

2. Deferred Dismantlement

The deferred dismantlement alternative would involve keeping the defueled S3G and D1G Prototype reactor plants in protective storage for 30 years before dismantlement. Deferring dismantlement for 30 years would allow nearly all of the cobalt-60 radioactivity to decay. Nearly all of the gamma radiation within the reactor plant comes from cobalt-60. The very small amount of longer-lived radioisotopes, such as nickel-59, would remain and would have to be addressed during dismantlement.

3. No Action

The no action alternative would involve keeping the defueled S3G and D1G Prototype reactor plants in protective storage indefinitely. Since there is some residual radioactivity with long half-lives, such as nickel-59, in the defueled reactor plant, this alternative would leave some radioactivity at the Kesselring Site indefinitely.

4. Other Alternatives Considered

The other alternatives considered include permanent on-site disposal. Such on-site disposal could involve building an entombment structure over the S3G and D1G Prototype reactor plants or developing a below-ground disposal area at the Kesselring Site. Another alternative would be to remove the S3G and D1G Prototype reactor plants as two large reactor compartment packages for offsite disposal. Each of these alternatives was considered but eliminated from detailed analysis.

Public Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Naval Reactors held a public hearing with two sessions on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement in Milton, New York on August 13, 1997. Comments from 14 individuals and agencies were received in either oral or written statements at the hearing or in comment letters. Approximately one-third of the commenters expressed a preference for the preferred alternative, prompt dismantlement. Two commenters favored the deferred dismantlement alternative and the remaining commenters expressed no specific preference for any of the alternatives. Public comments resulted in only minor clarifications in the Final Environmental Impact Statement. Based on U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, EPA rated the proposed project as "LO" (Lack of Objection). All of the comments and Naval Reactors' responses are

included in an appendix to the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

Preferred Alternative

Naval Reactors has identified the prompt dismantlement alternative as the preferred alternative since it is consistent with the Naval Reactors' record of managing waste efficiently and minimizing its generation. Prompt dismantlement would allow Naval Reactors to utilize an experienced work force that is presently located at the Kesselring Site. Prompt dismantlement could be accomplished safely, economically, and with a high degree of certainty that the environmental impacts would be small.

Availability of Copies of the Final Environmental Impact Statement

The Final Environmental Impact Statement has been distributed to interested Federal, State, and local agencies, and to individuals who have expressed interest. Copies of the Final Environmental Impact Statement and its supporting references are available for review at the Saratoga Springs Public Library at 49 Henry Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866, and at the Schenectady County Public Library at 99 Clinton Street, Schenectady, NY 12301. Requests for copies of the Final Environmental Impact Statement should be directed to Mr. A. S. Baitinger, Chief West Milton Field Office, Office of Naval Reactors, U.S. Department of Energy, P.O. Box 1069, Schenectady, NY 12301; telephone (518) 884-1234.

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F. L. Bowman,

Admiral, U.S. Navy Director, Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Information Collection Submitted for Review and Request for Comments (FERC-511)

November 21, 1997.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of submission for review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the energy information

collection listed in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under provisions of Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13). Any interested person may file comments on the collection of information directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission received no comments in response to an earlier **Federal Register** notice of August 21, 1997 (62 FR 44462) and has made this notation in its submission to OMB. **DATES:** Comments regarding this collection of information are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before December 26, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Address comments to Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Desk Officer, 726 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503. A copy of the comments should also be sent to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Division of Information Services, Attention: Mr. Michael Miller, 888 First Street N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael P. 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:

Description

The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review contains:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC-511 "Application for Transfer of License."
2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
3. *Control No.:* OMB No. 1902-0069. The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection. There is no change to the reporting burden. 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 Federal Power Act (FPA). The information reported under Commission identifier FERC-511 is filed in accordance with Sections 4(e), and 8(FPA). Section 4(e) of the FPA authorizes the Commission to issue licenses for construction, operation and maintenance of dams, water conduits,

reservoirs, and transmission lines or other facilities necessary for the development, transmission and utilization of power from bodies of water Congress has jurisdiction over. Section 8 of the FPA provides that the voluntary transfer of any license can only be made with the written approval of the Commission. Any successor to the licensee may assign the rights of the original licensee, but is subject to all of the conditions of the license. The information is collected in the form of a written application for transfer of a license, executed jointly by the parties to the proposed transfer. It is used by the Commission staff to determine the qualifications of the proposed transferee to hold the license, and to prepare the transfer of the license order. Respondent Description: The respondent universe currently comprises on average, 23 applicants for transfer of a hydro electric license.

6. *Estimated Burden*: 920 total burden hours, 23 respondents, 1 response annually, 40 hours per response (average).

7. *Estimated Cost Burden to Respondents*: 920 hours ÷ 2,087 hours per year × \$110,000 per year = \$48,491.

Statutory Authority: Sections 4(e), 8 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 791a *et seq.*

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Information Collection Submitted for Review and Request for Comments (FERC-515)

November 21, 1997.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of submission for review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the energy information collection listed in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under provisions of Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13). Any interested person may file comments on the collection of information directly with OMB and should address a copy of those

comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission received no comments in response to an earlier **Federal Register** notice of August 21, 1997 (62 FR 44463) and has made this notation in its submission to OMB.

DATES: Comments regarding this collection of information are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before December 26, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Address comments to Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Desk Officer, 726 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503. A copy of the comments should also be sent to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Division of Information Services, Attention: Mr. Michael Miller, 888 First Street N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description

The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review contains:

1. *Collection of Information*: FERC-515 "Hydropower License-Declaration of Intention."
2. *Sponsor*: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
3. *Control No.*: OMB No. 1902-0079. The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection. There is an increase in the reporting burden due to an increase in the number of applicants who intend to undertake hydroelectric projects. 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 Federal Power Act (FPA). The information reported under commission identifier FERC-515 is filed in accordance with Sections 23(b) of the FPA. Section 23(b) of the FPA authorizes the Commission to make a determination as to whether it has jurisdiction over a proposed hydroelectric project. Section 23(b) also requires that any person intending to construct project works on a navigable commerce clause water must file a declaration of their intention to do so with the Commission. If the Commission finds the proposed project

will have an impact on "interstate or foreign commerce", then the person intending to construct the project must obtain a Commission license or exemption before starting constructions. Such sites are generally on streams defined as U.S. navigation waters, and over which the Commission has jurisdiction under its authority to regulate foreign and interstate commerce. The information is collected in the form of a written application, declaring the applicant's intent and used by Commission staff to research the jurisdictional aspects of the project. This research includes examining maps and land ownership records to establish whether or not there is Federal jurisdiction over the lands and waters affected by the project. A finding of non-jurisdiction by the Commission eliminates a substantial paperwork burden for an applicant who might otherwise have to file a license or exemption application.

5. *Respondent Description*: The respondent universe currently comprises on average, 10 applicants for a declaration of intention ("DI").

6. *Estimated Burden*: 800 total burden hours, 10 respondents, 1 response annually, 80 hours per response (average).

7. *Estimated Cost Burden to Respondents*: 800 hours ÷ 2,087 hours per year × \$110,000 per year = \$42,166, average cost per respondent = \$4,216.

Statutory Authority: Sections 23(b), of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 617.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP96-190-011]

Colorado Interstate Gas Company; Notice of Tariff Compliance Filing

November 20, 1997.

Take notice that on November 17, 1997, Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG), tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the tariff sheets listed on Appendix A to the filing, to be effective October 1, 1997 and November 1, 1997, as applicable.

CIG states that on March 29, 1996, in Docket No. RP96-190-000, it filed to implement a general rate increase applicable to its transportation and storage services. Intensive settlement