

remediated. All defects detected by the "smart pig" are cross-referenced with the CIS to correct any deficiencies in the cathodic protection system, all before October 19, 1996; and

(A4) Inspecting the 163.19 mile line with a geometry pig followed by a high resolution "smart pig" and remediation of any defects impacting the MAOP, all in the year 2001.

*Alternative B* would be performed only if, during the implementation of (A2), a leak *other than a specified minor leak*<sup>2</sup> occurs. *Alternative B* consists of the following:

(B1) If a leak, *other than a specified minor leak* occurs during (A2) and is remediated, the hydrostatic testing of the four segments is completed;

(B2) Inspecting the 163.19 mile line with a geometry pig followed by a high resolution "smart pig." Any defects impacting the MAOP are promptly remediated. All before October 19, 1996; and

(B3) The period to qualify the MAOP is extended until (B3) is completed. All defects detected by the "smart pig" are cross-referenced with the CIS to correct any deficiencies in the cathodic protection system. Hydrostatic testing and remediation of any leaks occurring in the remaining six segments (totaling 5.95 miles), all before June 30, 1997.

#### Basis for the Alternative Approach

CNGT's proposed alternative approach is based on the contention that this transmission line is in good physical condition. In the petition, they supported that assertion by providing information on the line's construction, operation, and maintenance history.

CNGT states that the 26-in diameter line is constructed of submerged-arc welded steel pipe that has been joined by welding. The pipe is internally coated with mill-applied liquid epoxy and externally coated with mill-applied coal tar enamel. The line was hydrostatically tested and commissioned in December 1968. Cathodic protection is provided by impressed current remote groundbeds and assisted with magnesium anode beds. CNGT states that the 21 test stations used to monitor the level of cathodic protection in the subject segments do not show any areas of low potential. CNGT states that, aside from one failure in 1981 due to third party damage, no other leaks have occurred since the line has been in service. Moreover, during the period 1990

through 1996, the MAOP of six other such segments in this line were requalified by hydrostatic testing under § 192.611(a) without a leak or failure.

The proposed alternative approach expresses the petitioner's confidence that the line is in good physical condition. Any leak *other than a specified minor leak* occurring during the hydrostatic testing of (A2) would trigger the requirement to implement the more costly and time consuming *Alternative B*. Under (B1) and (B3), CNGT would need to hydrostatically test all ten segments required by § 192.611(a). Moreover, under (B2), they would need to inspect the 163.19 mile line with a geometry pig and with a high resolution "smart pig."

#### RSPA Response

Our review of the petition for waiver showed the following:

(1) CNGT's contention that this particular line is in good physical condition is well supported with information on the pipe, internal and external coatings, cathodic protection, and the transmission line's outstanding leak record;

(2) The provisions of § 192.611(a) for requalification would be only partially waived during (A2), because four of the ten segments (representing 4.96 miles or a 45.46% sampling of the total 10.91 miles) would be hydrostatically tested;

(3) If a leak, *other than a specified minor leak* occurs during the hydrostatic testing of (A2), then under (B3) the remaining six segments would be hydrostatically tested. This would result in compliance with § 192.611(a). Additionally, during (B2) there would be an internal inspection of the complete 163.19 mile transmission line;

(4) Otherwise, during (A3) and (A4), the complete transmission line would be internally inspected during 1996 and internally inspected again during the year 2001;

(5) The implementation of either (A3) or (B2) (the in-line inspection in 1996) would be the first time transmission line TL-400 has been inspected by a "smart-pig;" and

(6) A "smart pig" is capable of detecting certain flaws in the pipe wall that (when interpreted) may disclose defects that jeopardize the safe operation of the gas transmission line. CNGT would run a "smart pig" of the high resolution type, which is considered to be state-of-the-art technology for the identification of pipe wall defects.

In view of the foregoing, it appears that neither *Alternative A* nor its back up, *Alternative B*, would be inconsistent with pipeline safety. Instead, we see the

implementation of either alternative as contributing to the safety of this 163.19 mile transmission line. Consequently, RSPA proposes to grant the waiver.

Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed waiver by submitting their views or arguments with supporting data, if available, in the manner described under the heading **ADDRESSES** (above). All comments received before the date shown under **DATES** (above) will be considered before final action is taken. Late filed comments will be considered as far as practicable. No public hearing is contemplated, but one may be held at a time and place set in a notice in the Federal Register if requested by an interested person desiring to comment at a public hearing and raising a genuine issue.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 60118(c); and 49 CFR 1.53.

