

Abstract: Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (Pub. L. 75–688) (15 U.S.C. 717–717w) provides, in part, that . . . no person shall export any natural gas from the United States to a foreign country or import any natural gas from a foreign country without first having secured an order from the Commission authorizing it to do so. The 1992 amendments to Section 3 of the NGA concern importation or exportation

from/to a nation which has a free trade agreement with the United States, and requires that such importation or exportation: (1) Shall be deemed to be a first sale, *i.e.*, not a sale for a resale, and (2) Shall be deemed to be consistent with the public interest, and applications for such importation or exportation shall be granted without modification or delay.

With the ratification of the North American Free Trade Agreement and the Canadian Free Trade Agreement, the Federal regulatory focus on construction, operation, and siting of import and export facilities increased significantly.

*Estimate of Annual Burden.*² The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden and cost³ for the information collection as:

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Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden hours & average cost per response (\$)	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost (\$)	Cost per respondent (\$)
(1)	(2)	(1) × (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) × (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1) = (6)
6	2	12	15 hours; \$1,200	180 hours; \$14,400	\$2,400

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 estimates 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.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information 202–564–5632 or <https://www.epa.gov/nepa/>. Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed 11/04/2019 10 a.m. ET Through 11/11/2019 10 a.m. ET Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

² 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. See 5 CFR

Notice

Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act requires that EPA make public its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies. EPA’s comment letters on EISs are available at: <https://cdxnodengn.epa.gov/cdx-enepa-public/action/eis/search>.

EIS No. 20190270, Final, NMFS, LA, Reduce the Incidental Bycatch and Mortality of Sea Turtles in the Southeastern U.S. Shrimp Fisheries, Review Period Ends: 12/16/2019, Contact: Michael Barnette 727–551–5794

EIS No. 20190271, Final, USACE, CA, Lower Elkhorn Basin Levee Setback Project, Review Period Ends: 12/16/2019, Contact: Tanis Toland 916–557–6717

EIS No. 20190272, Draft Supplement, USACE, AL, Allatoona Lake Water Supply Storage Reallocation Study and Updates to Weiss and Logan Martin Reservoirs Project Water Control Manuals, Comment Period Ends: 12/30/2019, Contact: Jennifer Jacobson 251–690–2724

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Robert Tomiak,
Director, Office of Federal Activities.

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1320 for additional information on the definition of information collection burden.

³ The Commission staff estimates that industry is similarly situated in terms of hourly cost (for wages

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, if any, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The applications will also be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843), and interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in section 4. Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

plus benefits). Based on the Commission’s FY (Fiscal Year) 2019 average cost (for wages plus benefits), \$80.00/hour is used.