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Any questions concerning this application may be directed to Lisa Yoho, Senior Director, Regulatory & FERC Compliance, Enable Gas Transmission, LLC, 910 Louisiana Street, Suite 48040, Houston, Texas 77002, by telephone at (346) 701-2539, or by email at [lisa.yoho@enablemidstream.com](mailto:lisa.yoho@enablemidstream.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 If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the allowed time for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of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.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding, or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of

the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, and will be notified of any meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters, will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

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The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, 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 two copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE,

Washington, DC 20426. Hand delivered submissions in docketed proceedings should be delivered to Health and Human Services, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Dated: June 29, 2020.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PL19-4-000]

### Commission Information Collection Activities; Request for Emergency Processing for FERC-6(PL)

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection and request for emergency processing.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is submitting an emergency request for the information collection, FERC-6(PL) (One-time Refiling Under Docket PL19-4 of Page 700 of Form No. 6 (Annual Report of Oil Pipeline Companies)), to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ellen Brown may be reached by email at [DataClearance@ferc.gov](mailto:DataClearance@ferc.gov) and telephone at (202) 502-8663.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** FERC-6(PL), One-Time Refiling Under Docket No. PL19-4 of Page 700 of Form 6 (Annual Report of Oil Pipeline Companies).

**OMB Control No.:** TBD.

**Type of Request:** Request for Emergency Processing and Approval Pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.13.

**Abstract:** In the Energy Policy Act of 1992, Congress required the Commission to develop a simplified method for changing oil pipeline rates. In response, the Commission established an indexing methodology that allows oil pipelines to change rates based upon an annual industry-wide index.<sup>1</sup> The Commission committed to review the index level every five years to ensure that the index level continues to reflect annual industry-wide cost changes.<sup>2</sup> In Order No. 561 and each successive five-year review, the Commission calculated the index level based upon the Kahn Methodology, which determines the differences over the prior five-year period between changes in costs reported on page 700

<sup>1</sup> Revisions to Oil Pipeline Regulations Pursuant to the Energy Policy Act of 1992, Order No. 561, FERC Stats. & Regs. 30,985, at 30,947 (1993), order on reh'g, Order No. 561-A, FERC Stats. & Regs. 31,000 (1994), aff'd, Ass'n of Oil Pipe Lines v. FERC, 83 F.3d 1424 (D.C. Cir. 1996).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

of FERC Form No. 6<sup>3</sup> and changes in the Producer Price Index for Finished Goods (PPI-FG). The index level is then set at PPI-FG plus (or minus) this differential. In the 2020 five-year review, the Commission will measure pipeline cost changes over the period from 2014–2019 in order to establish the index level for the five-year period from 2021–2026.

On May 21, 2020, the Commission issued a Policy Statement on Determining Return on Equity for Natural Gas and Oil Pipelines (ROE Policy Statement), in which the Commission adopted a revised methodology for determining return on equity (ROE) used to calculate oil pipelines' Annual Cost of Service on page 700 of FERC Form No. 6.<sup>4</sup> The issuance of the ROE Policy Statement may affect the oil pipeline industry's 2019 costs reported on page 700 that the Commission will use in the 2020 five-year review. Thus, the ROE Policy Statement encouraged pipelines to file, on a one-time basis, updated page 700 data for 2019 reflecting the Commission's revised methodology and solicited comments on this voluntary information collection pursuant to the PRA by June 26, 2020.

The Commission received five comments in response to the ROE Policy

Statement, one of which addressed the information collection for oil pipelines. On June 11, 2020, Liquids Shippers Group filed a motion for reconsideration of the ROE Policy Statement and a request for expedited action (Motion). The Motion asserts that the voluntary information collection improperly gives pipelines discretion to file ROEs that are higher, which would increase the index level, while refraining from filing ROEs that are lower, which would decrease the index level. Thus, the Motion states that the information collection will bias the record in the five-year review proceeding.

The Commission will address the Motion in due course. However, the Motion should not affect the Commission's request for OMB's emergency processing and approval of the FERC-6(PL). First, the Motion does not reference the PRA or the burdens the information collection would impose. Second, the Motion addresses the information collection from the perspective of shippers, rather than pipelines that will be subject to the information collection. Third, the Motion seeks to convert this voluntary information collection into a mandatory one and implementing a mandatory collection at this time would likely delay the five-year review. Fourth, the

Commission will address the merits of Liquids Shippers Group's claims regarding the calculation of the index level in the five-year review proceeding itself, where the Commission has requested comments on this very issue.<sup>5</sup> The effect of this data on the Commission's analysis in the five-year review will depend upon how many pipelines file updated page 700 data and the comments that the Commission receives.

Accordingly, the Commission requests that OMB review and approve FERC-6(PL) [the request to have pipelines voluntarily refile, on a one-time basis, page 700 of their 2019 FERC Form No. 6] in order to reflect the ROE Policy Statement. The Commission requests emergency processing of this information collection because this collection is essential to the mission of the Commission and public harm is reasonably likely to occur if normal clearance procedures are followed.

FERC submitted a formal request to OMB on June 29, 2020 for emergency approval of the one-time FERC-6(PL).<sup>6</sup> The Commission requested an OMB decision on FERC-6(PL) by July 6, 2020.

*Estimate of Annual Burden.*<sup>7</sup> The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden and cost<sup>8</sup> for the information collection as:

#### FERC-6(PL)—ESTIMATED ANNUAL BURDEN DUE TO DOCKET NO. PL19-4<sup>9</sup>

[Figures may be rounded]

	Number of potential respondents (1)	Annual number of responses per Respondent (2)	Total number of responses (1)*(2) = (3)	Average burden hours and cost (\$) per response (4)	Total annual burden hours and total annual cost (\$) (3)*(4) = (5)	Cost per respondent (\$) (5) ÷ (1) = (6)
Updated ROE Study .....	244	1	244	187.5 hrs.; \$15,000	45,750 hrs.; \$3,660,000 .....	\$15,000
Refile FERC Form No. 6, page 700 .....	244	1	244	0.5 hrs.; \$40 .....	122 hrs.; \$9,760 .....	40
<b>Total, Due to PL19-4 .....</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>244</b>	.....	<b>45,872 hrs.; \$3,669,760 .....</b>	<b>15,040</b>

Dated: June 29, 2020.

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

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<sup>3</sup> FERC Form No. 6 (OMB Control No. 1902-0022), the Annual Report of Oil Pipeline Companies, is required by 18 CFR 357.2.

<sup>4</sup> *Inquiry Regarding the Commission's Policy for Determining Return on Equity*, 171 FERC 61,155 (2020).

<sup>5</sup> *Five-Year Review of the Oil Pipeline Index*, 171 FERC 61,239 at PP 2, 8.

<sup>6</sup> The request pending at OMB (ICR 202005-1902-002) for approval of the voluntary re-filing of

Page 700 of the FERC Form No. 6 will be retracted. It is being replaced by the request for emergency approval of the FERC-6(PL).

<sup>7</sup> Burden is 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, refer to Title 5 of Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

<sup>8</sup> The Commission staff estimates that the industry's skill set and cost (for wages and benefits) for performing the ROE study and completing and filing FERC-6(PL) is comparable to the Commission's skill set and average cost. The FERC 2019 average salary plus benefits for one FERC full-time equivalent (FTE) is \$167,091/year or \$80.00/hour.

<sup>9</sup> The Commission staff has conservatively assumed a 100 percent voluntary response rate.