Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–588), Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

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 information collection FERC–588 (Emergency Natural Gas Transportation, Sale and Exchange Transactions) and will be submitting FERC–588 to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review of the information collection requirements.

DATES: Comments in consideration of the collection of information are due May 22, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Docket No. IC17–5–000 by either of the following methods:

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, or by phone at: (866) 208–3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502–8659 for TTY.

Dated: March 17, 2017.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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The estimates for cost per response are derived using the 2017 FERC average salary plus benefits of $158,754/year (or $76.50/hour). Commission staff finds that the work done for this information collection is typically done by wage categories similar to those at FERC.

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.

The NGPA also provides for non-certificated interstate transactions involving intrastate pipelines and local distribution companies.

A temporary operation, or emergency, is defined as any situation in which an actual or expected shortage of gas supply would require an interstate pipeline company, intrastate pipeline, or local distribution company, or Hinshaw pipeline to curtail deliveries of gas or provide less than the projected level of service to the customer. The natural gas companies which provide the temporary assistance to the companies which are having the “emergency” must file the necessary information described in Part 284, Subpart I of the Commission’s Regulations with the Commission, so that it may determine if their assisting transaction/operation qualifies for exemption. The assisting company may or may not be under the Commission’s jurisdiction and if their assisting actions qualify for the exemption, they will not become subject to the Commission’s jurisdiction for such actions.

A report within forty-eight hours of the commencement of the transportation, sale or exchange, a request to extend the sixty-day term of the emergency transportation, if needed, and a termination report are required. The data required to be filed for the forty-eight hour report is specified by 18 CFR 284.270.

Type of Respondents: Natural Gas Pipelines.

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

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