

information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

*Title of Collection:* U.S. Department of Education Grant Performance Report Form (ED 524B).

*OMB Control Number:* 1894-0003.

*Type of Review:* An extension of an existing information collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Governments.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 5,300.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 118,400.

*Abstract:* The ED 524B form and instructions are used in order for grantees to meet Department of Education (ED) deadline dates for submission of performance reports for ED discretionary grant programs. Recipients of multi-year discretionary grants must submit an annual performance report for each year funding has been approved in order to receive a continuation award. The annual performance report should demonstrate whether substantial progress has been made toward meeting the approved goals and objectives of the project. ED program offices may also require recipients of "forward funded" grants that are awarded funds for their entire multi-year project up-front in a single grant award to submit the ED 524B on an annual basis. In addition, ED program offices may also require recipients to use the ED 524B to submit their final performance reports to demonstrate project success, impact and outcomes. In both the annual and final performance reports, grantees are required to provide data on established performance measures for the grant program (e.g., Government Performance and Results Act measures) and on project performance measures that were included in the grantee's approved grant application. The ED 524B also contains a number of questions related to project financial data such as Federal and non-Federal expenditures and indirect cost information. Performance reporting

requirements are found in 34 CFR 74.51, 75.118, 75.253, 75.590 and 80.40 of the Education Department General Administrative Regulations.

Dated: March 4, 2014.

**Stephanie Valentine,**

*Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC14-3-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-549D); Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Energy.

**ACTION:** Comment request.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is submitting the information collection FERC-549D (Quarterly Transportation and Storage Report for Intrastate Natural Gas and Hinshaw Pipelines) 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 published notices in the **Federal Register** (78 FR 69843, 11/21/2012, and 79 FR 7175, 2/6/2012) requesting public comments. FERC received no comments on the FERC-549D for either notice and is making this notation in its submittal to OMB.

The Commission is issuing this 15-day public notice due to a change of the estimated burden figures. Upon further review, the Commission found that the burden estimate required adjustment due to better estimates. Specifically, the average burden hours per response for XML filings (implementation burden only) increased from 104 hours to 196 hours. **Note:** There are no changes to information collection or filing requirements.

**DATES:** Comments on the collections of information are due by March 25, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments filed with OMB, identified by the OMB Control Nos.

1902-0253 (FERC-549D) should be sent via email to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs: *oira\_submission@omb.gov*, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. The Desk Officer may also be reached via telephone at 202-395-4718.

A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, identified by the Docket No. IC14-3-000, by one of the following methods:

- eFiling at Commission's Web site: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.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/submission-guide.asp>. For user assistance contact FERC Online Support by email at [ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov](mailto: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](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), by telephone at (202) 502-8663, and by fax at (202) 273-0873.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Titles:* Quarterly Transportation and Storage Report for Intrastate Natural Gas and Hinshaw Pipelines.

*OMB Control Nos.:* 1902-0253.

*Type of Request:* Three-year extension of the FERC-549D information collection requirements with no changes to the reporting requirements.

*Abstract:* The reporting requirements under FERC-549D are required to carry out the Commission's policies in accordance with the general authority in Sections 1(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA)<sup>1</sup> and Sections 311 of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA)<sup>2</sup>. This collection promotes transparency by collecting and making available intrastate and Hinshaw pipeline transactional information. The Commission collects the data upon a standardized form with all requirements outlined in 18 CFR 284.126.

The FERC Form 549D collects the following information:

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 717-817-w.

<sup>2</sup> 15 U.S.C. 3301-3432.

- Full legal name and identification number of the shipper receiving service;
- Type of service performed for each transaction;
- The rate charged under each transaction;
- The primary receipt and delivery points for the transaction, specifying the rate schedule/name of service and docket were approved;
- The quantity of natural gas the shipper is entitled to transport, store, and deliver for each transaction;

- The term of the transaction, specifying the beginning and ending month and year of current agreement;
  - Total volumes transported, stored, injected or withdrawn for the shipper; and
  - Annual revenues received for each shipper, excluding revenues from storage services.
- Filers submit the Form-549D on a quarterly basis.  
*Access to the FERC-549D Information Collection Materials:* A copy of the

current form and related materials can be found at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/forms.asp#549d>, but will not be included in the **Federal Register**. The Commission will not publish these materials in the **Federal Register**.

*Types of Respondents:* Intrastate natural gas and Hinshaw pipelines.

*Estimate of Annual Burden*<sup>3</sup>: The Commission estimates the total Public Reporting Burden for each information collection as:

**FERC FORM 549D: QUARTERLY TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE REPORT FOR INTRASTATE NATURAL GAS AND HINSHAW PIPELINES**

Format of pipelines' filing	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)
<b>Implementation Burden</b>					
PDF filings .....	3	1	3	68	204
XML <sup>4</sup> filings .....	2	1	2	196	392
<b>Ongoing Burden</b>					
PDF filings .....	76	4	304	12.5	3,800
XML filings .....	33	4	132	10	1,320
TOTAL .....	<sup>5</sup> 109	.....	441	.....	5,716

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$450,764 [5,716 hours \$78.86/hour<sup>6</sup> = \$450,764].

*Comments:* Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collections of information are 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 collections of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collections; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collections of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: February 28, 2014.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP14-86-000]

**Vermont Gas Systems, Inc.; Notice of Application**

Take notice that on February 19, 2014, Vermont Gas Systems Inc. (VGS) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an application under section 7(f) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) requesting a service area determination within which it may enlarge or expand its natural gas distribution facilities without further Commission authorization. VGS also requests: (i) A finding that VGS qualifies as a local distribution company (LDC) for purposes of Section 311 of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA); (ii) a waiver of the Commission's accounting and reporting requirements and other regulatory requirements ordinarily applicable to natural gas companies under the NGA and NGPA; (iii) any other relief as deemed

appropriate; and (iv) expedited treatment of its Application.

VGS is expanding its distribution facilities in Vermont and has been asked to provide natural gas service to International Paper at its Ticonderoga Mill in Ticonderoga County, New York. The total length of pipeline proposed to be constructed in New York is 1,600 feet of low pressure distribution line from the New York/Vermont state line to the Ticonderoga Mill. VGS's application is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site 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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TYY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Eileen Simollardes, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, Vermont Gas Systems Inc., 85

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> Extensible Markup Language (XML)

<sup>5</sup> This figure does not include the five respondents for the "Implementation Burden".

<sup>6</sup> This cost represents the average cost of four career fields: Legal (\$128.02/hour), Accountants (\$48.58/hour), Management Analyst (\$56.27/hour), and Computer and Information (\$82.67/hour); this cost also includes benefit costs within the hourly estimates.