

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. IC15-9-000]

**Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-546); Comment Request****AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Energy.**ACTION:** Comment request.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is submitting its information collection FERC-546 (Certificated Rate Filings) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review of the information collection requirements. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission previously issued a Notice in the **Federal Register** (80 FR 44094, 7/24/2015) requesting public comments. The Commission received no comments on the FERC-546 and is making this notation in its submittal to OMB.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due by November 13, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments filed with OMB, identified by the OMB Control No. 1902-0155, should be sent via email to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs: [oir\\_submission@omb.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.gov) Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. The Desk

Officer may also be reached via telephone at 202-395-0710.

A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Commission, in Docket No. IC15-9-000, by either of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's Web site:* <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>.

- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

**Instructions:** All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp>. For user assistance contact FERC Online Support by email at [ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov](mailto:ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov), or by phone at: (866) 208-3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502-8659 for TTY.

**Docket:** Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket or in viewing/downloading comments and issuances in this docket may do so at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/docs-filing.asp>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Ellen Brown may be reached by email at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), by telephone at (202) 502-8663, and by fax at (202) 273-0873.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** FERC-546 (Certificated Rate Filings).

**OMB Control No.:** 1902-0155.

**Type of Request:** Three-year extension of the FERC-546 information collection requirements with no changes to the reporting requirements.

**Abstract:** The Commission reviews the FERC-546 materials to decide whether to determine an initial rate associated with an application for a

certificate under NGA section 7(c). FERC reviews FERC-546 materials in 4(f) storage applications to evaluate market power and decide whether to grant, deny, or condition market based rate authority for the applicant. The Commission uses the FERC-546 information to monitor jurisdictional transportation, natural gas storage, and unbundled sales activities of interstate natural gas pipelines and Hinshaw<sup>1</sup> pipelines. In addition to fulfilling the Commission's obligations under the NGA, the FERC-546 enables the Commission to monitor the activities and evaluate transactions of the natural gas industry, and to ensure competitiveness, and improved efficiency of the industry's operations. In summary, the Commission uses the FERC-546 information to:

- Ensure adequate customer protections under section 4(f) of the NGA;
- review rate and tariff changes by natural gas companies for the transportation of gas, natural gas storage services;
- provide general industry oversight; and
- supplement documentation during its audits process.

Failure to collect this information would prevent the Commission from being able to monitor and evaluate transactions and operations of interstate pipelines and perform its regulatory functions.

**Type of Respondents:** Pipeline companies and storage operators.

**Estimate of Annual Burden:**<sup>2</sup> The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden for the information collection as:

**FERC-546 (CERTIFICATED RATE FILINGS)**

	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden & cost per response <sup>3</sup>	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost	Cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
Pipeline Companies .....	50	1	50	40; \$2,880	2,000; \$144,000	\$2,880
Storage Operators .....	1	1	1	350; \$25,200	350; \$25,200	\$25,200
Total .....		51		2,350; \$169,200		

<sup>1</sup> Hinshaw pipelines are those that receive all out-of-state gas from entities within or at the boundary of a state if all the natural gas so received is ultimately consumed within the state in which it is received, 15 U.S.C. 717(c). Congress concluded that Hinshaw pipelines are "matters primarily of local concern," and so are more appropriately regulated by pertinent state agencies rather than by FERC. The Natural Gas Act section 1(c) exempts Hinshaw pipelines from FERC jurisdiction. A Hinshaw

pipeline, however, may apply for a FERC certificate to transport gas outside of state lines.

<sup>2</sup> The Commission defines burden 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. For further explanation of what is included in the information collection burden, reference 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

<sup>3</sup> The estimates for cost per response are derived using the following formula: Average Burden Hours per Response \* \$72.00 per Hour = Average Cost per Response. The hourly cost figure comes from the 2015 FERC average salary and benefits (for one Full Time Equivalent) of \$149,489/year. FERC staff believes that industry's hourly cost (salary and benefits) for this collection are similar to FERC staff costs.

*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 estimate 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.

