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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of General Counsel

#### Preparation of Report to Congress on Price-Anderson Act

**AGENCY:** Office of General Counsel, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of inquiry concerning preparation of report to Congress on the Price-Anderson Act; extension of due date for reply comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy is extending until February 25, 1998, the due date for reply comments to a Notice of Inquiry concerning the continuation or modification of the provisions of the Price-Anderson Act.

**DATES:** Public comments were due on January 30, 1998. Reply comments must be received by February 25, 1998 (an extension from February 13, 1998).

**ADDRESSES:** Send 5 written copies of reply comments to: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of General Counsel, GC-52, 1000 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20585. If possible, a copy should also be e-mailed to PAA.notice@hq.doe.gov or provided on computer disk. This Notice, the comments submitted to DOE, and other relevant information will be available on the internet at "www.gc.doe.gov". The comments also may be examined between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the U.S. Department of Energy, Freedom of Information Reading Room, Room 1E-190, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-6020.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ben McRae or Jeanette Helfrich, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of General Counsel, GC-52, 1000 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-6975.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 31, 1998, the Department of Energy published a Notice of Inquiry in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 68272) soliciting public comments concerning

the continuation or modification of the provisions of the Price-Anderson Act. These comments will assist the Department in the preparation of a report on the Act to be submitted to Congress by August 1, 1998 as required by the Atomic Energy Act. The initial comments were due on January 30, 1998. In addition, reply comments on the initial comments were due on February 13, 1998.

Several of the initial comments indicated the comment period should be longer because of the complex legal and policy issues raised by the Notice of Inquiry. In response to these requests for a longer comment period, the Department has decided to change the due date for reply comments from February 13, 1998, to February 25, 1998. This extension will provide more time for the preparation of reply comments.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[IC98-549-001 FERC-549]

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

February 9, 1998.

**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 October 2, 1997 (62 FR 51648) 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 March 16, 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, 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 Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208-1415, by fax at (202) 273-0873, and by e-mail at michael.miller@ferc.fed.us.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Description

The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review contains:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC-549 "Gas Pipeline Rates: NGPA Title III and NGA Blanket Certificate Transactions".

2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

3. *Control No.:* OMB No. 1902-0086. 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 Sections 311 and 312 Natural Gas Policy Act (NGPA) and Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA). The reporting requirements for implementing these provisions are contained in 18 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 284. Under Part 284 of the Commission's regulations noninterstate 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 on each transaction initiated during the reporting year. Following approval of the initial filing, the individual