

The estimated total cost to respondents is \$12,907, (245 hours divided by 2,088 hours per year per employee times \$110,000 per year per average employee=\$12,907). The cost per respondent is \$12,907.

The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide the information including: (1) reviewing instructions; (2) developing, acquiring, installing, and utilizing technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, verifying, processing, maintaining, disclosing and providing information; (3) adjusting the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; (4) training personnel to respond to a collection of information; (5) searching data sources; (6) completing and reviewing the collection of information; and (7) transmitting, or otherwise disclosing the information.

The estimate of cost for respondents is based upon salaries for professional and clerical support, as well as direct and indirect overhead costs. Direct costs include all costs directly attributable to providing this information, such as administrative costs and the cost for information technology. Indirect or overhead costs are costs incurred by an organization in support of its mission. These costs apply to activities which benefit the whole organization rather than any one particular function or activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) whether the proposed 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 of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be

collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[IC98-550-000 FERC-550]

Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

June 19, 1998.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described below.

DATES: Consideration will be given to comments submitted on or before August 24, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained from and written comments may be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Attn: Michael Miller, Office of the Chief Information Officer, CI-1, 888 First Street NW., Washington, DC 20426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208-1415, by fax at (202) 273-0873, and by e-mail at michael.miller@ferc.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collected under the requirements of FERC-550 "Oil Pipeline Rates: Tariff Filings" (OMB No. 1902-0089) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of Part I, Sections 1, 6, and 15, of the Interstate Commerce Act (ICA) (Pub. L. No. 337, 34 Stat. 384). Jurisdiction over oil pipelines, as it relates to the establishment of rates or charges for the transportation of oil by pipeline or the establishment of valuations for pipelines, was transferred from the Interstate Commerce Commission to the Commission, pursuant to Section 306 and 402 of the Department of Energy Organization Act (DOS Act), 42 U.S.C. 7155 and § 7172, and Executive Order No. 12009, 42 FR 46267 (September 15, 1977).

The filing requirement provide the basis for analysis of all rates, fares, or charges whatsoever demanded, charged or collected by any common carrier or carriers in connection with the transportation of crude oil and petroleum products and are used by the Commission to establish a basis for determining the just and reasonable rates that should be charged by the regulated pipeline company. Based on this analysis, a recommendation is made to the Commission to take action whether to suspend, accept or reject the proposed rate. The data required to be filed for pipeline rates and tariff filings is specified by 18 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Chapter I Parts 340-348.

Action: The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection of data.

Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated as:

Number of respondents annually	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total annual burden hours
(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)×(2)×(3)
170	3.06	10.9	5,668

The estimated total cost to respondents is \$298,100 (5,668 hours divided by 2,088 hours per year per employee times \$110,000 per year per average employee=\$298,100). The cost per respondent is \$1,754.

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expended to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide the information including: (1) reviewing instructions; (2) developing, acquiring, installing, and utilizing technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, verifying, processing, maintaining, disclosing and providing information;

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David P. Boergers,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER98-2591-000]

Avery Hydroelectric Associates; Notice of Withdrawal

June 19, 1998.

Take notice that on June 16, 1998, Avery Hydroelectric Associates tendered for filing a notice of withdrawal of its filing made on April 20, 1998, in Docket No. ER98-2591-000.

A copy of this notice is being served upon the Public Service Company of New Hampshire and the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of

Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before July 1, 1998. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

David P. Boergers,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-406-017]

CNG Transmission Corporation; Notice of Compliance Filing

June 19, 1998.

Take notice that on June 16, 1998, CNG Transmission Corporation (CNG) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheet:

2nd Sub. 2nd Revised Sheet No. 250

CNG requests an effective date of January 5, 1998 for its revised tariff sheet.

CNG states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission's directive to refile Sheet No. 250 to reflect CNG's correction of the tariff sheet containing Section 25 in its March 30, 1998 filing. CNG states that Sheet No. 250 contains the Table of Contents for the General Terms and Conditions of CNG's tariff. CNG has revised the pagination of its Table of Contents to reflect the tariff sheets previously approved by the Commission in this docket.

CNG states that copies of its filing have been mailed to parties to the captioned proceeding.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public

inspection in the Public Reference Room.

David P. Boergers,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-605-000]

Columbia Gulf Transmission Co., Columbia Gas Transmission Corp., and Texas Gas Transmission Corp.; Notice of Application

June 19, 1998.

Take notice that on June 11, 1998, Columbia Gulf Transmission Company (Columbia Gulf), 2603 Augusta, STE 125, P.O. Box 683, Houston, Texas, 77001-0683, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia Gas), 12801 Fair Lakes Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22030-0146, and Texas Gas Transmission Corporation (Texas Gas), P.O. Box 20008, Owensboro, Kentucky, 42304, (jointly referred to as Applicants) filed in Docket No. CP98-605-000 an abbreviated application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act, as amended, and Sections 157.7 and 157.18 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations thereunder, for permission and approval to abandon an exchange service authorized in Docket No. CP-74-80, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Applicants propose to abandon an exchange service provided pursuant to Columbia Gulf's Rate Schedule X-16, Columbia Gas' Rate Schedule X-38, and Texas Gas' Rate Schedule X-51. Applicants have mutually agreed to the proposed abandonment, and no facilities are proposed to be abandoned.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before July 10, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a petition to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding.