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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER18-2216-000]

Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization; Plumsted 537 LLC

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of Plumsted 537 LLC's application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is September 4, 2018.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic filing, persons with internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the intervention or protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

The filings in the above-referenced proceeding are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also available for electronic review in the Commission's

Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an eSubscription link on the website 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.

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Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC18-13-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-537); Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Comment request.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is submitting its information collection FERC-537 (Gas Pipeline Certificates: Construction, Acquisition, and Abandonment) 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 previously issued a Notice in the **Federal Register** on May 21, 2018, requesting public comments. The Commission received two comments on the FERC-537 and is making this notation in its submittal to OMB.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due by September 20, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Comments filed with OMB, identified by the OMB Control No. 1902-0060, 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 202-395-8528.

A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Commission, in Docket No. IC18-13-000, by either of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's website:* <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, 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, by telephone at (202) 502-8663, and by fax at (202) 273-0873.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC-537 (Gas Pipeline Certificates: Construction, Acquisition, and Abandonment).

OMB Control No.: 1902-0060.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-537 information collection requirements with no changes to the reporting requirements.

Abstract: The FERC-537 information collection requires natural gas companies to file the necessary information with FERC in order for the Commission to determine if the requested certificate should be authorized. Certain self-implementing construction and abandonment programs do not require the filing of applications. However, those types of programs do require the filing of annual reports, so many less significant actions can be reported in a single filing/response and less detail would be required.

The data required to be submitted in a normal certificate filing consists of identification of the company and responsible officials, factors considered in the location of the facilities and the impact on the area for environmental considerations. Also to be submitted are the following, as applicable to the specific request:

- Flow diagrams showing the design capacity for engineering design verification and safety determination;
- Cost of proposed facilities, plans for financing, and estimated revenues and expenses related to the proposed facility for accounting and financial evaluation.
- Existing and proposed storage capacity and pressures and reservoir

engineering studies for requests to increase storage capacity;

- An affidavit showing the consent of existing customers for abandonment of service requests.

Additionally, requests for an increase of pipeline capacity must include a statement that demonstrates compliance with the Commission's Certificate Policy Statement by making a showing that the cost of the expansion will not be subsidized by existing customers and that there will not be adverse economic impacts to existing customers, competing pipelines or their customers, nor to landowners and to surrounding communities.

Type of Respondents: Natural gas companies.

Responses to public comments:

To the comment received from Ms. Joanne Collins on 5/30/2018, FERC responds:

Commenter points out that the collection of data and information from applicants requesting authorization to construct and operate natural gas pipelines can create a secondary burden on the general citizenry to learn about the Commission's rules and process; and further to perhaps take costly and time consuming efforts to participate in the Commission's proceedings. The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 was not intended to measure this type of secondary burden; only the primary burden on those applicant entities to collect and compile the information necessary for the Government to make an informed decision and take appropriate action. The Commission has multiple ways, times, and methods for the general citizenry to appropriately input their views on the Commission's rules and process, or its individual proceedings.

To the comment received from Ms. Laurie Lubsen on 6/4/2018, FERC responds:

Commenter concurs in the collection of information necessary for the Commission to make an informed decision and take appropriate action is appropriate, but does not want less information that is needed to not be collected solely because it is a burden on those seeking authorizations. We confirm that all the information required by FERC-537 continues to be necessary and that no data collections have been revised in this current review on FERC-537. Commenter notes that automated ways to collect information, such as eFiling are good, as long as they are not ultimately required of all filers.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*¹ The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden for the information collection as:

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	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden and cost per response ²	Total annual burden hours and total annual cost	Cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1) ³
18 CFR 157.5-.11 (Interstate Certificate and Abandonment Applications).	52	1.19	62	500 hrs.; \$39,500	31,000; \$2,449,000	\$47,096
18 CFR 157.53 (Pipeline Purging/Testing Exemptions).	1	1	1	50 hrs.; \$3,950	50 hrs.; \$3,950	3,950
18 CFR 157.201-.209; 157.211; 157.214-.218 (Blanket Certificates Prior to Notice Filings).	21	1.86	39	200 hrs.; \$15,800	7,800 hrs.; \$616,200	29,343
18 CFR 157.201-.209; 157.211; 157.214-.218 (Blanket Certificates—Annual Reports).	129	⁴ 1.05	135	50 hrs.; \$3,950	6,750 hrs.; \$533,250	4,134
18 CFR 284.11 (NGPA Section 311 Construction—Annual Reports).	83	⁵ 1.01	84	50 hrs.; \$3,950	4,200 hrs.; \$331,800	3,998
18 CFR 284.8	178	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A

¹ Burden is defined 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. Refer to 5 CFR 1320.3 for additional information.

