

the name and address of the person who should receive any refund check;³

(2) A monthly motor gasoline gallonage purchase schedule covering the price control order period. The applicant should specify the source of this gallonage information. In calculating its purchase volumes, an applicant should use actual records from the refund period, if available. If these records are not available, the applicant may submit estimates of its motor gasoline purchases, but the estimation method must be reasonable and must be explained;

(3) A statement whether the applicant or a related firm has filed, or has authorized any individual to file on its behalf, any other application in that refund proceeding. If so, an explanation of the circumstances of the other filing or authorization must be submitted;

(4) If the applicant is or was in any way affiliated with Powerine or Storey, it must explain this affiliation, including the time period in which it was affiliated;⁴

(5) The statement listed below signed by the individual applicant or a responsible official of the firm filing the refund application:

I swear (or affirm) that the information contained in this application and its attachments is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that anyone who is convicted of providing false information to the federal government may be subject to a fine, a jail sentence, or both, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1001. I understand that the information contained in this application is subject to public disclosure. I have enclosed a duplicate of this entire application which will be made available at OHA.

³ An applicant must submit the social security number or employer identification number of the person or legal entity that is seeking the refund. This information will be used in processing refund applications, and is requested pursuant to our authority under the Petroleum Overcharge Distribution and Restitution Act of 1986 and the regulations codified at 10 CFR Part 205, Subpart V. The information may be shared with other Federal agencies for statistical, auditing or archiving purposes, and with law enforcement agencies when they are investigating a potential violation of civil or criminal law.

⁴ As in other refund proceedings involving alleged refined product violations, the DOE will presume that affiliates of a Remedial Order firm were not injured by the firm's overcharges. See, e.g., Marathon Petroleum Co./EMRO Propane Co., 15 DOE ¶ 85,288 (1987). This is because the Remedial Order firm presumably would not have sold petroleum products to an affiliate if such a sale would have placed the purchaser at a competitive disadvantage. See Marathon Petroleum Co./Pilot Oil Corp., 16 DOE ¶ 85,611 (1987), amended claim denied, 17 DOE ¶ 85,291 (1988), reconsideration denied, 20 DOE ¶ 85,236 (1990). Furthermore, if an affiliate of the Remedial Order firm were granted a refund, the remedial order firm would be indirectly compensated from a Remedial Order fund remitted to settle its own alleged violations.

All applications should be either typed or printed and clearly labeled with the name and case number of the relevant firm (Powerine Oil Company, Case No. TEF-0006 or Storey Oil Company, Inc., Case No. TEF-0009). Each applicant must submit an original and one copy of the application. If the applicant believes that any of the information in its application is confidential and does not wish for that information to be publicly disclosed, it must submit an original application, clearly designated "confidential," containing the confidential information, and two copies of the application with the confidential information deleted. All refund applications should be sent to the address below:

Office of Hearings and Appeals,
Department of Energy, 1000
Independence Ave., SW., Washington,
DC 20585-0107.

We will adopt the standard OHA procedures relating to refund applications filed on behalf of applicants by "representatives," including refund filing services, consulting firms, accountants, and attorneys. See, e.g., Starks Shell Service, 23 DOE ¶ 85,017 (1993); Texaco Inc., 20 DOE ¶ 85,147 (1990) (Texaco); Shell Oil Co., 18 DOE ¶ 85,492 (1989). We will also require strict compliance with the filing requirements as specified in 10 C.F.R. § 205.283, particularly the requirement that applications and the accompanying certification statement be signed by the applicant. The OHA reiterates its policy to scrutinize applications filed by filing services closely. Applications submitted by a filing service should contain all of the information indicated above.

Finally, the OHA reserves the authority to require additional information from an applicant before granting any refund in these proceedings.

2. Allocation Claims

We may receive claims based upon Powerine's or Storey's failure to furnish motor gasoline that they were obliged to supply under the DOE allocation regulations that became effective in January 1974. See 10 CFR Part 211. Any such application will be evaluated with reference to the standards set forth in Texaco (and cases cited therein). See Texaco, 20 DOE at 88,321.

3. Impact of the Petroleum Overcharge Distribution and Restitution Act of 1986 (PODRA) Amendments on Powerine and Storey Refined Product Refund Claims

The Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 1999

amended certain provisions of the Petroleum Overcharge and Distribution and Restitution Act of 1986 (PODRA). These amendments extinguished rights that refund applicants had under PODRA to refunds for overcharges on the purchases of refined petroleum products. They also identified and appropriated a substantial portion of the funds being held by the DOE to pay refund claims (including the funds paid by Powerine and Storey). Congress specified that these funds were to be used to fund other DOE programs. As a result, the petroleum overcharge escrow accounts in the refined product area contain substantially less money than before. In fact they may not contain sufficient funds to pay in full all pending and future refund claims (including those in litigation) if they should all be found to be meritorious. See Enron Corp./Shelia S. Brown, 27 DOE ¶ 85,036 at 88,244 (2000) (Brown). Congress directed OHA to "assure the amount remaining in escrow to satisfy refined petroleum product claims for direct restitution is allocated equitably among all claimants." Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1999, Pub. L. No. 105-277 § 337, 112 Stat 2681, 2681-295 (1998) (language added to PODRA); Brown, 27 DOE at 88,244. In view of this Congressional directive and the limited amount of funds available, it may become necessary to prorate the funds available for the meritorious claimants in the Powerine and Storey refund proceedings.

