

Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (15 U.S.C. 717-717w) and provisions of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGP), 15 U.S.C. 3301-3432. Under the NGA, a natural gas company must obtain Commission approval to engage in the transportation, sale or exchange of natural gas in interstate commerce. However, Section 7(c) exempts from certificate requirements "temporary acts or operations for which the issuance of a certificate will not be required in the public interest." The NGPA also provides for non-certificated interstate transactions involving intrastate pipelines and local distribution companies.

A temporary operation, or emergency, is defined as any situation in which an actual or expected shortage of gas supply would require an interstate pipeline company, intrastate pipeline, local distribution company, or Hinshaw pipeline to curtail deliveries of gas or provide less than the projected level of service to any customer. The natural gas companies file the necessary information with the Commission so that it may determine if the transaction/operation qualifies for exemption. A report within forty-eight hours of the commencement of the transportation, sale, or exchange, a request to extend the sixty-day term of the emergency

transportation, if needed, and a termination report are required. The data required to be filed for the forty-eight-hour report is specified by 18 CFR 284.270 (a) (b), (c). The termination report is required by 18 CFR 284.270(d).

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 (1)	Number of responses per respondent (2)	Average burden hours per response (3)	Total annual burden hours (1)×(2)×(3)
55	1	10	550 hours.

The estimated total cost to respondents is \$27,500 (550 hours divided by 2,087 hours per year per employee times \$104,350 per year per average employee = \$27,500). The cost per respondent is \$500.

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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**Alabama-Tennessee Natural Gas Company; Notice of Compliance Filing**

January 24, 1997.

Take notice that on January 21, 1997, Alabama-Tennessee Natural Gas Company (Alabama-Tennessee) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheet with a proposed effective date of May 21, 1997: First Substitute Third Revised Sheet No. 101

Alabama-Tennessee states that the purpose of the filing is to comply with the order issued by the Commission in this proceeding on December 19, 1996 (77 FERC ¶§ 61,281).

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rule 211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211). All such protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,  
Secretary.

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**Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff**

January 24, 1997.

Take notice that on January 21, 1997 Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheets, with an effective date of February 23, 1997:

Twenty-ninth Revised Sheet No. 20A  
Original Sheet No. 99G

Algonquin states that the purpose of this filing is to flow through a refund from National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation related to its Account Nos.