

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[FERC-549]

Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

September 26, 1997.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.**ACTION:** Notice of proposed information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described below.

DATES: Consideration will be given to comments submitted on or before December 1, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained from and written comments may be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Attn: Michael Miller, Information Services Division, ED-12.4, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208-1415, by fax at (202) 273-0873, and by e-mail at mmiller@ferc.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collected under the requirements of FERC-549 "Gas Pipeline Rates: Natural Gas Policy Act, Title III Transactions and Natural Gas Act Blanket Certificates Transactions" (OMB No. 1902-0086) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of the Sections 311 and 312 of the Natural Gas Policy Act (NGPA) (15 U.S.C. 3371-3372), and Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (15 U.S.C. 717-717w). Under Part 284 of the Commission's regulations non-interstate

pipelines that perform transportation service under NGPA Section 311 (intrastate pipelines) or blanket certificates issued under section 7 of the NGA (Hinshaw pipelines) are required to file an annual report containing specific details of each transaction initiated during the reporting year. Interstate pipelines performing unbundled sales service under a blanket certificate granted under Part 284 of the regulations are required to file an annual report detailing specific information for each transaction initiated during the reporting year. The Commission uses the information collected in these reports to monitor the jurisdictional transportation activities of interstate pipelines and the unbundled sales activities of interstate pipelines.

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)
90	1.0	8.83	795

The estimated total cost to respondents is \$41,902, (795 hours divided by 2,087 hours per year per employee times \$110,000 per year per average employee=\$41,902). The cost per respondent is \$466.

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.

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Secretary.

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[Docket No. ER97-3765-000]

Allegheny Power Service Corporation, on Behalf of Monongahela Power Company, the Potomac Edison Company, and West Penn Power Company (Allegheny Power); Notice of Filing

September 26, 1997.

Take notice that on September 4, 1997, Allegheny Power Service Corporation on behalf of Monongahela Power Company, the Potomac Edison Company, and West Penn Power 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, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before October 10, 1997. Protests will be considered by the