

the Energy Policy Act" (OMB No. 1902-0170) (PL93-3) is used by the Commission to implement the Statutory provisions of the Sections 211 and 213 of the Federal Power Act (EPA), 16 U.S.C. 824j, 8251 as amended by the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-486) 106 Stat. 2776. Under Section 211, the Commission may order transmission service if it finds that such action would be in the public interest and would not unreasonably impair the continued reliability of systems affected by the order. No order may be issued unless the applicant has made a request for

transmission services to the transmitting utility that would be the subject of such order at least 60 days prior to filing the application with the Commission.

Section 213(a) requires a response by the transmitting utility. Unless the transmitting utility accommodates the request on mutually agreeable terms, it shall, within 60 days of receipt of the request, or other mutually agreed upon period, provide such applicant with a detailed written explanation of the basis for the transmitting utility's proposed rates, charges, terms and conditions for such services, as well as any physical

constraints which would affect such service. The information is not filed with the Commission, however, the request and response may be analyzed as part of a Section 211 proceeding. The Commission implements these requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR 2.20.

Action: The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection of data.

Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated as:

Number of respondents annually	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total annual burden hours
(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)×(2)×(3)
20	1	200	4,000

Estimated cost burden to respondents: 4,000 hours/2,087 hours per year × \$102,000 per year = \$195,495.

The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide the information including: (1) Reviewing instructions; (2) developing, acquiring, installing, and utilizing technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, verifying, processing, maintaining, disclosing and providing information; (3) adjusting the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; (4) training personnel to respond to a collection of information; (5) searching data sources; (6) completing and reviewing the collection of information; and (7) transmitting, or otherwise disclosing the information.

The estimate of cost for respondents is based upon salaries for professional and clerical support, as well as direct and indirect overhead costs. Direct costs include all costs directly attributable to providing this information, such as administrative costs and the cost for information technology. Indirect or overhead costs are costs incurred by an organization in support of its mission. These costs apply to activities which benefit the whole organization rather than any one particular function or activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) whether the proposed 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 of the proposed collection of information,

including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP95-408-000 and RP95-408-001]

**Columbia Gas Transmission Corp.;
Notice of Informal Settlement
Conference**

July 26, 1996.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference in this proceeding will be convened on Thursday, August 1, 1996 and Friday August 2, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. The settlement conference will be held at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC, 20426, for the purpose of exploring the possible settlement of the above-referenced docket.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant, as defined in 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the

Commission's regulations (18 CFR 385.214).

For additional information, contact Thomas J. Burgess at 208-2058 or David R. Cain at 208-0917.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. GT96-79-000]

Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership; Notice of Refund Report

July 26, 1996.

Take notice that on July 24, 1996, Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership (Great Lakes) tendered for filing a Report of Gas Research Institute Tier 1 Refunds for 1995 calendar year overpayments. Great Lakes states that the refund report is being filed in accordance with the Commission's Order issued February 22, 1995 in Docket No. RP95-124-000 (70 FERC ¶ 61,205).

Great Lakes states that a refund amount of \$219,707 was received from GRI on June 28, 1996. Great Lakes further states this amount was subsequently refunded to eligible firm transportation customers on a pro-rata basis. Great Lakes states that the report filed reflects the GRI refund amounts allocated to each eligible firm transportation customers for the 1995 calendar year.

Great Lakes states that a copy of the filing is being served upon each of Great Lakes' firm customers and the Public Service Commissions of the states of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan, and the Gas Research Institute.