It is therefore ordered that:

The payments remitted to the Department of Energy by Powerine Oil Company and Storey Oil Company, Inc., pursuant to remedial orders signed on August 30, 1991 and June 24, 1987 respectively, will be distributed in accordance with the forgoing Decision.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Energy Efficiency Building Technology Application Centers

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Program notice.

SUMMARY: The National Energy Technology Laboratory, on behalf of the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy's Building

Technologies Program, intends to issue a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) to select and fund Energy-Efficient Building Technology Application Centers. This FOA is expected to be issued on or about May 15, 2007. The goal of this funding opportunity is to establish geographically and climatically diverse Energy-Efficient Building Technology Application Centers. This goal supports the EERE Strategic Plan to increase the energy efficiency of the Nation's buildings and the Building Technology Program's Technology Validation and Market Introduction activity goal of accelerating the widespread market adoption of energy-efficient building technologies and practices. It also encourages demonstration and commercial application of advanced energy methods and technologies through education and outreach to building and industry professionals, and other individuals and organizations with an interest in efficient energy use.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Rannels, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Program Office EE-2J, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121, (202) 586-8070, E-mail: James.Rannels@ee.doe.gov.

C. Edward Christy, National Energy Technology Laboratory, 3610 Collins Ferry Road, M/S E-02, Morgantown, WV 26507, (304) 285-4604, E-mail: Eddie.Christy@netl.doe.gov.

Dated: May 2, 2007.

C. Edward Christy,
Director, Building and Industrial Technologies Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC07-555-000; FERC-555]

Commission Information Collection Activities, Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension

May 1, 2007.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice.

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: Comments on the collection of information are due July 13, 2007.

ADDRESSES: For more information on the records retention requirements, the public can view the Commission's regulations on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov/legal/maj-ord-reg.asp>) or contacting the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Attn: Michael Miller, Office of the Executive Director, ED-34, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments may be filed either in paper format or electronically. Those parties filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. For paper filing, the original and 14 copies of such comments should be submitted to the Secretary of the Commission, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 and refer to Docket No. IC07-555-000.

Documents filed electronically via the Internet must be prepared in WordPerfect, MS Word, Portable Document Format, or ASCII format. To file the document, access the Commission's Web site at <http://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 acknowledgement to the sender's e-mail address upon receipt of comments.

All comments may be viewed, printed or downloaded remotely via the Internet through FERC's homepage using the eLibrary link. For user assistance, contact FERCOLineSupport@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: The information collected under the requirements of FERC-555 "Records Retention Requirements" (OMB No. 1902-0098) is used by the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing the statutory provisions of sections 301, 304 and 309 of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. 825, 825c and 825h), sections 8, 10 and 16 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (15 U.S.C. 717-717w), and section 20 of the Interstate Commerce Act (ICA, 49 U.S.C. 20).

The regulations for preservation of records establish retention periods, necessary guidelines and requirements to sustain retention of applicable

records for the regulated public utilities, natural gas and oil pipeline companies subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. These records will be used by the regulated companies as the basis for their required rate filings and reports for the Commission. In addition, the records will be used by the Commission's audit staff during compliance reviews, by enforcement staff during investigations and for special analyses as deemed necessary by the Commission. The records retained by jurisdictional companies as directed by the Commission are the result of a mandatory requirement.

On January 8, 1999 the Commission issued AI99-2-000, an Accounting Issuance providing guidance on records storage media. Specifically, FERC gave each jurisdictional company the flexibility to select its own storage media. The storage media selected must have a life expectancy equal to the applicable record period unless the quality of the data transferred from one media to another with no loss of data would exceed the record period.

On January 27, 2000, FERC issued a final rule amending its records retention regulations for public utilities and licensees, and natural gas and oil pipeline companies. These changes included revising the general instructions, and shortening various records retention periods. The final rule's objective was to reduce or eliminate burdensome and unnecessary regulatory requirements.

It has been more than seven years since the issuance of the final rule and the accounting guidance, and jurisdictional companies have experienced more than sufficient time to implement these provisions. In responding to this notice, the Commission seeks information on whether jurisdictional companies have obtained substantial reductions in the recordkeeping burden for maintaining their records under the revised retention periods and the use of alternative storage media. Further, the Commission is interested in learning if and what savings were achieved by jurisdictional companies by freeing up storage space formerly used for retaining records. The Commission implements these filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR parts 125, 225, and 356.

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: