

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

[FE Docket No. 99-26-NG]

**Office of Fossil Energy; ProGas U.S.A., Inc. Order Granting Long-Term Authorization To Import Natural Gas From Canada**

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Order.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy gives notice that it has issued an order granting ProGas U.S.A., Inc. (ProGas U.S.A.) long-term authorization to import from Canada up to 65,000 thousand cubic feet per day of natural gas, plus gas required for transportation, for a 15-year period beginning on October 1, 2000, or such later date as Alliance Pipeline Limited Partnership and Alliance Pipeline L.P. commence service, pursuant to the terms of a natural gas purchase contract dated July 1, 1990, as amended July 2, 1990, between ProGas U.S.A. and ProGas Limited.

This order is available for inspection and copying in the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities docket room, 3E-042, FE-34, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-9478. The docket room is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. IC99-717-001, FERC-717]

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

May 19, 1999.

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. 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 comments from one entity in response to an earlier **Federal Register** notice of December 7, 1998 (63 FR 67467) and has responded to these comments in its submission to OMB.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this collection of information are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification.

**ADDRESSES:** Address comments to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Desk Office, 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, CI-1, Attention: Michael Miller, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael 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:****Description**

The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review contains:

1. Collection of Information: FERC-717 "Open Access Same Time Information Systems".
2. Sponsor: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
3. Control No. OMB No. 1902-0173.

The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve a three-year extension on the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection. There are no increases to the reporting burden. This is a mandatory information collection requirements and the Commission does not consider the information to be confidential.

4. Necessity of Collection of Information: Submission of the information is necessary to enable the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing the statutory provisions of part 3, sections 309 and 311 of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 825(h), and 825(j). Section 309 gives the Commission the authority to prescribe, issue, make and amend orders, rules and regulations to implement the provisions of the Federal

Power Act. Section 311 gives the Commission authority to secure information necessary or appropriate for recommending legislation or to conduct investigations concerning generation, transmission, distribution and sale of electric energy regardless of whether they are jurisdictional or nonjurisdictional entities within the United States and its possessions. The Commission is also authorized to keep current information on the ownership, operation, management and control of all facilities for generation, transmission, distribution, sale, and capacity and output of these facilities and the relationship between the two. The information is also used for determining the cost(s) for generation, distribution, rates, charges, and contracts with respect to the sale of electric energy and the service to residential, rural, commercial and industrial consumers and other purchasers by private and public agencies. The information collected under FERC-717 is specifically used to monitor the networks to ensure that potential purchasers of transmission services obtain the services on a non-discriminatory basis. Failure to issue these requirements would mean the Commission is not meeting its statutory obligations and permitting discrimination in interstate transmission services provided by public utilities.

The Commission implements these filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR Part 37.

5. Respondent Description: The respondent universe currently comprises on average 140 companies subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

6. Estimated Burden: 198,520 total burden hours, 140 respondents, 1 response annually, 1,418 per response (average).

7. Estimated Cost Burden to Respondents: \$20,807,535 (140 respondents x \$148,625 (cost per respondent)).

**Statutory Authority:** Sections 309 and 311 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 825(h), 825(j).

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**  
*Acting Secretary.*

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