its statutory responsibilities under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), NEPA, and the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Specifically, these responsibilities include ensuring company activities remain consistent with the public interest, which is specified in the NGA and inherent in the other statutes.

Type of Respondents: Companies proposing Natural Gas Projects under section 7 and Jurisdictional Gas Pipeline and Storage Companies.

Estimate of Annual Burden:¹ The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden and cost² for the information collection as follows:

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	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden hours and average cost per response (\$) (rounded)	Total annual burden hours and total annual cost (\$) (rounded)	Cost per respondent (\$) (rounded)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1) = (6)
Gas Pipeline Certificates ¹ .	101	16	1,616	193.52 hours; \$17,610.32.	312,725 hours; \$28,457,975.	\$281,762.13

¹ Burden is defined as 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. See 5 CFR

1320 for additional information on the definition of information collection burden.

² The Commission staff estimates that industry is similarly situated in terms of hourly cost (for wages

plus benefits). Based on the Commission’s FY (Fiscal Year) 2022 average cost (for wages plus benefits), \$188,922 or \$91.00/hour is used.

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	Number of respondents (1)	Number of responses per respondent (2)	Total number of responses (1) * (2) = (3)	Average burden hours and average cost per response (\$) (rounded) (4)	Total annual burden hours and total annual cost (\$) (rounded) (3) * (4) = (5)	Cost per respondent (\$) (rounded) (5) ÷ (1) = (6)
Landowners Notification ² .	164	144	23,616	2 hours; \$182	47,232 hours; \$4,298,112.	\$26,208
Total	25,232	359,957 hours; \$32,756,087.

¹ Requirements are found in 18 CFR parts 2, 157, and 380.

² Requirements are found in 18 CFR 157(d), 157(f), 2.55(a), 2.55(b), 284.11, and 380.15.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (1) whether the 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 and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: November 2, 2022.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PF22-8-000]

East Tennessee Natural Gas, LLC; Notice of Scoping Meeting for the Planned System Alignment Program Project

On October 19, 2022, the staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) issued a *Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Planned System Alignment Program Project*. The notice announced the ongoing scoping period that ends on November 18, 2022. In the notice, staff indicated that a separate notice would be issued to indicate the dates and times for a virtual scoping meeting. With this notice FERC staff invites you to attend the virtual scoping meeting it will conduct by telephone for the planned System

Alignment Program Project. The System Alignment Program Project involves construction and operation of facilities by East Tennessee Natural Gas, LLC in Knox, Jefferson, and Sevier Counties, Tennessee; Rockingham County, North Carolina; and Washington and Wythe Counties, Virginia. East Tennessee Natural Gas, LLC would also complete a hydrotest of an approximately 1.2-mile segment of existing pipeline in Patrick County, Virginia. This virtual scoping meeting will be held as follows:

System Alignment Program Project Public Scoping Meeting

Date, Time, and Call-in Information

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 6:00 p.m. (EST)

Call in number: 888-790-2037

Participant passcode: 8945002

Note that the scoping meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. (EST) and will terminate once all participants wishing to comment have had the opportunity to do so, or at 8:00 p.m. (EST), whichever comes first. The primary goal of this scoping session is to have you identify the specific environmental issues and concerns that should be considered in the environmental document. Individual oral comments will be taken on a one-on-one basis with a court reporter present on the line. This format is designed to receive the maximum amount of oral comments in a convenient way during the timeframe allotted.

There will be a brief introduction by Commission staff when the session opens. Important information about the FERC process will be provided, so please make every attempt to call in at the beginning of the meeting. All participants will be able to hear the one-on-one comments provided by other participants; however, all lines will remain closed during the comments of others and then opened one at a time for providing comments.

Your oral comments will be recorded by the court reporter (with FERC staff or representative present) and become part of the public record for this proceeding. Transcripts will be publicly available on FERC’s eLibrary system. If a significant number of people are interested in providing oral comments in the one-on-one settings, a time limit of 3 minutes may be implemented for each commentor. It is important to note that oral comments hold the same weight as written or electronically submitted comments.

As a reminder, the Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has staff available to assist you at (866) 208-3676 or *FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov*. Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded.

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the eComment feature on the Commission’s website (*www.ferc.gov*) under the link to FERC Online. This is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You can file your comments electronically by using the eFiling feature on the Commission’s website (*www.ferc.gov*) under the link to FERC Online. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on “eRegister.” If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select “Comment on a Filing” as the filing type; and

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the Commission. Be sure to reference the project docket number (PF22-8-000) on your letter. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888