

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 of 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.

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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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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC13-12-000]

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

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.