

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Research and Special Programs Administration**

[Docket: RSPA-98-4957: Notice 4]

Information Collection; Request for Comment**AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.**ACTION:** Request for comments and OMB approval.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, RSPA published a notice in the **Federal Register** to announce the Research and Special Programs Administration's request to renew an information collection in support of the Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) for Customer Owned Service Lines. RSPA's information collection concerns a pipeline safety regulation that requires gas service line operators who do not maintain certain customer piping to notify the customers of the need to maintain the piping. One comment was received. This comment was with regard to a definition of service lines. The operator of this particular line is not subject to this regulation. This notice gives the public an additional 30 day comment period.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by July 1, 1999, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Copies of this information collection can be reviewed at the Dockets Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Plaza 401, 400 Seventh St., SW, Washington, DC 20590.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marvin Fell, Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Customer-Owned Service Lines.
OMB Number: 2137-0594.

Type of Request: Existing information collection.

Abstract: RSPA regulation (49 CFR 192.16) requires operators of gas service lines who do not maintain buried customer piping up to building walls or certain other locations to notify their customers of the need to maintain that piping. Congress directed DOT to take this action in view of service line accidents. By advising customers of the need to maintain their buried gas piping, the notices may reduce the risk of further accidents.

In addition, each operator must make the following records available for

inspection by RSPA or a State agency participating under 49 U.S.C. 60105 or 60106: (1) A copy of the notice currently in use; and (2) evidence that notices have been sent to customers within the previous 3 years.

Estimate of Burden: Minimal.

Respondents: Gas transmission and distribution operators.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,590.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 350.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 9,137 hours.

Comments are invited on: (a) The need for the proposed collection of information for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) 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; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) 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.

Send comments to Office of Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 726 Jackson Place, NW, Washington, DC 20503, ATTN: Desk Officer for the Department of Transportation.

A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Research and Special Programs Administration**

[Docket RSPA-99-4957; Notice 3]

Information Collection; Request for Comments**ACTION:** Request for Comments and OMB Approval.**AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, RSPA published a notice in the **Federal Register** to announce the Research and

Special Programs Administration's (RSPA) request to renew an information collection in support of the Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) for Excess Flow Valves (EFV) Customer Notification. Comments were requested from the public. No comments were received. The public is being given another 30 days to provide comments on this information collection.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by July 1, 1999, to ensure consideration.

ADDRESSES: Copies of this information collection can be reviewed at the Dockets Facility, Plaza 401, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday excluding Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marvin Fell, Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20950, telephone (202) 366-1640 or e-mail marvin.fell@rspa.dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Excess Flow Valves, Customer Notification.

OMB Number: 2137-0593.

Abstract: 49 U.S.C. 60110 directed DOT to prescribe regulations requiring operators to notify customers in writing about EFV availability, the safety benefits derived from installation, and the costs associated with installation. The regulations provide that, except where installation is already required, the operator will install an EFV that meet prescribed performance criteria at the customer's request, if the customer pays for the installation.

Estimate of Burden: The average burden hours per response is.

Respondents: Gas Distribution Pipeline Operators.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1590.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 82,500 hours.

Comments are invited on: (a) The need for the proposed collection of information for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) 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; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated,