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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

[Docket No. EERE-2010-BT-BC-0012]

#### Building Energy Codes

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

**ACTION:** Request for Information.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is soliciting information on how it can better assist the states to adopt, implement, enforce, and assess compliance with the current model building energy codes or their equivalent. DOE is interested in better understanding the barriers and issues involved and the needs, resources, materials and other technical assistance required to accomplish the goal of increased adoption and compliance with the latest model building energy codes, Standard 90.1-2007, *Energy Standard for Buildings Except Low-Rise Residential Buildings* (or equivalent), for commercial buildings and the 2009 *International Energy Conservation Code* (or equivalent) for low-rise residential buildings.

DOE is publishing this request for information to allow interested parties to provide suggestions, comments, and other information. This notice identifies several areas in which DOE is particularly interested in receiving information; however, any input and suggestions considered relevant to the topic are welcome.

**DATES:** Written comments and information are requested by May 21, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons may submit comments in writing, identified by docket number EERE-2010-BT-BC-0012, by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:*

*HelpUpdateStateCodes@ee.doe.gov.*

Include EERE-2010-BT-BC-0012 in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail:* Ms. Brenda Edwards, U.S.

Department of Energy, Building Technologies Program, Mailstop EE-2J, Building Energy Codes, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121. Phone (202) 586-2945. Please submit one signed paper original.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Ms. Brenda Edwards, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Program, 6th Floor, 950 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC 20024. Phone: (202) 586-2945. Please submit one signed paper original.

- *Internet:* <http://www.energycodes.gov/HelpUpdateStateCodes>. Please use the input form and complete all required fields.

- *Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents, or comments received, visit the U.S. Department of Energy, Resource Room of the Building Technologies Program, 950 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20024, (202) 586-2945, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Please call Ms. Brenda Edwards at the above telephone number for additional information regarding visiting the Resource Room.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Margo Appel or Jean Boulin, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Building Technologies Program, Mailstop EE-2J, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121. Ms. Appel (202) 586-9495, e-mail: [margo.appel@ee.doe.gov](mailto:margo.appel@ee.doe.gov) or Mr. Boulin (202) 586-9870, e-mail: [jean.boulin@ee.doe.gov](mailto:jean.boulin@ee.doe.gov).

Christopher Calamita, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of the General Counsel, Forrestal Building, Mailstop GC-71, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, Telephone: (202) 586-1777, e-mail: [christopher.calamita@hq.doe.gov](mailto:christopher.calamita@hq.doe.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Authority and Background

Any strategy to realize the goal of the President and the Secretary of Energy (Secretary)—to achieve 83-percent reductions in energy use by the year 2050—must address the energy performance of the buildings sector. Increases in stringency to building energy codes, along with increased adoption by states and localities and paired with rigorous compliance verification, can provide significant reductions in building energy use. This is consistent with section 304(d) and (e) of the Energy Conservation and Production Act which requires DOE to provide technical and financial assistance to states. (42 U.S.C. 6833(d) and (e))

A number of states are in the process of, or planning to, update, implement, and enforce their building energy codes. Further, many states will implement plans to assess and improve compliance with their updated codes, in response to assurances received by their governors in response to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111-5), of which the Secretary was notified. This presents a unique opportunity to increase current efforts to ensure that states, municipalities, and local governments, are able to adopt the latest energy codes and increase compliance rates.

In view of the above, DOE believes it is important to provide interested parties with an opportunity to submit information they feel will assist DOE in compiling information.

#### Public Participation

##### A. Submission of Information

DOE will accept information in response to this notice under the timeline provided in the **DATES** section above. Information submitted to the Department by e-mail should be provided in WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, PDF, or text file format. Those responding should avoid the use of special characters or any form of encryption, and wherever possible, comments should include the electronic signature of the author. Comments submitted to the Department by mail or hand delivery/courier should include one signed original paper copy. No telefacsimiles will be accepted. Comments submitted in response to this notice will become a matter of public record and will be made publicly available.

##### B. Issues on Which DOE Seeks Information

*DOE is particularly interested in receiving information on the following issues/topics:*

(1) Problems, issues, and barriers to the adoption, implementation, enforcement, and improved compliance with improved building energy codes.

(2) Training needed for designers, builders, code officials, owners, and others to support upgraded codes to meet Standard 90.1-2007 (or code that achieves equivalent or greater energy savings) for commercial buildings and the 2009 IECC (or code that achieves equivalent or greater energy savings) for residential buildings. Training and assistance needed to develop and implement a plan to achieve compliance with upgraded codes by 2017.

