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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC00-547-001, FERC-547]

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

February 12, 2001.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of submission for review of 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 the 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 did not receive comments in response to an earlier **Federal Register** notice of September 5, 2001 (65 FR 53708-09) and has made a notation in this submission.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this collection are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before March 19, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Address comments to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer, 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, Attention: Mr. Michael Miller, CI-1, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Mr. 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](mailto:mike.miller@ferc.fed.us).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Description

The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review contains:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC-547 "Gas Pipeline Rates: Refund Report Requirements."

2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

3. *Control No.:* 1902-0084. The Commission is requesting reinstatement, without change, of the previously approved data collection for which approval expired July 31, 2000, and a three-year approval of the collection of data. This is a mandatory information collection requirement.

4. *Necessity of Collection of Information:* Submission of the information is necessary to enable the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing provisions of Section 4, 5, and 16 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA). Refund Reports are required to carry out the refund obligation policy in Section 4(e) of the NGA. Refunds are created due to the difference between pipeline rates collected and subject to refund and firm rates set by the Commission. The refunds are flowed through by the following means: (a) Pursuant to settlement agreements, and (b) legal requirements. The Commission uses the data to insure the pass-through to gas consumers of refunds that are required to correct rates charged by pipelines. The data provided by the respondents are used to monitor the progress that is being made to make those refunds and to assure that refunds are being made in compliance with the Commission's regulatory functions. The Commission is committed to insuring that refunds owed by pipelines, to their customers are made as expeditiously as possible, in order to hasten their ultimate pass-through to residential customers and other end-users. The data required to be filed for the refund report is specified by 18 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 154.501.

(5) *Respondent Description:* The respondent universe currently comprises approximately 75 natural gas pipeline companies.

6. *Estimated Burden:* 5,625 total burden hours, 75 respondents, 75 responses annually, 1 hour per response.

**Authority:** Sections 4, 5 and 16 of the NGA (15 U.S.C. 717-717w).

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER01-791-000]

#### Allegheny Energy Supply Conemaugh, LLC; Notice of Issuance of Order

February 12, 2001.

Allegheny Energy Supply Conemaugh, LLC (Allegheny Conemaugh) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which Allegheny Conemaugh will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions at market-based rates. Allegheny Conemaugh also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, Allegheny Conemaugh requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Allegheny Conemaugh.

On February 1, 2001, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Corporate Applications, Office of Markets, Tariffs and Rates, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by Allegheny Conemaugh 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 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, Allegheny Conemaugh is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of Allegheny Conemaugh's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is March 5, 2001.