

apply to for-profit subcontractors and suppliers of a nonprofit contractor? Should the exemption apply to a for-profit partner of a nonprofit contractor?

31. Should DOE continue to have discretionary authority to provide educational nonprofit institutions with an automatic remission of civil penalties? If so, should the remission be available where the nonprofit entity has a for-profit partner, subcontractor, or supplier?

32. Should the maximum amount of civil penalties be modified? If so, how?

33. Should the provisions in section 234A.c. concerning administrative and judicial proceedings relating to civil penalties be modified? If so, how?

34. Should there be any modification in the authority in section 223.c. to impose criminal penalties for knowing and willful violations of nuclear safety requirements by individual officers and employees of contractors, subcontractors and suppliers covered by the DOE Price-Anderson indemnification? Should this authority be extended to cover violations by persons not indemnified?

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**Eric J. Fygi,**

*Acting General Counsel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[FERC-525]

#### Information Collection Submitted for Review and Request for Comments

December 24, 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. No. 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 8, 1997 (62 FR 42768) 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 or on before January 30, 1998.

**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, NW., Washington, DC 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 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:

##### Description

The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review contains:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC-525 "Financial Audits".

2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

3. *Control No.:* OMB No. 1902-0092. 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 a decrease in the reporting burden because the Commission is revamping its audit program to concentrate on compliance with issues related to Order Nos. 636 and 888 including issues that impede competition among companies. This shift in the emphasis of its audits is to gather information necessary to evaluate the regulatory implications of overseeing industry practices and standards in a competitive environment. 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 Natural Gas Act (NGA), and the Interstate Commerce Act (ICA). The information reported under Commission identifier FERC-525 is filed in accordance with Sections 4(b), 208, 301(b), 302, 307 and 308 of the FPA, Sections 6, 8(b), 9 and 10 of the NGA and Sections 19 and 20 of the ICA. The Commission also conducts reviews to ensure respondents comply with

requirements established under Commission Order Nos. 636 and 888. These audits are performed to ensure that financial records and reports of entities regulated by the Commission comply with its accounting and reporting requirements and to provide assurance of the reliability of companies' financial data for both the Commission and investor purposes. The information gathered during the audits forms the basis of the audit staff's opinion regarding the reliability of financial data filed with the Commission by companies; the extent of conformance by companies to the Uniform System of Accounts and other regulations of the Commission, and compliance with the Commission's regulation for open access transportation of natural gas and electric energy including standards of conduct and electronic bulletin board posting of transportation/transmission availability and pricing.

5. *Respondent Description:* The respondent universe currently comprises, on average, 77 respondents.

6. *Estimated Burden:* 7,700 total burden hours, 77 respondents, 1 response annually, 100 hours per response (average).

7. *Estimated Cost Burden to Respondents:* 7,700 hours ÷ 2,088 hours per year × \$110,000 per year = \$405,846, average cost per respondent = \$5,271.

**Statutory Authority:** Sections 4(b), 208, 301(b), 302, 307, 308 of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 792-828g; Sections 6, 8(b), 9 and 10 of the NGA, 15 U.S.C. 717-717w; and Sections 19 and 20 of the ICA, 49 U.S.C. 19 and 20.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-137-000]

#### ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

December 24, 1997.

Take notice that on December 16, 1997, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR), 500 Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan 48243, filed in Docket No. CP98-137-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 157.205, 157.211) under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to install and operate a new turbine meter at an existing meter station in Branch County, Michigan, under ANR's blanket

certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-480-000, pursuant to Section 7 of the NGA, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

ANR proposes to install and operate a 2-inch turbine meter at its existing Coldwater Lakes Meter Station in Branch County, Michigan. ANR estimates the cost of installing the meter at \$19,000. It is stated that ANR is installing the meter to accommodate increasing deliveries at the meter station. It is explained that ANR delivered 58,212 Mcf of natural gas at the Coldwater Lakes Meter Station in the 12-month period from July 1, 1995, through June 30, 1996, and 88,713 Mcf in the 12-month period for the following 12-month period, with most of the increase occurring during the winter months.

It is asserted that the volumes to be delivered will be within the certificated entitlements of the customer, Peoples Natural Gas Company (Peoples), and that the gas will be transported under ANR's Part 284 blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP88-532-000. It is further asserted that the volume of gas delivered to Peoples will not affect ANR's peak day or annual requirements and that deliveries can be made without detriment or disadvantage to ANR's other customers.

Any person or the Commission's staff my, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER98-459-000]

#### Bangor Energy Resale, Inc.; Notice of Issuance of Order

December 23, 1997.

Bangor Energy Resale, Inc. (Bangor Energy) filed an application to engage in wholesale power sales at market-based rates, and for certain waivers and authorizations. In particular, Bangor Energy requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liabilities by Bangor Energy. On December 23, 1997, the Commission issued an Order Conditionally Accepting For Filing Proposed Market-Based Rates (Order), in the above-docketed proceeding.

The Commission's December 23, 1997 Order granted the request for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the conditions found in Ordering Paragraphs (D), (E), and (G):

(D) 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 Bangor Energy 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 Practices and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214.

(E) Absent a request to be heard within the period set forth in Ordering Paragraph (D) above, Bangor Energy is hereby authorized to issue securities and assume obligations and liabilities as guarantor, indorser, 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 Bangor Energy, compatible with the public interest, and reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

(G) The Commission reserves the right to modify this order to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued Commission approval of Bangor Energy'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 January 22, 1998.

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.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. TM98-5-97-000]

#### Chandeleur Pipe Line Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

December 23, 1997.

Take notice that on December 18, 1997, Chandeleur Pipe Line Company (Chandeleur) tendered for filing proposed changes in its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, Sheet No. 5.

Chandeleur is proposing to change its Fuel and Line Loss Allowance from 0.7% to 0.6%, to become effective January 1, 1998.

Chandeleur states that copies of the filing were served upon the company's jurisdictional customers and state regulatory commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 375.211 to the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests should be filed in accordance with 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. 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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