

the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is soliciting public comments on the specific aspects of the information collection described below.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to comments submitted on or before March 29, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained from and written comments may be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Attn: Michael Miller, Office of the Chief Information Officer, CI-1, 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:** The information collected under the

requirements of FERC-516 "Electric Rate Schedule Filings" (OMB No. 1902-0096) is used by the Commission to carry out the general authority in Sections 15, 19, 20, 205, 206 and 207 of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. 808, 812, 813, 824d-f). A public utility must obtain Commission authorization for all rates and charges made, related contracts and service conditions, and for wholesale sales and transmission of energy in interstate commerce. The Commission is authorized to investigate the rates charged by public utilities subject to its jurisdiction. If after investigation the Commission determines that the rates, terms or conditions of service are "unjust and unreasonable or unjustly discriminatory or unduly preferential," it is authorized to determine and prescribe the just and reasonable rates, terms or conditions. Either full or abbreviated cost data is required to support the proposed rate

levels as part of the justification for the complete electric rate schedules. Submission of the information is necessary because of the complexity of the electric industry and the controversial nature of many of the elements of a utility's cost to provide service. Sufficient detail must be obtained for the Commission to make informed and equitable decisions concerning the appropriate level of rates, and to aid customers and other parties who may wish to challenge the rate proposed by the utility. The compliance with these requirements is mandatory. The reporting requirements are found at 18 CFR Parts 35 and 292.

**Action:** The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection of data.

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

| Number of respondents annually | Number of responses per respondent | Average burden hours per response | Total annual burden hours |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| (1)                            | (2)                                | (3)                               | (1) × (2) × (3)           |
| 858                            | 3.42                               | 183                               | 536,800                   |

Over the last three years, the Commission has seen a dramatic increase in both the number of filings as is shown in the figures above. A decrease in average burden hours per respondent is the result of a dramatic increase in tariff service agreement filings. These filings have very short preparation times and are so numerous that when combined with other more lengthy types of filings, the result is a significant reduction in the overall average burden hours per response. Overall, there is a slight reduction in the total annual burden hours.

*Estimated total cost burden to respondents:* 536,800 hours per year ÷ 2080 hours per year × \$109,889 = \$28,359,815. The cost per respondent is equal to \$33,053.

The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources 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 purposes 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.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-205-000]

#### Equitrans, L.P.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

January 22, 1999.

Take notice that on January 20, 1999, Equitrans, L.P. (Equitrans), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets, to become effective February 1, 1999:

Fourth Revised Sheet No. 251  
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 300  
Second Revised Sheet No. 301  
Fifth Revised Sheet No. 314  
Sixth Revised Sheet No. 321  
Sixth Revised Sheet No. 329  
Third Revised Sheet No. 353

Equitrans states that the purpose of this filing is to request the discontinuation of Equitrans' proprietary Electronic Bulletin Board (EBB) and to

rely on its Internet Web site pursuant to Order No. 587-C to satisfy its obligations under the Commission's Regulation relating to EBBs.

Equitrans states that this filing revises Equitrans' General Terms and Conditions, Section 26 to state that Equitrans' EQUIPATH Electronic Communications System can be accessed via the Internet's World Wide Web @ www.equitrans.com. address. Equitrans proposes amendments to the Forms of Service Agreements to include reference to Equitrans' internet address. Also, the service request form is modified to request that customers include their e-mail address.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must 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 proceedings. 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 in the Public Reference Room.

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1981-010]

#### **Oconto Electric Cooperative; Notice Rescinding Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions**

January 22, 1999.

On December 3, 1998, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions, 63 FR 67875 (Dec. 9, 1998) for the Stiles Project (P-1981), located on the Oconto River, Oconto County, Wisconsin. Comments are due on February 3, 1999.

By letter dated January 5, 1999, the parties to an on-going settlement negotiation for the Stiles Project requested that the Commission rescind the December 3, 1998 Notice. The parties believe that the negotiation process will accomplish a comprehensive settlement of key issues. Consequently, the Commission rescinds the December 3, 1998 Notice.

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-204-000]

#### **Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company; Notice of Filing**

January 22, 1999.

Take notice that on January 19, 1999, Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company (Panhandle) tendered for filing its reconciliation report in compliance with Article I, Section 3(e)(ii) of the May 22, 1995 Stipulation and Agreement in Docket No. RP94-325-000 (Settlement). The Settlement required the filing of a reconciliation report as soon as practicable following the termination of the Carryover GSR Settlement Interruptible Rate Component.

Panhandle states that pursuant to the Commission's November 28, 1997 order in Docket No. RP98-27-000 it established the Carryover GSR Settlement Interruptible Rate Component to be effective during the twelve month period commencing December 1, 1997. Panhandle further states that it filed on October 30, 1998 in Docket No. RP99-107-000 to suspend the Carryover GSR Settlement Interruptible Rate Component for services provided under Rate Schedules IT and EIT effective December 1, 1998. Panhandle's filing was approved by Commission letter order issued November 27, 1998.

Panhandle states that copies of this filing are being served on all parties to the proceeding in Docket No. RP94-325.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will

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*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PR98-13-001]

#### **The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company; Notice of Revised Operating Statement**

January 22, 1999.

Take notice that on January 7, 1999, The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company (Peoples Gas) filed a revised Operating Statement pursuant to 18 CFR 284.224. The Operating Statement modifies the Operating Statement filed as Exhibit B to its petition for rate approval in PR98-13-000. The revised Operating Statement incorporates revisions to Peoples Gas' proposal to offer firm and interruptible storage services, limited parking and loaning service, title tracking service, charges for fuel retention, and other miscellaneous changes.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed on or before January 29, 1999. 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 proceedings. 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 in the Public Reference Room.

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Secretary.*

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