

information about a topic that can later be used to write survey questions, such as specific terminology, definitions, sensitivity of topics, organizational processes, and burden associated with reporting. Information is collected by a moderator using a guided discussion with small groups of people (e.g., 8–10).

Field Techniques. Field techniques described in survey research and survey methodology literature will be employed as appropriate. These include follow-up probing, memory cue tasks, paraphrasing, confidence rating, response latency measurements, free and dimensional sort classification tasks, and vignette classifications. The objective of all of these techniques is to aid in the development of surveys that work with respondents' thought processes, thus reducing response error and burden. These techniques have also proven useful for studying and revising pre-existing questionnaires.

Behavior Coding. Behavior coding is a quantitative technique in which a standard set of codes is systematically applied to respondent/interviewer interactions in interviewer-administered surveys or respondent/questionnaire interactions in self-administered surveys.

Split Panel Test. Split panel tests refer to controlled experimental testing of alternative hypotheses. Thus, they allow one to choose from among competing questions, questionnaires, definitions, error messages or survey improvement methodologies with greater confidence than any of the other methods. Split panel tests conducted during the fielding of the survey are superior in that they can support both internal validity (controlled comparisons of the variable(s) under investigation) and external validity (represent the population under study). Most of the previously mentioned survey improvement methods can be strengthened when teamed with this method.

(4a) *Proposed Changes to Information Collection:*

EIA proposes to collect personally identifiable information (PII) only to the extent necessary to recruit participants for questionnaire testing, evaluation, and research. This PII would not be retained, with the exception of information needed to provide remuneration for participants of questionnaire testing, evaluation, and research and conduct associated data analysis.

(5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* 7,500;

(6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses:* 7,500;

(7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 7,500;

(8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* \$683,700 (7,500 annual burden hours multiplied by \$91.16 per hour). EIA estimates that respondents will have no additional costs associated with the surveys other than the burden hours and the maintenance of the information during the normal course of business.

Comments are invited on whether or not: (a) The proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions, including whether the information will have a practical utility; (b) EIA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used, is accurate; (c) EIA can improve the quality, utility, and clarity of the information it will collect; and (d) EIA can minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, such as automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Statutory Authority: 15 U.S.C. 772(b) and 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*

Signed in Washington, DC, on December 3, 2024.

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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: RP25–251–000.

Applicants: Equitrans, L.P.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rate Capacity Release Agreements—12/1/2024 to be effective 12/1/2024.

Filed Date: 12/2/24.

Accession Number: 20241202–5022.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 12/16/24.

Docket Numbers: RP25–252–000.

Applicants: Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rate Capacity Release Agreements—12/1/2024 to be effective 12/1/2024.

Filed Date: 12/2/24.

Accession Number: 20241202–5075.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 12/16/24.

Any person desiring to intervene, to protest, or to answer a complaint in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211, 214, or 206 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214, or 385.206) 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.

Filings in Existing Proceedings

Docket Numbers: RP24–780–005.

Applicants: Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C.

Description: Compliance filing: Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C. Rate Case Compliance Filing RP24–780 to be effective 12/1/2024.

Filed Date: 11/29/24.

Accession Number: 20241129–5038.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 12/11/24.

Any person desiring to protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rule 211 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date.

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: <https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf>. For other information, call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

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Dated: December 2, 2024.

Carlos D. Clay,

Acting Deputy Secretary.

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