Issued in Washington, DC, on July 2, 1996.  
Richard B. Felder,

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of Thrift Supervision

#### Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of Thrift Supervision, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Currently, the Office of Thrift Supervision within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Mutual Holding Companies.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before September 6, 1996 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Manager, Dissemination Branch, Records Management and Information Policy, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, Attention 1550-0071 and 1550-0072. These submissions may be hand delivered to 1700 G Street, NW. From

<sup>2</sup> *Other than a specified minor leak*—A leak from a crack, crack-like defects, general corrosion, or from any other source (except localized corrosion pitting) on the 26-inch line pipe.

9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on business days; they may be sent by facsimile transmission to FAX Number (202) 906-7755. Comments over 25 pages in length should be sent to FAX Number (202) 906-6956. Comments will be available for inspection at 1700 G Street, NW., from 9:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. on business days.

Requests for additional information should be directed to Teresa Valocchi, Business Transactions Division, Office of Chief Counsel, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, (202) 906-7299.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Teresa Valocchi, Business Transactions Division, Office of Chief Counsel, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, (202) 906-7299.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Mutual Holding Company (No Form).

*OMB Number:* 1550-0071.

*Form Number:* Not Applicable.

*Abstract:* The information collections described herein will apply to mutual holdings companies and their subsidiaries. The collections are necessary (i) to facilitate review of transactions that present special risks, and (ii) to monitor activities that present special risks.

*Current Actions:* OTS is proposing to renew this information collection without revision.

*Type of Review:* Renewal.

*Affected Public:* Business or For Profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 35.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 102.4 hours average.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 3,585 hours.

*Title:* Mutual Holding Company.

*OMB Number:* 1550-0072.

*Form Number:* OTS Forms MCH-1 and MCH-2.

*Abstract:* The information collection applies to mutual holding companies and their subsidiaries. The collection is necessary to facilitate the review of transactions that present special risks and to monitor activities that present special risks.

*Current Actions:* OTS is proposing to renew this information collection without revision.

*Type of Review:* Renewal.

*Affected Public:* Business or For Profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 14.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 375 hours average.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 5,250 hours.

*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: July 1, 1996.

Catherine C. M. Teti,

*Director, Records Management and Information Policy.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Agency Information Collection: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0101.

*Title and Form Number:* Eligibility Verification Reports.

a. Old Law Eligibility Verification Report (Surviving Spouse), VA Form 21-0511S.

b. Old Law Eligibility Verification Report (Veteran), VA Form 21-0511V.

c. Section 306 Eligibility Verification Report (Surviving Spouse), VA Form 21-0512S.

d. Section 306 Eligibility Verification Report (Veteran), VA Form 21-0512V.

e. Old Law and Section 306 Eligibility Verification Report (Children Only), VA Form 21-0513.

f. DIC Parent's Eligibility Verification Report, VA Form 21-0514.

g. Improved Pension Eligibility Verification Report (Veteran With No Children), VA Form 21-0516.

h. Improved Pension Eligibility Verification Report (Veteran With Children), VA Form 21-0517.

i. Improved Pension Eligibility Verification Report (Surviving Spouse With No Children), VA Form 21-0518.

j. Improved Pension Eligibility Verification Report (Child or Children), VA Form 21-0519C.

k. Improved Pension Eligibility Verification Report (Surviving Spouse With Children), VA Form 21-0519S.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Need and Uses:* These reports are used by VA regional offices to verify continued eligibility for pension and parents' Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) and to determine whether adjustments in the rate of payment are necessary. These reports are also used for developing supplemental income and estate information from claimants who have previously filed a formal application for pension or parents' DIC. It would be impossible to administer the pension and parents' DIC programs without the collection of information.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 406,250 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 30 minutes per report.

*Frequency of Response:* Semi-annually.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 751,315.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of this submission may be obtained from Ron Taylor, VA Clearance Officer (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8015.

Comments and recommendations concerning the submission should be directed to VA's OMB Desk Officer, Allison Eydt, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-4650. Do not send requests for benefits to this address.

**DATES:** Comments on the information collection should be directed to the OMB Desk Officer within 30 days of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ron Taylor, VA Clearance Officer (045A4), (202) 273-8015.

Dated: June 25, 1996.

By direction of the Secretary.

William T. Morgan,

*Management Analyst.*

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