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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collected under the requirements of FERC-576 "Report by Gas Pipeline Companies on Service Interruptions" (OMB No. 1902-0004) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (15 U.S.C. 717-717w). Under Sections 4, 7, 10(a) and 16 of the NGA the Commission is empowered to

oversee continuity of service in the transportation of natural gas in interstate commerce. The information collected under FERC-576 notifies the Commission in a timely manner of any interruption to service or possible hazard to public health or safety. The Commission uses this information to assess the validity of its regulations and policies which are implemented to insure the availability of adequate supplies at reasonable prices. The data collected pertains to serious interruptions of service to any wholesale customer involving facilities operated under certificate authorization from the Commission. Specifically, the data collected includes: (1) Date of service interruption, (2) date of

reporting the interruption to the Commission, (3) location, (4) brief description of facility involved and cause of interruption, (5) customers affected, (6) duration of interruption, and (7) volumes of gas interrupted.

The Commission implements these mandatory information collection requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR Part 260.9.

Action: The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date.

Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated as follows:

Number of respondents annually	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total annual burden hours
(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)×(2)×(3)
12	1.25	1.0	15

Estimated cost burden to respondents: 15 hours divided by 2,088 hours per year times \$110,000 per year equal \$790 (rounded). The estimated cost per respondent is equal to \$65.83.

The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resource 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 purpose 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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CMP Trading & Marketing; Notice of Filing

April 16, 1998.
 Take notice that on March 30, 1998, CMP Trading & Marketing tendered for

filing its Quarterly Report of Transactions for the periods July 1997 to September 30, 1997, and October 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997.

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 April 28, 1998. 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.

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Acting Secretary.
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