

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Energy Information Administration****Agency Information Collection Under Review by the Office of Management and Budget**

AGENCY: Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Energy Information Administration (EIA) has submitted the energy information collection listed at the end of this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and three-year extension under sections 3507(h)(1) and 3506(c) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13).

Each entry contains the following information: (1) The collection number and title; (2) a summary of the collection of information (includes the sponsor which is the Department of Energy component), current OMB document number (if applicable), type of request (new, revision, extension, or reinstatement), response obligation (mandatory, voluntary, or required to obtain or retain benefits), (3) a description of the need and proposed use of the information; (4) a description of the likely respondents; and (5) an estimate of the total annual reporting burden (*i.e.*, the estimated number of likely respondents times the proposed frequency of response per year times the average hours per response).

DATES: Comments must be filed within 30 days of publication of this notice. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments but find it difficult to do so within the time allowed by this notice, you should advise the OMB DOE Desk Officer listed below of your intention to do so as soon as possible. The OMB DOE Desk Officer may be telephoned at (202) 395-3084. (Also, please notify the EIA contact listed below.)

ADDRESSES: Address comments to the Department of Energy Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 726 Jackson Place NW, Washington, DC 20503. (Comments should also be addressed to the Statistics and Methods Group at the address below.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Herbert Miller, Statistics and Methods Group, (EI-70), Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585-0670.

Mr. Miller may be contacted by telephone at (202) 426-1103, FAX at (202) 426-1081, or e-mail at Herbert.Miller@eia.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review was:

1. DOE-887, "DOE Customer Surveys."
2. Department of Energy; OMB No. 1901-0302; Three-year extension of currently approved collection; Voluntary
3. DOE-887 will be used to contact users and beneficiaries of DOE products or other services to determine how the Department can better improve its services to meet their needs. Information is needed to make the Department's products more effective, efficient, and responsive and at a lesser cost. Respondents will be users and beneficiaries of the Department's products and services.
4. Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Farms; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.
5. 12,500 hours (.25 hrs. per response × 1 response per year × 50,000 respondents).

Statutory Authority: Sections 3507(h)(1) and 3506(c) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13).

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Jay H. Casselberry,

Agency Clearance Officer, Statistics and Methods Group, Energy Information Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. IC00-538-000; FERC-538]

Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

June 9, 2000.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

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 on or before August 14, 2000.

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: Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208-1415, by fax at (202) 273-0873, and by e-mail at mike.miller@ferc.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collected under the requirements of FERC Form No.-538 "Gas Pipeline Certificates: Initial Service" (OMB No. 1902-0061) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of Sections 7(a), 10(a) and 16 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (Pub.L. 75-688)(15 U.S.C. 717-717w). The reporting requirements contained in this collection of information are used by the Commission to determine whether a distributor applicant can economically construct and manage its facilities. Requests are made to the Commission by individuals or entities to have the Commission, by order, direct a natural gas pipeline to extend or improve its transportation facilities, and sell gas to an individual, entity or municipality for the specific purpose indicated in the order, and to extend the pipeline's transportation facilities to communities immediately adjacent to the municipality's facilities or to territories served by the natural gas company. In addition, the Commission reviews the supply data to determine if the pipeline company can provide the service without curtailing certain of its existing customers. The flow data and market data are also used to evaluate existing and future customer requirements on the system to find if sufficient capacity will be available.

Likewise, the cost of facilities and the rate data are used to evaluate the financial impact of the cost of the project to both the pipeline company and its customers. The Commission implements these filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR part 156.

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 hour per response (3)	Total annual burden hours (1)×(2)×(3)
1	1	240	240

The estimated total cost to respondents is \$12,871 (240 hours divided by 2,080 hours per employee per year times \$111,545 per year average salary (including overhead) per employee=\$12,871 (rounded off)).

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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-308-001]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Change in FERC Gas Tariff

June 9, 2000.

Take notice that, on June 5, 2000, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheet to be effective July 1, 1000:

Substitute Third Revised Sheet No. 45E.1

ANR states that this filing is made to correct a clerical error incorrectly identifying the location of the Napoleon Interconnect, Henry County, Ohio as the Southeast Central Segment instead of the Northern Segment on the tariff sheet previously submitted on May 31, 2000 in Docket No. RP00-308-000.

ANR states that copies of the filing have been mailed to all affected customers and state regulatory commissions.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in 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. 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 No. RP00-313-000]

Gas Research Institute; Notice of Annual Application

June 9, 2000.

Take notice that on June 1, 2000, Gas Research Institute (GRI) filed an application requesting advance approval of its 2001-2005 Five-Year Research, Development and Demonstration (RD&D) Plan, and the 2001 RD&D Program and the funding of its RD&D activities for 2001, pursuant to the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Regulations, particularly 18 CFR 154.38(d)(5).

In its application, GRI proposes to incur contract obligations of \$70.0 million in 2001. Consistent with the Commission's April 29, 1998 Order Approving Settlement, GRI states that all \$70.0 of the 2001 contract obligations will be for Core Projects. GRI's application seeks to collect funds to support its RD&D program through jurisdictional rates and charges during the twelve months ending December 31, 2001.

Also, consistent with the Commission's April 29, 1998 Order Approving Settlement, GRI proposes to fund the 2001 RD&D program by the use of the following surcharges: (1) A demand/reservation surcharge of 9.0 cents per Dth per Month for "high load factor customers"; (2) a demand/reservation surcharge of 5.5 cents per Dth per Month for "low load factor customers"; (3) a volumetric commodity/usage surcharge of 0.7 cents; and (4) a special "small customer" surcharge of 1.1 cents per Dth.

The Commission Staff will analyze GRI's application and prepare a Commission Staff Report. This Staff Report will be served on all parties and filed with the Commission as a public document on August 10, 2000.