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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description

The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review contains:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC-538 "Gas Pipeline Certificates: Initial Service".

2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

3. *Control No.:* OMB No. 1902-0061. The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection. These are mandatory collection requirements.

4. *Necessity of Collection of Information:* Submission of the information is necessary to enable the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing the provisions of the Natural Gas Act (NGA). The information reported under Commission identifier FERC-538 is filed in accordance with Section 7(a) (NGA). It is necessary to advise the Commission concerning the service which an applicant (local distribution company or municipality) requests the Commission to direct a natural gas pipeline company to extend or improve transportation facilities, establish physical connections to serve, and sell natural gas to the applicant. It must be determined whether the distributor applicant can economically construct and manage its facilities. In addition, the supply data are used to determine if the pipeline company can provide the service without curtailing certain of its existing customers. The flow data and market data are also used to evaluate existing and future customer requirements on the system to find sufficient capacity will be available. Likewise, the cost of facilities and the rate data are used to evaluate the financial impact of the cost of service of the project to both the pipeline company and its customers.

5. *Respondent Description:* The respondent universe currently comprises on average, 1 natural gas pipeline company.

6. *Estimated Burden:* 240 total burden hours, 1 respondent, 1 response annually, 240 hours per response (average).

7. *Estimated Cost Burden to Respondents:* 240 hours ÷ 2,087 hours per year × \$104,350 per year = \$12,000.

Statutory Authority: Sections 7, 10(a) and 16 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), 15 U.S.C. Section 717-717w.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. ER96-2703-000]

Citizens Utilities Company; Notice of Filing

February 10, 1997.

Take notice that on January 13, 1997, Citizens Utilities Company tendered for filing an amendment in the above-referenced docket.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before February 21, 1997. 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. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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Kincaid Generation L.L.C.; Notice of Issuance of Order

February 11, 1997.

Kincaid Generation L.L.C. (Kincaid) filed an application for authorization to sell power at market-based rates, and for certain waivers and authorizations. In particular, Kincaid requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liabilities by Kincaid. On January 30, 1997, the Commission issued an Order Conditionally Accepting For Filing Proposed Market-Based Rates (Order), in the above-docketed proceeding.

The Commission's January 30, 1997 Order granted the request for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the conditions found in Ordering Paragraphs (E), (F), and (H):

(E) Within 30 days of the date of this order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the Commission's blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities by Kincaid should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214.

(F) Absent a request to be heard within the period set forth in Ordering Paragraph (E) above, Kincaid is hereby authorized, pursuant to section 204 of the FPA, to issue securities and to assume obligations or liabilities as guarantor, endorser, surety or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issue or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of Kincaid, compatible with the public interest, and reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

(H) The Commission reserves the right to modify this order to require a further showing that neither public or private interests will be adversely affected by continued Commission approval of Kincaid's issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities * * *.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is March 3, 1997.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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Northwest Natural Gas Company; Notice of Issuance of Order

February 11, 1997.

Northwest Natural Gas Company (Northwest Natural) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which Northwest Natural will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. Northwest Natural also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, Northwest Natural requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Northwest Natural.

On February 6, 1997, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Applications, Office of