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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. MG98-6-003]

#### Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Filing

February 23, 2000.

Take notice that on February 14, 2000, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural) filed its second update to its compliance plan in response to the Commission's January 16, 1998 Order. 82 FERC ¶ 61,038 (1998).

Natural states that it has served copies of its compliance plan upon each person on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC, 20426, in accordance with rules 211 or 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 or 385.214). All such motions to intervene or protest should be filed on or before March 9, 2000. 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 proceeding. 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. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet 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 No. MG00-2-001]

#### Transwestern Pipeline Company; Notice of Filing

February 23, 2000.

Take notice that on February 14, 2000, Transwestern Pipeline Company (Transwestern) filed revised standards of conduct under Order Nos. 497 *et seq.*,<sup>1</sup> Order Nos. 566 *et seq.*,<sup>2</sup> and Order No. 599.<sup>3</sup>

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest in the proceeding with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 or 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and procedure (18 CFR 385.211 or 385.214). All such motions to intervene or protest should be filed on or before March 9, 2000. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make protestant parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene in the proceeding. Copies of this filing is on file with the Commission and available for public

<sup>1</sup> Order No. 497, 53 FR 22139 (June 14, 1988), FERC Stats. & Regs. 1986-1990 ¶ 30,820 (1988); Order No. 497-A, *order in rehearing*, 54 FR 52781 (December 22, 1989), FERC Stats. & Regs. 1986-1990 ¶ 30,868 (1989); Order No. 497-B, *order extending sunset date*, 55 FR 53291 (December 28, 1990), FERC Stats. & Regs. 1986-1990 ¶ 30,908 (1990); Order No. 497-C, *order extending sunset date*, 57 FR 9 (January 2, 1992), FERC Stats. & Regs. 1991-1996 ¶ 30,934 (1991), *rehearing denied*, 57 FR 5815 (February 18, 1992), 58 FERC ¶ 61,139 (1992); *Tenneco Gas V. FERC* (affirmed in part and remanded in part), 969 F.2d 1187 (D.C. Cir. 1992); Order No. 497-D, *order on remand and extending sunset date*, 57 FR 58978 (December 14, 1992), FERC Stats. & Regs. 1991-1996 ¶ 309,958 (December 4, 1992); Order No. 497-E, *order on rehearing and extending sunset date*, 59 FR 243 (January 4, 1994), FERC Stats. & Regs. 1991-1996 ¶ 39,987 (December 23, 1993); Order No. 497-F, *order denying rehearing and granting clarification*, 59 FR 15336 (April 1, 1994), 66 FERC ¶ 61,347 (March 24, 1994); and Order No. 497-G, *order extending sunset date*, 59 FR 32884 (June 27, 1994), FERC Stats. & Regs. 1991-1996 ¶ 30,996 (June 17, 1994).

<sup>2</sup> Standards of Conduct and Reporting Requirements for Transportation and Affiliate Transactions, Order No. 566, 59 FR 32885 (June 27, 1994), FERC Stats. & Regs. 1991-1996 ¶ 30,997 (June 17, 1994); Order No. 566-A, *order on rehearing*, 59 FR 52896 (October 20, 1994), 69 FERC ¶ 61,044 (October 14, 1994); Order No. 566-B, *order on rehearing*, 59 FR 65707, (December 21, 1994), 69 FERC ¶ 61,334 (December 14, 1994).

<sup>3</sup> Reporting Interstate Natural Gas Pipeline Marketing Affiliates on the Internet, Order No. 599, 63 FR 43075 (August 12, 1998), FERC Stats. & Regs. 31,064 (1998).

inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet 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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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6542-4]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Continuing Collection: Subject of ICR: Obtaining Unbilled Grant Expenses From Grant Officials at Year-End

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Obtaining Unbilled Grant Expenses from Grant Recipients at Year-End, EPA ICR number 1810.02, OMB Control number 2030-0037, expiration date 9/30/2000. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before May 1, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Office of the Comptroller, Financial Management Division, Mail Code 2733F, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW Washington D. C. 20460. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the ICR without charge by contacting Mr. Larry Achter at the above address, or via e-mail at [Achter.Larry@EPA.gov](mailto:Achter.Larry@EPA.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Larry Achter, 202-564-4931, Facsimile Number 202-565-2586, E-MAIL Address: [achter.larry@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:achter.larry@epamail.epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Affected entities:* Entities potentially affected by this action are those grant recipients who are paid either through the Automated Clearing House (ACH) or Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP) process. EPA will use the Probability Proportionate to Size sampling method to select approximately 185 grants awarded by the Agency and paid through the process. EPA will send a confirmation

letter to each grant recipient to obtain information on unbilled grant expenses.

