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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[IC98-537-001 FERC-537]

Information Collection Submitted for Review and Request for Comments

September 30, 1998.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of submission for review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the information collection listed in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under provisions of Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13). Any interested person may file comments on the collection of information directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission did not receive any comments in response to an earlier notice issued July 15, 1998, 63 FR 39082, July 21, 1998.

DATES: Comments regarding this collection of information are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before November 5, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Address comments to Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Desk Officer, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503. A copy of the comments should also be sent to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attention: Mr. Michael Miller, 888 First Street NE., 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.millerferc.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description

The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review contains:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC-537 "Gas Pipeline Certificates: Construction, Acquisition, and Abandonment".
2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
3. *Control No.:* OMB No. 1902-0060. The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing requirements of this information collection. This information collection will be the subject of two proposed rules to be issued shortly by the Commission calling for the modification of these requirements. The Commission will provide separate submissions for each proposed rule for OMB review. This is a mandatory information collection requirement.

4. *Necessity of Collection of Information:* Submission of the information is necessary to fulfill the requirements of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (Pub. L. 75-688) (15 U.S.C. 717-717w) and the Natural Gas Policy Act (NGPA) (15 U.S.C. 3301-3432). Under the NGA, natural gas pipeline companies must obtain Commission authorization to undertake the construction or extension of any facilities or extension of any facilities, or to acquire or operate any such facilities or extensions in accordance with Section 7(c) of the NGA. A natural gas company must also obtain Commission approval under Section 7(b) of the NGA prior to abandoning any jurisdictional facility or service. Under the NGPA Interstate and intrastate pipelines must also obtain authorization for certain transportation arrangements.

The information collected is necessary to certificate interstate pipelines engaged in the transportation and sale of natural gas, and the construction, acquisition, and operation of facilities to be used for those activities, to authorize the abandonment of facilities and services and to authorize certain NGPA transportations. If a certificate is granted, the natural gas company can construct, acquire, or operate facilities plus engage in interstate transportation or sale of natural gas. Conversely, approval of an abandonment application permits the pipeline to cease service and discontinue the operation of such facilities. Authorization under NGPA Section 311(a) allows the interstate or intrastate pipeline applicants to render certain transportation services.

The data required to be submitted 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 flow diagrams showing design capacity of engineering design verification and safety determination, and gas reserves data for appraisal of the feasibility of the project. Market data presenting the economic basis for the proposed action are included when appropriate as cost of proposed facilities, plans for refinancing, and estimated revenues and expenses related to the proposed facility for financial and accounting evaluation. The Commission implements these information collection requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 Sections 2.69; 157.5-11; 157.13-.21; 157.102-103; 157.106; 157.201-208; 157.210-218; 284.8-9; 284.11; 284.126; 284.221; 284.223-224; part 284, subpart H.

5. *Respondent Description:* The respondent universe currently comprises on average, 50 respondents subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

6. *Estimated Burden:* 146.160 total burden hours, 50 respondents, 11.6 responses annually, 252 hours per response (average).

7. *Estimated Cost Burden to Respondents:* 146,160 hours ÷ 2,088 hours per x \$109,889 per year=\$7,692,230.

Statutory Authority: Sections 7(b) and (c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), 15 U.S.C. 717-717w and Section 311(a) of the Natural Gas Policy Act (15 U.S.C. 3301-3432).

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project Nos. 2555-001, 2557-004, 2556-004, 2559-003]

Kennebec Water District, Central Maine Power Company, Maine; Notice of Technical Conference

September 30, 1998.

Take notice that on Wednesday, October 14, at 9:00 a.m., the Commission staff will convene a technical conference in the above captioned docket at the offices of Central Maine Power, 41 Anthony Avenue, Augusta, Maine. Any party, as defined in a 18 CFR 385.102(c) and any

participant, as defined in 18 CFR 385.102(b) is invited to attend.

The purpose of the conference is to discuss minimum flow recommendations made by the U.S. Department of the Interior prior to issuing new project licenses.

For further information, contact Nan Allen (202) 219-2938 or David Dunlap (202) 208-2138.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP94-162-006]

High Island Offshore System; Notice of Motion for Extension of Time

September 30, 1998.

Take notice that on September 18, 1998, High Island Offshore System (HIOS), pursuant to Rules 212 and 2008 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Commission, 18 CFR 385.212 and 385.2008, tendered for filing a request for an extension of time for the filing of its next general rate case pursuant to Section 4(e) of the Natural Gas Act.

HIOS states that by Letter Order issued September 11, 1995, the Commission approved an uncontested settlement in the captioned rate proceeding. Article V of the uncontested settlement provided that HIOS would file its next general rate case under Section 4(e) "by the end of three (3) years of the date of a final, non-appealable Commission order approving the Agreement without conditions unacceptable to HIOS".

HIOS requests that the deadline in the captioned proceeding by which it must file its next general rate case under Section 4(e) of the Act be extended to no later than January 1, 2003, and that the time period for filing answers to the uncontested motion be shortened to the maximum extent possible.

Any person desiring to file an answer to this filing should file an answer with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.213 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such answers must be filed within 15 days after HIOS' motion was filed. Answers will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make persons who file answers 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,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-418-000]

Koch Gateway Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes to FERC Gas Tariff

September 30, 1998.

Take notice that on September 28, 1998, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets, to become effective September 7, 1998.

Fourth Revised Sheet No. 304
Fifth Revised Sheet No. 1500
Seventh Revised Sheet No. 1501

Koch states that it is filing the above mentioned tariff sheets to incorporate all tariff changes previously approved in Docket Nos. RP97-373 and RP98-274.

Koch states that copies of this filing have been served upon Koch's customers, state commissions and other interested parties.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with 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. 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 in the Public Reference Room.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-799-000]

Northwest Pipeline Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

September 30, 1998.

Take notice that on September 24, 1998, Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Northwest), 295 Chipeta Way, Salt Lake City, Utah 84108, filed in Docket No. CP98-799-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205, 157.211 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.211 and 157.216) for authorization to upgrade its Richland "Y" Meter Station in Benton County, Washington, to better accommodate existing firm service delivery obligations to Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade), under Northwest's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-433-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Northwest states that the facilities at the Richland "Y" Meter Station are obsolete and undersized and need to be replaced. Therefore, Northwest proposes to remove the two existing 1-inch regulators, the existing 3-inch positive displacement meter, the existing relief valve, the existing line heater and appurtenances and install upgraded replacement facilities consisting of two new 1-inch regulators with 35 percent trim, a new 3-inch turbine meter, a new 2-inch x 3-inch full bore relief valve, a new 250,000 Btu per hour line heater and appurtenances. Northwest states that as a result of this proposed upgrade, the maximum design capacity of the meter station will increase from approximately 350 Dth per day at 150 psig to approximately 1,550 Dth per day at 150 psig, as limited by the regulators.

Northwest further states that the total cost of the proposed facility upgrade is estimated to be approximately \$101,404, including the cost of removing the old facilities.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 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 Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor,