

instrument and instructions should be directed to Steven Grape, EI-24, U.S. Energy Information Administration, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585, fax: (202) 586-4420, email: steven.grape@eia.gov. The collection instrument and instructions are also available on the Internet, at: http://www.eia.gov/survey/form/eia_23l/proposed/instructions.pdf http://www.eia.gov/survey/form/eia_23l/proposed/form.pdf http://www.eia.gov/survey/form/eia_64a/proposed/instructions.pdf http://www.eia.gov/survey/form/eia_64a/proposed/form.pdf.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains:

- (1) OMB No.: 1905-0057;
- (2) Information Collection Request Title: Oil and Gas Reserves System;

(3) Type of Request: Three-year extension with changes;

(4) Purpose: EIA has a congressional mandate to provide accurate annual estimates of U.S. proved crude oil, natural gas, and natural gas liquids reserves. EIA presents annual reserves data in EIA Web reports to meet this requirement. This collected data and EIA's nationwide estimates are essential to the development, implementation, and evaluation of energy policy and legislation. Data are used directly in EIA web reports concerning U.S. crude oil, natural gas, and natural gas liquids reserves, and are incorporated into other reports, including EIA's *Annual Energy Review*, *Annual Energy Outlook*, *Short-Term Energy Outlook*, *Petroleum Supply Annual*, and *Natural Gas Annual*.

EIA proposes to suspend the Form EIA-23S, consolidate some if its respondents into the Form EIA-23L, and change the Form EIA-23L sampling and estimation to streamline administrative processes and to improve data quality. The Form EIA-23L sampling method will change from a probability proportional to size (PPS) method to a cut-off sample that excludes the smallest respondents, who may lack the resources to effectively report all requested data, thus reducing the potential for non-sampling error. Procedures to estimate data published at regional summary levels will be adjusted to reflect the new sampling method. The Form EIA-23L questions will not change. The Form EIA-23L instructions will be updated with the current EIA definitions of terms used. The Form EIA-64A is proposed to be extended without changes.

(5) Annual Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,450;

(6) Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses: 1,450;

(7) Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours: 43,650 hours;

(8) Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: \$0; EIA estimates that there are no additional costs to respondents associated with the surveys other than the costs associated with the burden hours.

Statutory Authority: Section 13(b) of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974, Pub. L. 93-275, codified at 15 U.S.C. 772(b) and Section 657 of the Department of Energy Organization Act, Pub. L. 95-91.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 22, 2013.

Stephanie Brown,

Director, Office of Survey Development and Statistical Integration, U.S. Energy Information Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP13-75-000]

Southwest Gas Storage Company; Prior Notice of Activity Under Blanket Certificate

On February 8, 2013, Southwest Gas Storage Company (Southwest) filed a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205, 157.208(b), 157.213(b) and 157.216(b)(2) of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act and Southwest's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP99-230-000. Southwest seeks authorization to construct, modify and abandon certain natural gas storage facilities at the Howell Storage Field, located in Livingston County, Michigan, to improve the storage field's operation.

Questions regarding this application may be directed to Stephen Veatch, Senior Director of Certificates & Tariffs, Southwest Gas Storage Company, 5051 Westheimer Road, Houston, Texas 77056, or by calling 713 989-2024, by faxing 713 989-1176, or by emailing stephen.veatch@sug.com.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 60 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205), a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a

protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the allowed time for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the NGA.

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. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such motions or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of 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 seven copies of the protest or intervention 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 email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on April 22, 2013.

Dated: February 21, 2013.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC13-12-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-577); Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection, FERC-577, Natural Gas Facilities: Environmental Review and Compliance (formerly Gas Pipeline Certificates: Environmental Impact Statement). The FERC is proposing to change the title of the report to more accurately reflect the nature of the information being collected.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due April 29, 2013.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC13-12-000) by either of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's Web Site:* <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/eindex.asp>.
- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Instructions: All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submitting-information>

guide.asp. For user assistance contact FERC Online Support by email at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or by phone at: (866) 208-3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502-8659 for TTY.

Docket: Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket or in viewing/downloading comments and issuances in this docket may do so at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/docs-filing.asp>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen Brown may be reached by email at DataClearance@FERC.gov, telephone at (202) 502-8663, and fax at (202) 273-0873.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Natural Gas Facilities: Environmental Review and Compliance.

OMB Control No.: 1902-0128.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-577 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

Abstract: Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA)¹ requires that all Federal agencies must include in every recommendation or report on proposals for legislation and other major federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment, a detailed statement on: the environmental impact on the proposed

actions; any adverse environmental effects which cannot be avoided should the proposal be implemented; alternatives to the proposed action; the relationship between local short-term uses of man's environment and the maintenance and enhancement of long term productivity; and any irreversible and irretrievable commitment of resources which would be involved in the proposed action should it be implemented.

The Commission's regulations implementing NEPA in 18 CFR part 380 require applicants seeking authorization for the construction and abandonment of facilities to provide a detailed environmental report with their application that describes the impact the project is likely to have and the measures the applicant will implement to mitigate those impacts. This environmental report normally consists of at least twelve separate reports, each addressing a particular resource area.

Type of Respondents: The respondents include all jurisdictional natural gas companies seeking authorization from the Commission to construct or abandon facilities.

Estimate of Annual Burden:² The Commission estimates the total Public Reporting Burden for this information collection as:

FERC-577—NATURAL GAS FACILITIES: ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND COMPLIANCE

Type of respondent	Number of respondents (A)	Number of responses per respondent (B)	Total number of responses (A) × (B) = (C)	Average burden hours per response (D)	Estimated total annual burden (C) × (D)
Natural Gas Companies	92	16	1,472	193	284,096

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$19,886,720 [284,096 hours * \$70/hour³ = \$19,886,720].

Comments: Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the 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 estimate of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those

who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: February 21, 2013.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP13-74-000]

Sierrita Gas Pipeline LLC; Notice of Application

Take notice that on February 8, 2013, Sierrita Gas Pipeline LLC (Sierrita), P.O. Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80944, filed in the above referenced docket an application pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) requesting a Presidential Permit and authorization to construct new border crossing pipeline facilities and export of natural gas at the International

¹ Public Law 91-190.

² The Commission defines burden as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or

provide information to or for a Federal agency. For further explanation of what is included in the information collection burden, reference 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

³ Average salary (per hour) plus benefits per full-time equivalent employee.