

intervene, notices of intervention, and requests for additional procedures shall be filed with the Office of Oil and Gas Global Security and Supply at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

A decisional record on the Application will be developed through responses to this notice by parties, including the parties' written comments and replies thereto. Additional procedures will be used as necessary to achieve a complete understanding of the facts and issues. A party seeking intervention may request that additional procedures be provided, such as additional written comments, an oral presentation, a conference, or trial-type hearing. Any request to file additional written comments should explain why they are necessary. Any request for an oral presentation should identify the substantial question of fact, law, or policy at issue, show that it is material and relevant to a decision in the proceeding, and demonstrate why an oral presentation is needed. Any request for a conference should demonstrate why the conference would materially advance the proceeding. Any request for a trial-type hearing must show that there are factual issues genuinely in dispute that are relevant and material to a decision and that a trial-type hearing is necessary for a full and true disclosure of the facts.

If an additional procedure is scheduled, notice will be provided to all parties. If no party requests additional procedures, a final Opinion and Order may be issued based on the official record, including the Application and responses filed by parties pursuant to this notice, in accordance with 10 CFR 590.316.

The Application filed by FLEX is available for inspection and copying in the Office of Oil and Gas Global Security and Supply docket room, 3E-042, at the above address listed in **ADDRESSES**. The docket room is open between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Application and any filed protests, motions to intervene or notice of interventions, and comments will also be available electronically by going to the following DOE/FE Web address: <http://www.fe.doe.gov/programs/gasregulation/index.html>. In addition, any electronic comments filed will also be available at: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC11-537-001]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-537); Comment Request; Submitted for OMB Review

January 20, 2011.

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 or FERC) has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review of the information collection requirements. 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 issued a Notice in the **Federal Register** (75 FR 64301, 10/19/2010) requesting public comments. FERC received no comments on the FERC-537 and has made this notation in its submission to OMB.¹

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due by February 28, 2011.

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 Created by OMB should be filed electronically, c/o oir_submission@omb.eop.gov and include OMB Control Number 1902-0060 for reference. The Desk Officer may be reached by telephone at 202-395-4638.

A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and should refer to Docket No. IC11-537-001. Comments may be

¹ OMB will not make a decision on this proceeding until after 30 days from the time it is received.

filed either electronically or in paper format. Those persons filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. Documents filed electronically via the Internet must be prepared in an acceptable filing format and in compliance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission submission guidelines. Complete filing instructions and acceptable filing formats are available at <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp>. To file the document electronically, access the Commission's Web site and click on Documents & Filing, E-Filing (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>), 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.

For paper filings, the comments should be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, and should refer to Docket No. IC11-537-001.

Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in FERC Docket Number IC11-537 may do so through eSubscription at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp>. All comments may be viewed, printed or downloaded remotely via the Internet through FERC's homepage using the "eLibrary" link. For user assistance, contact ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Brown may be reached by e-mail at DataClearance@FERC.gov, by telephone at (202) 502-8663, and by fax at (202) 273-0873.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collected under the requirements of FERC-537, "Gas Pipeline Certificates: Construction, Acquisition, and Abandonment" (OMB Control No. 1902-0060), is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA), 15 U.S.C. 3301-3432, and the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (15 U.S.C. 717-717w). Under the NGA, natural gas pipeline companies must obtain Commission authorization to undertake the construction or extension of any facilities, or to acquire or operate any such facilities or extensions in accordance with Section 7(c) of the NGA. A natural gas company must also obtain Commission approval under Section 7(b) of the NGA prior to

abandoning any jurisdictional facility or service. Under the NGA and the NGPA, interstate and intrastate pipelines must also obtain authorization for certain transportation and storage services and arrangements, particularly a Part 284, Subpart G—Blanket Certificate (18 CFR 284.8).

The information collected is necessary to certificate interstate pipelines engaged in the transportation and sale of natural gas, and the construction, acquisition, and operation of facilities to be used in those activities, to authorize the abandonment of facilities and services, and to authorize certain NGPA transactions. If a certificate is granted, the natural gas company can construct, acquire, or operate facilities, plus engage in interstate transportation or sale of natural gas. Conversely, approval of an

abandonment application permits the pipeline to cease service and/or discontinue the operation of such facilities. Authorization under NGPA Section 311(a) allows the interstate or intrastate pipeline applicants to render certain transportation services.

The data required to be submitted consists of identification of the company and responsible officials, factors considered in the location of the facilities and the detailed impact on the project area for environmental considerations. Also to be submitted are the following:

- Flow diagrams showing proposed design capacity for engineering design verification and safety determination;
- Commercial and economic data presenting the basis for the proposed action; and

- Cost of the proposed facilities, plans for financing, and estimated revenues and expenses related to the proposed facility for accounting and financial evaluation.