Dated: October 7, 2015.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL16-2-000]

#### 8point3 Energy Partners LP; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order

Take notice that on October 5, 2015, pursuant to Rules 207 and 212 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.207 and 385.212, 8point3 Energy Partners LP (Petitioner) filed a petition for declaratory order (petition) disclaiming jurisdiction under section 203 of the Federal Power Act with respect to sales and purchases of the Class A limited partnership interests in 8point3 Partners, as more fully explained in the petition.

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, 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 on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Petitioner.

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 5 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 email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on November 4, 2015.

Dated: October 6, 2015.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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#### Combined Notice of Filings—1

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

#### Filings Instituting Proceedings

*Docket Numbers:* RP15-1302-000.  
*Applicants:* Pine Needle LNG Company, LLC.

*Description:* Section 4(d) Rate Filing: PN\_GT&C Section 25—1Line Service to be effective 10/30/2015.

*Filed Date:* 9/29/15.

*Accession Number:* 20150929-5089.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 10/13/15.

*Docket Numbers:* RP15-1303-000.

*Applicants:* Empire Pipeline, Inc.

*Description:* Section 4(d) Rate Filing: Tuscarora Lateral Project (Empire CF) to be effective 11/1/2015

*Filed Date:* 9/29/15.

*Accession Number:* 20150929-5135.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 10/13/15.

*Docket Numbers:* RP15-1304-000.

*Applicants:* Cheniere Creole Trail Pipeline, L.P.

*Description:* Section 4(d) Rate Filing: CCTPL Transportation Retainage Adjustment to be effective 11/1/2015.

*Filed Date:* 9/29/15.

*Accession Number:* 20150929-5136.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 10/13/15.

*Docket Numbers:* RP15-1305-000.

*Applicants:* Kern River Gas Transmission Company.

*Description:* Section 4(d) Rate Filing: 2015 Daggett Surcharges Adjusted to be effective 11/1/2015.

*Filed Date:* 9/29/15.

*Accession Number:* 20150929-5140.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 10/13/15.

*Docket Numbers:* RP15-1306-000.

*Applicants:* Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company, LP.

*Description:* Section 4(d) Rate Filing: Housekeeping Filing on 9-29-15 to be effective 11/1/2015.

*Filed Date:* 9/29/15.

*Accession Number:* 20150929-5156.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 10/13/15.

*Docket Numbers:* RP15-1307-000.

*Applicants:* Trunkline Gas Company, LLC.

*Description:* Section 4(d) Rate Filing: Housekeeping on 9-29-15 to be effective 10/30/2015.

*Filed Date:* 9/29/15.

*Accession Number:* 20150929-5158.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 10/13/15.

*Docket Numbers:* RP15-1308-000.

*Applicants:* Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company.

*Description:* Section 4(d) Rate Filing: 2015 LNG Fuel Tracker to be effective 11/1/2015.

*Filed Date:* 9/29/15.

*Accession Number:* 20150929-5198.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 10/13/15

*Docket Numbers:* RP15-1309-000.

*Applicants:* Guardian Pipeline, L.L.C.

*Description:* Section 4(d) Rate Filing: Terminating Negotiated Rate PAL Agreements—Koch Energy Services, et al. to be effective 10/31/2015.

*Filed Date:* 9/29/15.

*Accession Number:* 20150929-5199.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 10/13/15.

*Docket Numbers:* RP15-1311-000.

*Applicants:* Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company.

*Description:* Section 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rates—Cherokee AGL—Replacement Shippers—Oct 2015 to be effective 10/1/2015.

*Filed Date:* 9/29/15.

*Accession Number:* 20150929-5242.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 10/13/15.

*Docket Numbers:* RP15-1312-000.

*Applicants:* Alliance Pipeline L.P.

*Description:* Section 4(d) Rate Filing: October 1—31 2015 Auction to be effective 10/1/2015.

*Filed Date:* 9/29/15.

*Accession Number:* 20150929-5244.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 10/13/15.

*Docket Numbers:* RP15-1313-000.

*Applicants:* Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC.

*Description:* Section 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated & Non-Conforming ESE—SWN 145882 to be effective 10/1/2015.