² The estimates for cost per response are derived using the following formula: Average Burden Hours per Response * \$79.00/hour = Average cost/response. The figure is the 2018 FERC average hourly cost (for wages and benefits) of \$79.00 (and an average annual salary of \$164,820/year).

Commission staff is using the FERC average salary because we consider any reporting requirements completed in response to the FERC-537 to be compensated at rates similar to the work of FERC employees.

³ Each of the figures in this column are rounded to the nearest dollar.

⁴ This figure was derived from 135 responses + 129 respondents = 1.046 or ~1.05 responses/respondent.

⁵ This figure was derived from 84 responses + 83 respondents = 1.012 or ~1.01 responses/respondent.

⁶ One-time filings, new tariff and rate design proposal, or request for exemptions.

⁷ This figure was derived from 7 responses + 5 respondents = 1.4 responses/respondent.

⁸ The 335 responses are derived from 214 individual respondents.

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18 CFR 284.13(e) and 284.126(a) (Interstate and Intrastate Bypass Notice).	2	1	2	30 hrs.; \$2,370	60 hrs.; \$4,740	2,370
18 CFR 284.221 (Blanket Certifi- cates) ⁶ .	5	7 1.4	7	100 hrs.; \$7,900	700 hrs.; \$55,300	11,060
18 CFR 224 (Hinshaw Blanket Certificates).	2	1	2	75 hrs.; \$5,925	150 hrs.; \$11,850	5,925
18 CFR 157.5-11; 157.13-20 (Non- facility Certificate or Abandonment Applications.	3	1	3	75 hrs.; \$5,925	225 hrs.; \$17,775	5,925
Total	⁸ 335	50,935 hrs.; \$4,023,865

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: August 14, 2018.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14795-002]

Shell Energy North America (US), L.P.; Notice of Meeting

Environmental staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will participate in a meeting, via telephone, with representatives of Shell Energy North America, the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to continue the on-

going discussion of potential impacts to cultural resources from the proposed Hydro Battery Pearl Hill Pumped Storage Project. The meeting will be held at the location and time listed below:

Executive Conference Room at the Executive Conference Center at the Spokane International Airport, 9000 W. Airport Drive, Spokane, Washington 99224, (located adjacent to the lower level baggage claim and parking areas), August 30, 2018, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. PST. Call-in lines will be available.

Members of the public and intervenors in the referenced proceeding may attend and observe this meeting, in person or via telephone. If tribal representatives decide to disclose information about a specific location which could create a risk or harm to an archeological site or Native American cultural resource, the public will be excused for that portion of the meeting. A summary of the meeting will be entered into the Commission's administrative record.

If you plan to attend this meeting, in person or via telephone, please contact Brent Hicks of HRA Associates (contractor for Shell Energy) at (206) 343-0226 or bhicks@hrassoc.com.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric corporate filings:

Docket Numbers: EC18-139-000.

Applicants: Lower Mount Bethel Energy, LLC, Martins Creek, LLC, LMBE Project Company LLC, MC Project Company LLC.

Description: Joint Application for Approval under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act, et al. of Lower Mount Bethel Energy, LLC, et al.

Filed Date: 8/14/18.

Accession Number: 20180814-5143.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/4/18.

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

Docket Numbers: ER18-1584-000.

Applicants: Mississippi Power Company.

Description: Response of Mississippi Power Company to July 13, 2018 letter requesting additional information.

Filed Date: 8/14/18.

Accession Number: 20180814-5140.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/4/18.

Docket Numbers: ER18-1731-001.

Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.

Description: Tariff Amendment: 2018-08-15 Deficiency response of MISO TOs for Cost Recovery to be effective 8/1/2018.

Filed Date: 8/15/18.