

4. *Necessity of the Collection of Information:* Submission of the information is necessary to enable the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing the statutory provisions of sections 4, 5 and 16 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA). Sections 4 and 5 authorize the Commission to order a refund, with interest, on any portion of a natural gas company's increased rate or charge that is found to be not just or reasonable. Refunds may also be instituted by a natural gas company as stipulation to a Commission-approved settlement agreement or provisions under the company's tariff. Section 16 authorizes the Commission to prescribe the rules and regulations necessary to administer its refund mandates. The data collected under FERC-547 allows the Commission to monitor the refunds owed by the Natural Gas companies and to ensure the flow through of refunds, with applicable interest, to the appropriate customers. The Commission implements the refund and reporting requirements in the Code of Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR 154.501 and 154.502.

5. *Respondent Description:* The respondent universe currently comprises 75 companies (on average per year) subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

6. *Estimated Burden:* 5,625 total hours, 75 respondents (average per year), 1 response per respondent, and 75 hours per response (average).

7. *Estimated Cost Burden to respondents:* 5,625 hours / 2080 hours per years × \$107,185 per year = \$289,863. The cost per respondent is equal to \$3,865.

**Authority:** Sections 4, 5, and 16 of the FPA (15 U.S.C. 717c, 717d and 717o).

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC04-588-001, FERC-588]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities, Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Submitted for OMB Review

July 29, 2004.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and reinstatement of this information collection requirement. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission received no comments in response to an earlier **Federal Register** notice of February 17, 2004 (69 FR 7461-7462) and has responded to their comments in its submission to OMB.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due by August 30, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Address comments on the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. Comments to OMB should be filed electronically, c/o *Pamela L. Beverly@omb.eop.gov* and include the OMB Control No. as a point of reference. The Desk Officer may be reached by telephone at (202) 395-7856. A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Executive Director, ED-30, Attention: Michael Miller, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments may be filed either in paper format or electronically. Those persons filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. For paper filings, such comments should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 and should refer to Docket No. IC04-588-001.

Documents filed electronically via the Internet must be prepared in, MS Word, Portable Document Format, Word Perfect or ASCII format. To file the document, access the Commission's Web site at *www.ferc.gov* and click on "Make an E-filing," and then follow the instructions for each screen. First time users will have to establish a user name and password. The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgment to the sender's e-mail address upon receipt of comments. User assistance for electronic filings is available at (202) 502-8258 or by e-mail to *efiling@ferc.gov*. Comments should not be submitted to the e-mail address.

All comments are available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at *http://*

*www.ferc.gov*, using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 502-8415, by fax at (202) 273-0873, and by e-mail at *michael.miller@ferc.gov*.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Description

The information collection submitted for OMB review contains the following:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC-588 "Emergency Natural Gas Transportation, Sale and Exchange Transactions."
2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
3. *Control No.:* 1902-0144.

The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve with a three-year extension of the expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection. The information filed with the Commission is mandatory.

4. *Necessity of the Collection of Information:* Submission of the information is necessary to enable the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing the statutory provisions 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (Pub. L. 75-688) (15 U.S.C. 717-717w) and provisions of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA), (15 U.S.C. 3301-3432). Under the NGA, a natural gas company must obtain Commission approval to engage in the transportation, sale or exchange of natural gas in interstate commerce. However, section 7(c) exempts from certificate requirements "temporary acts or operations for which the issuance of a certificate will not be required in the public interest." The NGPA also provides for non-certificated interstate transactions involving intrastate pipelines and local distribution companies.

A temporary operation, or emergency, is defined as any situation in which an actual or expected shortage of gas supply would require an interstate pipeline company, intrastate pipeline or local distribution company, or Hinshaw pipeline to curtail deliveries of gas or provide less than the projected level of service to the customer. The natural gas companies file the necessary information with the Commission so that it may determine if the transaction/operation qualifies for exemption. A

report within forty-eight hours of the commencement of the transportation, sale or exchange, a request to extend the sixty-day term of the emergency transportation, if needed, and a termination report are required. The data required to be filed for the forty-eight hour report is specified by 18 CFR 284.270 of the Commission's regulations.

5. *Respondent Description*: The respondent universe currently comprises 8 companies (on average per year) subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

6. *Estimated Burden*: 80 total hours, 8 respondents (average per year), 1 response per respondent, and 10 hours per response (average).

7. *Estimated Cost Burden to respondents*: 80 hours/2080 hours per years × \$107,185 per year = \$4,123.

**Statutory Authority**: Sections 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), Pub. L. 75-688 (15 U.S.C. 717-717w and the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA), (15 U.S.C. 3301-3432).

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP96-200-126]

#### CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

July 21, 2004.

Take notice that on July 15, 2004, CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company (CEGT) filed the additional information required by the Commission's July 7, 2004 order in this docket.

CEGT states that copies of its filing are being mailed to all parties on the service list in this docket.

Any person desiring to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rule 211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211). Protests to this filing 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. Such protests must be filed in accordance with the provisions of Section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 154.210). Anyone filing a protest must serve a copy of that document on all the parties to the proceeding.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests in lieu

of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP04-409-000]

#### Pogo Producing Company; Notice of Alternative Dispute Resolution Meeting

July 29, 2004.

By order issued July 26, 2004, in the above-captioned docket, the Commission directed the Dispute Resolution Service (DRS) to convene a meeting with the parties by July 28, 2004. As a result of the meeting the DRS convened on July 28, 2004, the parties agreed to mediation. Accordingly, a mediation session will be held beginning at 3 p.m. c.s.t. (4 p.m. e.s.t.) on July 29, 2004, at the Shell Complex, 200 N. Dairy Ashford, Houston, TX 77079. The mediation is expected to continue through Friday, July 30, 2004. If you have any questions regarding this mediation, please contact Richard Miles at (202) 502-8702.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. EL00-95-000, et al.; Docket Nos. EL00-98-000, et al.; and Docket Nos. ER03-746-000, et al.]

#### San Diego Gas & Electric Company; Investigation of Practices of the California Independent System Operator and the California Power Exchange; California Independent System Operator; Notice of Comment Procedures

July 29, 2004.

On July 26, 2004, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) staff held a meeting with the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) and the California Power Exchange (CalPX) to discuss procedures, remaining steps and timeline for completing the calculation of refunds in the California Refund proceeding. At the conclusion of the technical conference, Commission staff announced that it would accept comments and replies to comments on the matters discussed at the technical conference and that it would provide additional detail on filing procedures.

Comments and replies should be filed in the root dockets *i.e.*, the docket numbers listed in the instant notice). Comments are due on Monday, August 2, 2004, and replies to those comments are due by Friday, August 6, 2004. Comments and replies are limited to 10 pages. All comments and replies must be strictly limited to issues relating to process or procedural matters consistent with the July 26 technical. At the technical conference, staff also asked that commenters include a list of rehearing or clarification issues that have implications for the refund process. Commenters are directed to provide a list *only*, and not to raise new issues or expand upon matters already raised in requests for rehearing, as the deadline for rehearing requests has expired. The Commission will not entertain new arguments. Finally, the CAISO and CalPX are directed to file copies of their presentations.

Questions about the comment procedures should be directed to Andrea Hilliard Office of the General Counsel—Markets, Tariffs and Rates at 202-502-8288 or [andrea.hilliard@ferc.gov](mailto:andrea.hilliard@ferc.gov).

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