(3) Processes, information, materials and tools necessary to upgrade building

codes to meet Standard 90.1–2007, Energy Standard for Buildings Except Low-Rise Residential Buildings (or equivalent) for commercial buildings and the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code (or equivalent) for residential buildings. Information, materials, and tools necessary to develop and implement a plan to achieve 90-percent compliance with upgraded codes by 2017.

(4) Assistance and resources available from stakeholders, states, local jurisdictions, and others.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Combined Notice of Filings

April 13, 2010.

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

*Docket Numbers:* RP10–586–000.

*Applicants:* Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, LLC.

*Description:* Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, LLC submits amendment to the Firm Transportation and Storage Negotiated Rate Agreement with CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas.

*Filed Date:* 04/08/2010.

*Accession Number:* 20100408–0205.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, April 20, 2010.

*Docket Numbers:* RP10–587–000.

*Applicants:* Midwestern Gas Transmission Company.

*Description:* Midwestern Gas Transmission Company submits Eighth Revised Sheet 1 *et al.* to its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume 1, to be effective 05/10/10.

*Filed Date:* 04/08/2010.

*Accession Number:* 20100408–0204

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, April 20, 2010.

*Docket Numbers:* RP10–588–000.

*Applicants:* Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC.

*Description:* Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC submits Second Revised Sheet 2 *et al.* to its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume 1, to be effective 05/09/10.

*Filed Date:* 04/09/2010.

*Accession Number:* 20100409–0203.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, April 21, 2010.

*Docket Numbers:* RP10–589–000.

*Applicants:* Central Kentucky Transmission Company.

*Description:* Central Kentucky Transmission Company submits First Revised Sheet 2 *et al.* to its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume 1, to be effective 05/09/10.

*Filed Date:* 04/09/2010.

*Accession Number:* 20100409–0204.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, April 21, 2010.

*Docket Numbers:* RP10–590–000.

*Applicants:* Hardy Storage Company, LLC.

*Description:* Hardy Storage Company, LLC submits First Revised Sheet 2 *et al.* to FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume 1 to be effective 05/09/10.

*Filed Date:* 04/09/2010.

*Accession Number:* 20100409–0202.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, April 21, 2010.

*Docket Numbers:* RP10–591–000.

*Applicants:* Crossroads Pipeline Company.

*Description:* Crossroad Pipeline Company submits Fourth Revised Sheet 2 *et al.* to its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume 1, to be effective 05/09/10.

*Filed Date:* 04/09/2010.

*Accession Number:* 20100409–0205.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, April 21, 2010.

*Docket Numbers:* RP10–592–000.

*Applicants:* Columbia Gulf Transmission Company.

*Description:* Columbia Gulf Transmission Company submits Third Revised Sheet 2 *et al.* to its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume 1, to be effective 05/09/10.

*Filed Date:* 04/09/2010.

*Accession Number:* 20100409–0206.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, April 21, 2010.

*Docket Numbers:* RP10–593–000.

*Applicants:* Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC.

*Description:* Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC submits the transportation service agreements under Rate Schedule FT.

*Filed Date:* 04/09/2010.

*Accession Number:* 20100409–0218.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, April 21, 2010.

*Docket Numbers:* RP10–594–000.

*Applicants:* Garden Banks Gas Pipeline, LLC.

*Description:* Garden Banks Gas Pipeline, LLC submits Fifth Revised Sheet 0 *et al.* to its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume 1, to be effective 05/10/10.

*Filed Date:* 04/09/2010.

*Accession Number:* 20100409–0219.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, April 21, 2010.

*Docket Numbers:* RP10–595–000.

*Applicants:* Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC.

*Description:* Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC submits tariff filing per 154.203: Baseline Filing to be effective 04/09/10.

*Filed Date:* 04/09/2010.

*Accession Number:* 20100409–5087.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, April 21, 2010.

*Docket Numbers:* RP10–596–000.

*Applicants:* Northwest Pipeline GP.

*Description:* Northwest Pipeline GP submits Second Revised Sheet 4 to FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume 1, to be effective 05/12/10.

*Filed Date:* 04/12/2010.

*Accession Number:* 20100413–0205.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, April 26, 2010.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. It is not necessary to separately intervene again in a subdocket related to a compliance filing if you have previously intervened in the same docket. 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 proceeding. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. In reference to filings initiating a new proceeding, interventions or protests submitted on or before the comment deadline need not be served on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with Internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the intervention or protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The filings in the above proceedings are accessible in the Commission's