*Title:* Unbilled Grant Expenses from Grant Officials at Year-end (EPA ICR No. 1810.02., OMB Control Number 2030-0037) expiring 09/30/2000.

*Abstract:* EPA's Financial Management Division (FMD) prepares annual financial statements that present the financial position and results of operations for EPA. The financial statements must comply with the Statements of Federal Financial Accounting Standards (SFFAS) and other accounting requirements. EPA's Office of the Inspector General (OIG) audits these financial statements to determine whether they fairly and accurately reflect EPA financial conditions.

To meet the SFFAS requirements, EPA must report the estimated amount of its accrued liabilities. These accrued liabilities include: (1) Grant expenses incurred during the fiscal year that the grant recipient has paid and recorded in its accounting records but has not yet billed to EPA; and (2) grant expenses that vendors have billed the grant recipient between October 1 and November 15 (following the end of the Federal fiscal year) that relate to the prior fiscal year. EPA, working with its OIG, has evaluated the use of existing reports as a source of accrued liability information. However, grants paid through the ACH and ASAP electronic funds transfer mechanisms, do not report this information. Therefore, EPA can't obtain this information without contacting the grant recipients themselves. ASAP and ACH drawdown requests do not include period of performance data, which is essential for determining accruals. To minimize the amount of burden associated with gathering this data, EPA believes that information from a sample of approximately 185 grants would be sufficient to meet its financial statement needs. EPA would use estimation techniques to project the amount of grant accruals applicable to all EPA grants paid through ACH. The grant recipients selected in the sample would only be asked to report the accrual information on the specific grant, and not all EPA grants to that grantee. Further, other EPA grant recipients would not be affected by this information collection request.

Unless EPA is able to obtain this information from the selected grant recipients, and develop a reasonable estimate of accruals based on that data, EPA does not believe it will be able to obtain an unqualified ("clean") audit opinion from the OIG on its financial statements. Thus the information is

crucial for EPA to meet its fiduciary responsibilities. The grantees selected in the sampling process are not required to respond to our request, but the grantees' cooperation will enable EPA to fairly report the accrued liability on the financial statement. The submitted information is not intended to be shared with other grantees or used in any other Agency program. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) evaluate 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;

(iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through 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.

*Burden Statement:* Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

EPA believes that a grant recipient should require no more than 6 hours to prepare the information requested, and the data collection will not require grant recipients to purchase new equipment or develop new procedures to compile and report the data. Thus, the total reporting burden would be 1100 hours,

or a total estimated annual cost of \$27,500.

Dated: February 18, 2000.

**Juliette McNeil,**

*Acting Director, Financial Management Division.*

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**[AD-FRL-6544-8]**

### **Electric Utility Steam Generating Units: Solicitation of Additional Information for Making Regulatory Determination**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of solicitation of additional information.

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**SUMMARY:** The EPA must determine whether hazardous air pollutant (HAP) emissions from electric utility steam generating units should be regulated under section 112 of the Clean Air Act (CAA), as amended, on or before December 15, 2000. In making this determination, the Agency is soliciting any additional information that the public may wish to provide to the EPA prior to the determination.

**DATES:** Any additional information must be submitted to the EPA no later than March 31, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Members of the public should submit additional information to Public Docket No. A-92-55 at the following address: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (6102), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. The docket is located at the above address in Room M-1500, Waterside Mall (ground floor), and may be inspected from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. William Maxwell, Combustion Group, Emission Standards Division (MD-13), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711, telephone number: (919) 541-5430, facsimile number: (919) 541-5450, e-mail [maxwell.bill@epa.gov](mailto:maxwell.bill@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 112(n)(1)(A) of the CAA requires the EPA to perform a study (i.e., utility toxics study) of the hazards to public health reasonably anticipated to occur as a result of HAP emissions from electric utility steam generating units, after imposition of the requirements of the CAA, and to prepare a Report to Congress containing the results of the study. The Agency is to proceed with