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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description

The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review contains:

1. Collection of Information: FERC Form 2 "Annual Report of Major Natural Gas Companies"
2. Sponsor: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
3. Control No.: OMB No. 1902-0028.

The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no proposed changes to the existing collection. There is an adjustment to the reporting burden due to an additional respondent since the Commission's last submission in 1998. In addition, the availability of Form 2 submission software for all filers for the 2001 filing year, will the Commission believes, reduce the burden as respondents will benefit from user support at the Commission and from filing the FERC Form 2 electronically through the Commission's gateway on its website. 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 the provisions of the Natural Gas Act (NGA). Under the NGA the Commission may prescribe a system of accounts for jurisdictional companies, and after notice and hearing, may determine the accounts in which particular outlays and receipts will be entered, charged or credited. The FERC Form 2 is designed to collect financial information from "Major Natural Gas Companies". A company is defined as a "Major Natural Gas Company" if its combined gas transported or stored exceeded 50 million dekatherms (dth) in each of the three previous calendar years. The form collects general corporate information: summary financial information, balance sheet and income statement supporting information, gas plant, operating expenses and statistical data. The information collected is used by the Commission, state regulatory agencies and others in the review of the financial condition of the regulated companies, in various rate proceedings and audit programs and in the assessment of annual charges which are necessary to recover the Commission's costs.

5. Respondent Description: The respondent universe currently comprises on average, 57 companies

subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

6. Estimated Burden: 84,360 total burden hours, 57 respondents, 1 response annually, 1,480 hours per response (average).

7. Estimated Cost Burden to Respondents: 84,360 hours ÷ 2,080 hours per year × \$117,041 per year = \$ 4,746,913 average cost per respondent = \$83,279.

Statutory Authority: Sections 8 and 10 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), 15 U.S.C. 717g-717i.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Mississippi Power Company, Southern Company Services, Inc., Georgia Power Company, Alabama Power Company, Gulf Power Company, Southern Company Services, Inc.; Notice Specifying Time for Submission of State Commission Comments

February 1, 2002.

Take notice that on January 30, 2002, the Commission issued an order in this proceeding that set these dockets for a trial-type, evidentiary hearing, but held the hearing in abeyance. Because the triennial review process of the underlying settlements did not explicitly invite state commission comments, the Commission explained in its January 30 order that it wished to solicit comments and views as to the reasonableness of the formula rates at issue in these dockets from the state commissions for the states where the retail customers of the entities which are purchasers under the rate schedules at issue in these dockets are located. *Mississippi Power Co., et al.*, 98 FERC ¶ 61,065 (2002).

Accordingly, the Commission invites comments and views as to the reasonableness of the formula rates at issue in these dockets from the state commissions for the states where the retail customers of the entities which are purchasers under the rate schedules at issue in these dockets are located.

Such comments and views shall be filed on or before February 28, 2002, and should reference the above dockets.

The Commission does not intend to permit answers to the state commissions' comments and views.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-40-029]

Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company; Notice of Refund Report

February 1, 2002.

Take notice that on January 25, 2002, Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company (Panhandle) filed a Refund Report in the above-referenced docket pursuant to a settlement approved by the Commission on September 13, 2001. On December 28, 2001, Panhandle refunded to its jurisdictional customers their allocated share of the refunds of Kansas ad valorem taxes Panhandle received from its producer suppliers in accordance with the settlement.

Panhandle states that Schedules 1 and 2 show the refunds Settling Working Interest Owners made, the Jurisdictional/Non-Jurisdictional allocation, and the derivations of the Jurisdictional Sales Customer refund amounts. These schedules reflect the Missouri Public Service Commission's (MoPSC) election to opt-out off discrete portions of the settlement. Panhandle adjusted the jurisdictional customer distribution allocation to reflect MoPSC's election. Schedule 3 includes refund statements for large and small first sellers, that show the refund amounts due, including additional interest for the period February 1, 2001 to October 15, 2001. Schedule 4 lists the Non-Settling First Sellers that have not provided refunds under the settlement. Panhandle provided copies of its filing to all parties and respective State Regulatory Commissions.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed on or before February 22, 2002. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will