

soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described below.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due by October 18, 2004.

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 Executive Director, ED-30, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments may be filed either in paper format or electronically. Those parties filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. For paper filings, the original and 14 copies of such comments should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 and refer to Docket No. IC04-546-000.

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have to establish a user name and password. The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgement to the sender's e-mail address upon receipt of comments.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 502-8415, by fax at (202) 273-0873, and by e-mail at michael.miller@ferc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collected under the requirements of FERC-546 "Certificated Rate Filings: Gas Pipeline Rates" (OMB No. 1902-0155) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of Title IV of the Natural Gas Policy Act (NGPA) (15 U.S.C. 3301-3432) and Sections 4, 5, and 16 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (15 U.S.C. 717-717w). The Commission has the regulatory responsibility under these Acts to ensure that pipeline rates and services are just and reasonable and not unduly discriminatory. Accordingly, jurisdictional natural gas pipeline

companies are required to obtain Commission approval for all rates and charges made, or demanded, in connection with the transportation or sale of natural gas in interstate commerce.

Service and tariff revision information necessary for Commission examination and subsequent approval of any certificated pipeline *change in service* is collected under FERC-546. (Information necessary to examine and approve any *change in rates* is collected separately under FERC-542 for tracking filings (non-formal), and FERC-544 and FERC-545 for general rate change filings, including NGA Section 4 major rate filings (formal and non-formal respectively)). The required FERC-546 information is set forth in each pipeline's tariff, and must be filed in compliance with Commission regulations found in 18 CFR Part 154.4; 154.7; 154.202; and 154.204-.209; and 154.602-.603.

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 (1)	Number of responses per respondent (2)	Average burden hours per response (3)	Total annual burden hours (1)×(2)×(3)
77	4	40	12,320

The estimated total cost to respondents is \$634,865 (12,320 hours divided by 2,080 hours per employee per year times \$107,185 per year average salary (including overhead) per employee (rounded off)).

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.

Linda Mitry,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC04-556-000; FERC Form 556]

Commission Information Collection Activities, Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension

August 20, 2004.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(2)(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described below.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due by October 18, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained from the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/hard-fil-elec.asp> or click on "Documents and Filing", "Hardcopy filing" and then "Electric". Applicants for self-certification have to create their own form.) Written comments may be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Attn: Michael Miller, Office of the Executive Director, ED-30, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments may be filed either in paper format or electronically. Those parties filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. For paper filings, the original and 14 copies of such comments should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 and refer to Docket No. IC04-556-000.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collected under the requirements of FERC Form No. 556 "Cogeneration and Small Power Production" (OMB No. 1902-0075) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of Section 3 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), (16 U.S.C. 792-828c), and Sections 201 and 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA). The reporting requirements associated with FERC Form 556 require owners or operators of small power production or cogeneration facilities, who seek qualifying status for their facilities, to file the information requested in Form 556 for Commission certification as a qualifying facility (QF).

A primary objective of PURPA is the conservation of energy through efficient use of energy resources in the generation of electric power. One means

of achieving this objective is to encourage electric power production by cogeneration facilities which make use of reject heat associated with commercial or industrial processes, and by small power production facilities which use waste and renewable resources as fuel. PURPA, through the establishment of various regulatory benefits, encourages the development of small power production facilities and cogeneration facilities which meet certain technical and corporate criteria. Facilities that meet these criteria are called QF's.

Owners and operators of small power production and cogeneration facilities desiring QF certification for their facilities must file the information prescribed in FERC Form 556 with the Commission. In addition to identifying the required filing information, FERC Form 556 also outlines the QF certification procedure, and specifies the criteria which must be met for QF certification. The Commission's QF regulations are published at 18 CFR Part 292. Respondents who comply with the FERC Form 556 criteria and are granted QF certification by the Commission are exempt from certain sections of the FPA and the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 as listed in 18 CFR 292.601 and 292.602.

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* (1)	Number of responses per respondent (2)	Average burden hours per response (3)	Total annual burden hours (1)x(2)x(3)
FERC Form 556-FERC Certification 27	1	4	108
Self Certification 270	1	38	10,260
Totals 297	1	42	10,368

* The Commission has found that 90% of the applications for certification are submitted using the self certification process as opposed to completing the FERC Form 556 (having the Commission review and prepare the certification process).

The estimated total cost to respondents is \$534,276 (10,368 hours divided by 2,080 hours per employee per year times \$107,185 per year average salary (including overhead) per employee (rounded off)).

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.

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Linda Mitry,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PR04-9-000]

Bay Gas Storage Company, Ltd.; Notice of Staff Panel

August 19, 2004.

Take notice that a Staff Panel shall be convened in accordance with the Commission order¹ in the above-captioned docket to allow opportunity for written comments and for the oral presentation of views, data, and arguments regarding the fair and equitable rates to be established for transportation service under section 311 of the Natural Policy Act of 1978 on Bay Gas Storage Company, Ltd.'s system. The Staff Panel will not be a judicial or evidentiary-type hearing and there will be no cross-examination of persons presenting statements. Members participating on the Staff Panel before whom the presentations are made may ask questions. If time permits, Staff Panel members may also ask such relevant questions as are submitted to them by participants. Other procedural rules relating to the panel will be announced at the time the proceeding commences.

The Staff Panel will be held on Tuesday, September 21, 2004, at 10 a.m. (EST) in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory

Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Linda Mitry,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP04-459-000]

CenterPoint Energy—Mississippi River Transmission Corporation; Notice Of Tariff Filing

August 19, 2004.

Take notice that on August 17, 2004, CenterPoint Energy-Mississippi River Transmission Corporation (MRT) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets to be effective October 1, 2004:

Fifty-Second Revised Sheet No. 5;
Fifty-Second Revised Sheet No. 6;
Forty-Ninth Revised Sheet No. 7; and
Twenty-First Revised Sheet No. 8.

MRT states that the purpose of this filing is: (1) To comply with the Commission's order issued January 16, 2002 in Docket No. RP01-292, MRT is filing to implement the Period Three Settlement Rates to be effective October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005; and (2), to revise the Annual Charge Adjustment (ACA) rate effective October 1, 2004.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). 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 proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed in accordance with the provisions of § 154.210 of the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 154.210). Anyone filing an intervention or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. Anyone filing an intervention or protest on or before the intervention or protest date need not serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of 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 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Linda Mitry,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application for Non-Project Use of Project Lands and Waters and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

August 20, 2004.

Take notice that the following application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. *Application Type:* Non-Project Use Of Project Lands And Waters.
- b. *Project No:* 2413-063.
- c. *Date Filed:* July 15, 2004.
- d. *Applicant:* Georgia Power.
- e. *Name of Project:* Wallace Dam Project.

f. *Location:* This project is located on the Oconee River in Putnam, Hancock, Greene, Morgan, Oconee, and Oglethorpe Counties, Georgia, and occupies lands of the Oconee National Forest. This project does not occupy any tribal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791 (a) 825(r) and sections 799 and 801.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Lee B. Glenn; Lake Resources Manager for Georgia Power; 125 Wallace Dam Road, NE.; Eatonton, Georgia, 31024; 706-485-8704.

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Andrea Shriver at (202) 502-8171, or by e-mail: andrea.shriver@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing comments and or motions:* September 20, 2004.

¹ See *Bay Gas Storage Company, Ltd.*, 108 FERC ¶ 61,161 (2004).