The Commission implements these filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR 157.5–.11; 157.13–.20; 157.53; 157.201–.209; 157.211; 157.214–.218; 284.8; 284.11; 284.126; 284.221; 284.224.²

Action: The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the FERC–537 reporting requirements.

Burden Statement: The first table shows a summary of the burden for this collection. Because the nature of the various filings that are covered by FERC–537 are so varied, another table has been included to give a more detailed description of the various elements of this burden estimate:

| FERC data collection | Number of respondents | Average number of responses per respondent ³ | Average burden hours per response ⁴ | Total annual burden hours |
|----------------------|-----------------------|---|--|---------------------------|
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (1)×(2)×(3) |
| FERC–537 | 225 | 3.44 | 133 | 102,942 |

Details for FERC–537, “Gas Pipeline Certificates: Construction, Acquisition, and Abandonment,” based on Fiscal Year 2010 information and records:

| Regulation section 18 CFR * * * | Regulation topic | Number of respondents | Number of filings or responses | Avg. hours to prepare a filing or application |
|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| 157.5–.11; & 157.13–.20 | Interstate certificate and abandonment applications. | | 82 | 500 |
| 157.53 | Exemptions | 75 companies (25 different). | 10 | 100 |
| 157.201–.209; 157.211; 157.214–.218. | Blanket Certificates prior notice filings | | 45 | 200 |
| 157.201–.209; 157.211; 157.214–.218. | Blanket Certificates—annual reports | 145 companies (145 different). | 336 | 50 |
| 284.11 | NGPA Sec. 311 Construction—annual reports | | | |
| 284.8 | Capacity Release—recordkeeping | 168 | 168 | 75 |
| 284.126 (a)&(c) | Intrastate bypass, semi annual transportation & storage—reports. | 50 companies (50 different). | 100 | 30 |
| 284.221 | Blanket Certificates—one time filing, inc. new tariff and rate design proposal. | 20 | 20 | 100 |
| 284.224 | Hinshaw Blanket Certificates | 2 (2 different) | 2 | 75 |
| 157.5–.11; & 157.13–.20 | Non-facility certificate or abandonment applications. | 9 (3 different) | 12 | 75 |
| TOTALS | | 225 different | 775 | 1 133 |

¹ Average, weighted.

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$6,823,570 (102,942 hours/2,080 hours⁵ per year, times \$137,874⁶).

The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide the information including: (1) Reviewing instructions;

(2) developing, acquiring, installing, and utilizing technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, verifying, processing, maintaining, disclosing and providing information;

² Sections 284.223 and 284.227 have been removed from this Notice since they have no reporting or records burden.

³ From detailed table: No. of Filings/No. of Respondents, or 775/225 = 3.44

⁴ A weighted average based on the information provided in the detailed table.

⁵ Estimated number of hours an employee works each year.

⁶ Estimated average annual cost per employee.

(3) adjusting the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; (4) training personnel to respond to a collection of information; (5) searching data sources; (6) completing and reviewing the collection of information; and (7) transmitting, or otherwise disclosing the information.

The estimate of cost for respondents is based upon salaries for professional and clerical support, as well as direct and indirect overhead costs. Direct costs include all costs directly attributable to providing this information, such as administrative costs and the cost for information technology. Indirect or overhead costs are costs incurred by an organization in support of its mission. These costs apply to activities which benefit the whole organization rather than any one particular function or activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collections of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP11-59-000]

Northwest Pipeline GP; Notice of Application

January 20, 2011.

Take notice that on January 11, 2011, Northwest Pipeline GP (Northwest), 295 Chipeta Way, Salt Lake City, Utah 84108, filed in Docket No. CP11-59-000, an application pursuant to sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and pursuant to 18 CFR part 157, requesting abandonment approval and a certificate

of public convenience and necessity authorizing Northwest to construct and operate its Molalla Capacity Replacement Project (Molalla Project) located in Clackamas and Marion Counties, Oregon. Specifically, the Molalla Project consists of: Abandonment in place of approximately 15 miles of 16-inch diameter pipeline and related facilities on Northwest's Camas to Eugene Line between milepost 21.1 and 36.06; and construction and operation of approximately 7.75 miles of 20-inch diameter pipeline adjacent to Northwest's existing 16-inch diameter Camas to Eugene Line beginning at milepost 41.02, all as more fully set forth in the application, which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may also be viewed on the Web 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 at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Pam Barnes, Manager, Certificates and Tariffs, Northwest Pipeline GP, 295 Chipeta Way, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101, telephone no. (801) 584-6857, facsimile no. (801) 584-7764, and e-mail: pam.j.barnes@williams.com.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: Complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify Federal and State agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all Federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below, file with the Federal

Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 7 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commentators will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commentators will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commentators will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions 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 or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,