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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Description**

The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review contains:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC-550 "Oil Pipeline rates: Tariff Filings".

2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

3. *Control No.:* OMB No. 1902-0089. The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection. This is a mandatory information collection requirement.

4. *Necessity of Collection of Information:* The filing requirement provides the basis for analysis of all rates, fares, or charges whatsoever demanded, charged or collected by any common carrier or carriers in connection with the transportation of crude oil and petroleum products and are used by the Commission to establish a basis for determining the just and reasonable rates that should be charged by the regulated pipeline company. Based on this analysis, a recommendation is made to the Commission to take action whether to suspend, accept or reject the proposed rate. The data required to be filed for pipeline rates and tariff filings is specified by 18 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Chapter I Parts 340-348.

Jurisdiction over oil pipelines, as it relates to the establishment of rates or charges for the transportation of oil by pipeline or the establishment or valuations for pipelines, was transferred from the Interstate Commerce Commission to the Commission, pursuant to Section 306 and 402 of the Department of Energy Organization Act (DOE Act), 42 U.S.C. Sections 7155 and 7172, and Executive Order No. 12009, 42 FR 12009, 43 FR 46267 (September 15, 1977).

5. *Respondent Description:* The respondent universe currently comprises on average, 170 respondents subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

6. *Estimated Burden:* 5,668 total burden hours, 170 respondents, 3.06 responses annually, 10.9 hours per response (average).

7. *Estimated Cost Burden to Respondents:* 5,668 hours ÷ 2,088 hours

per year × \$109,889 per year = \$298,300, average cost per respondent = \$1,755.

**Statutory Authority:** Part I, Sections 1, 6, and 15, of the Interstate Commerce Act (ICA), (Pub. L. No. 337, 34 Stat. 384).

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[IC98-574-001 FERC-574]

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

September 8, 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 information collected 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 did not receive any comments in response to an earlier notice issued June 19, 1998, 63 FR 34640, June 25, 1998.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this collection of information are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before October 14, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Address comments to Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Desk Officer, 725 17th Street, NW Washington, DC 20503. A copy of the comments should also be sent to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attention: Michael Miller, 888 First Street NE Washington, DC 20426.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Description**

The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review contains:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC-574 "Gas Pipeline Certificates: Hinshaw Exemption".

2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

3. *Control No.:* OMB No. 1902-0116. The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection. This is a mandatory information collection requirement.

4. *Necessity of Collection of Information:* Submission of the information is necessary to fulfill the requirements of Sections 1(c), 4, and 7 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (Pub. L. 78-688) (15 U.S.C. 717-717w). Natural gas pipeline companies file applications with the Commission furnishing information in order for a determination to be made as to whether the applicant qualifies for exemption from the provisions of the Natural Gas Act (Section 1(c)). If the exemption is granted, the pipeline is not required to file certificate applications, rate schedules, or any other applications or forms otherwise prescribed by the Commission.

The exemption applies to companies engaged in the transportation or sale for resale of natural gas in interstate commerce if: (a) it receives gas at or within the boundaries of the state from another person; (b) such gas is transported, sold, consumed within such state; and (c) the rates, service and facilities of such company are subject to regulation by a State Commission. The data required to be filed for an exemption is specified by 18 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 152.

5. *Respondent Description:* The respondent universe currently comprises on average, 1 respondent subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

6. *Estimated Burden:* 245 total burden hours, 1 respondent, 1 response annually, 245 hours per response (average).

7. *Estimated Cost Burden to Respondents:* 245 hours ÷ 2,088 hours per year × \$109,889 per year = \$12,894.

**Statutory Authority:** Sections 1(c), 4 and 7 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), 15 U.S.C. 717-717w.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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