

firm sales and transmission, and short-term sales and transmission and exchanges for all public utilities, including power marketers. The Commission divides these volumes into its collectible program costs to determine the unit charge per megawatt-hour for each category of sales. Finally, the Commission multiplies the sales volume in each category for each public utility by the relevant unit charge per

megawatt-hour to determine the annual charges for public utilities, including power marketers. In addition the Commission uses company financial information filed under the waiver provisions to evaluate a company's request for a waiver, or exemption, of the obligation to pay a fee for an annual charge. The Commission implements these filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR

Part 381 Sections 381.108 and 381.302 and Part 382 Section 382.201(b).

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 hours	Total annual burden hours
(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)×(2)×(3)
242	1	2	484

Estimated cost burden to respondents: 484 hours / 2,080 hours per year × \$109,889 per year = \$25,570. The cost per respondent = \$106.

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 of 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 technologies 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

[Docket No. IC99-583-000; FERC-583]

Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

April 15, 1999.
AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.
ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(2)(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described below.

DATES: Consideration will be given to comments submitted within 60 days of the publication of this notice.

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 NE, Washington, DC 20426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Micheal Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208-1415, by fax at (202) 208-2425, and by e-mail at mike.miller@ferc.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Abstract: The information collected under the requirements of FERC-583 "Annual Kilowatt Generating Report (Annual Charges)" (OMB No. 1902-0136) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of Section 10(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), Part I, 16 USC 803(e) which requires the Commission to collect annual charges from hydropower licensees for, among other things, the cost of administering Part I of the FPA and for the use of United States dams. In addition, the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986 (OBRA) authorizes the Commission to "assess and collect fees and annual charges in any fiscal year in amounts equal to all of the costs incurred by the Commission in that fiscal year." The information is collected annually and used to determine the amount of annual charges to be assessed licensees for reimbursable government administrative costs and for use of government dams. The Commission implements these filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR sections Part 11. *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 (1)	Number of responses per respondent (2)	Average burden hours per response (3)	Total annual burden hours (1) × (2) × (3)
660	1	2	1,320

Estimated cost burden to respondents: 1,320 hours/2,080 hours per year × \$109,889 per year = \$69,737. The cost per respondent = \$106.

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 collection, 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 of other forms of information technology

e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

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Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-283-000]

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

April 15, 1999.

Take notice that on April 12, 1999, Sabine Pipe Line Company (Sabine) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, First Revised Sheet No. 248A, to become effective May 15, 1999.

Sabine states that the purpose of this filing is to modify the provisions of its FERC Gas Tariff to specify the types of discounts that are permissible and would not constitute a "material deviation" requiring individual agreements to be filed with FERC.

Sabine states that copies of this filing are being mailed to its customers, state commissions and other interested parties.

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. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/>

rims.htm (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP97-315-000 et al., CP97-319-000, CP98-200-00, CP98-540-000]

Independent Pipeline Company, ANR Pipeline Company, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Independence Pipeline and Market Link Expansion Projects

April 15, 1999.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared this draft environmental impact statement (draft EIS) on natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by ANR Pipeline Company (ANR), Independence Pipeline Company (Independence), National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National Fuel), and Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) in the above-referenced dockets.

The draft EIS was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed projects, with appropriate mitigating measures as recommended, would have limited adverse environmental impact. The draft EIS also evaluates alternatives to the proposal, including system alternatives.

The draft EIS assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the following facilities in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey:

ANR

- About 72.3 miles of high pressure pipeline looping in three segments, consisting of about 42.4 miles of 42-inch-diameter pipeline, and about 29.9 miles of 30-inch-diameter pipeline;