

Texaco Natural Gas Inc., Tenaska Gas Company, North American Energy, Inc., IGI Resources Inc., NUI Corporation and Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, West Texas Gas, Inc., Universal Resources Corporation.

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of orders.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy gives notice that it has issued orders authorizing various imports and/or exports of natural gas. These orders are summarized in the attached Appendix.

These orders are available for inspection and copying in the Office of Fuels Programs Docket Room, 3-F056, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence

Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-9478. The Docket Room is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on May 31, 1996.
Clifford P. Tomaszewski,
Director, Office of Natural Gas, Office of Fuels Programs, Office of Fossil Energy.

APPENDIX.—IMPORT/EXPORT AUTHORIZATIONS GRANTED
[DOE/FE authority]

Order No.	Date issued	Importer/exporter FE docket No.	Import volume	Export volume	Comments
1158 ...	04/04/96	New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (96-15-NG).	50 Bcf/2-year term.	Combined total.	Short-term for 2 years from and to Canada.
1160 ...	04/29/96	Chevron U.S.A. Inc. (96-17-NG)	73 Bcf/2-year term.	.....	Short-term for 2 years from Canada.
1161 ...	04/29/96	Texaco Natural Gas Inc. (96-18-NG)	100 Bcf/2-year term.	.....	Short-term for 2 years from Mexico.
1162 ...	04/30/96	North American Energy, Inc. (96-20-NG) ...	15 Bcf/2-year term.	.....	Short-term for 2 years from Canada.
1163 ...	05/03/96	Tenaska Gas Company (96-19-NG)	200 Bcf/2-year term.	Combined total.	Short-term for 2 years from Canada and Mexico.
1164 ...	05/14/96	IGI Resources Inc. (96-23-NG)	300 Bcf/2-year term.	.....	Short-term for 2 years from Canada.
1165 ...	05/16/96	NUI Corporation (96-22-NG) & Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (87-53-NG).	1,960 Mcf/per day.	.....	Long-term until year 2002 from Canada.
1166 ...	05/16/96	West Texas Gas, Inc. (96-24-NG) .....	.....	50 Bcf/2-year term.	Short-term for 2 years to Mexico.
1167 ...	05/20/96	Universal Resources Corporation (96-21-NG).	50 Bcf/2-year term.	Short-term for 2 years from Canada.

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Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection(s); Comment Request

AGENCY: Energy Information Administration, Energy.

SUMMARY: The Energy Information Administration (EIA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed modifications to the Petroleum Marketing Division's survey forms:

- EIA-14, "Refiners' Monthly Cost Report,"
- EIA-182, "Domestic Crude Oil First Purchase Report,"
- EIA-782A, "Refiners'/Gas Plant Operators' Monthly Petroleum Product Sales Report,"
- EIA-782B, "Resellers'/Retailers' Monthly Petroleum Product Sales Report,"
- EIA-782C, "Monthly Report of Petroleum Products Sold into States for Consumption,"
- EIA-821, "Annual Fuel Oil and Kerosene Sales Report,"

- EIA-856, "Monthly Foreign Crude Oil Acquisition Report,"
- EIA-863, "Petroleum Product Sales Identification Survey,"
- EIA-877, "Winter Heating Fuels Telephone Survey,"
- EIA-878, "Daily Motor Gasoline Price Survey,"
- EIA-888, "On-Highway Diesel Fuel Price Survey."

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 26, 1996. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below of your intention to do so as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Jacob Bournazian, Energy Information Administration, EI-431, Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, D.C. 20585, Telephone (202) 586-1256, fax (202) 586-4913, e-mail address: jbournaz@eia.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Jacob Bournazian at the address listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. Background

- II. Current Actions
- III. Request for Comments

I. Background

In order to fulfill its responsibilities under the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Pub. L. No. 93-275) and the Department of Energy Organization Act (Pub. L. No. 95-91), the Energy Information Administration is obliged to carry out a central, comprehensive, and unified energy data and information program. As part of this program, EIA collects, evaluates, assembles, analyzes, and disseminates data and information related to energy resource reserves, production, demand, and technology, and related economic and statistical information relevant to the adequacy of energy resources to meet demands in the near and longer term future for the nation's economic and social needs.

The Petroleum Marketing data collections included herein were approved by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget for a period not in excess of three years pursuant to section 3507(d) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (Pub. L. No. 96-511, title 44 U.S.C., chapter 35). EIA seeks an extension of these collections by the Director with some relatively

minor modifications under section 3507(h) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13, title 44 U.S.C., chapter 35).

The Energy Information Administration, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden (required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13)), conducts a pre-survey consultation program to provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing reporting forms. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden is minimized, reporting forms are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed.

The Petroleum Marketing Program Surveys collect information on costs, sales, prices, and distribution of crude oil and petroleum products. The data are published in the *Petroleum Marketing Monthly*, *Petroleum Marketing Annual*, *Fuel Oil and Kerosene Sales Annual Report*, and the *Weekly Petroleum Status Report*. Data are also disseminated electronically through the U.S. Department of Energy telephone hotline on (202) 586-6966, the INTERNET on the Energy Information Administration Home Page e-mail address: <http://www.eia.doe.gov>, broadcast faxes of *Motor Gasoline Watch* and *Distillate Watch*, the Energy Information Administration's electronic publishing system EPUB, the Oil and Gas Information Resource System, and the Comprehensive Oil and Gas Information Source.

II. Current Actions

In keeping with its mandated responsibilities, EIA proposes to seek an extension for three years of the petroleum marketing data collection forms. EIA also proposes the following modifications to the following forms:

EIA-14, "Refiners' Monthly Cost Report"

Delete the collection of cost and volume data on unfinished oil.

EIA-182, "Domestic Crude Oil First Purchase Report"

No proposed changes.

EIA-782A, "Refiners'/Gas Plant Operators' Monthly Petroleum Product Sales Report"

No proposed changes.

EIA-782B, "Resellers'/Retailers' Monthly Petroleum Product Sales Report"

No proposed changes.

EIA-782C, "Monthly Report of Petroleum Products Sold into States for Consumption"

Delete the collection of projected sales data for all products.

EIA-821, "Annual Fuel Oil and Kerosene Sales Report"

No proposed changes.

EIA-856, "Monthly Foreign Crude Oil Acquisition Report"

The reporting by respondents of "Transaction Number" and "Days of Credit" will no longer be required.

EIA-863, "Petroleum Product Sales Identification Survey"

Change collection of "Oxygenated and/or Reformulated" gasoline sales to "Reformulated" gasoline sales. Change the data collection cycle from every 3 years to every 4 years.

EIA-877, "Winter Heating Fuels Telephone Survey"

Delete the collection of "Inventory" data for No. 2 heating oil and propane.

EIA-878, "Daily Motor Gasoline Price Survey"

Add collection of State and local gasoline taxes twice a year.

EIA-888, "On-Highway Diesel Fuel Price Survey"

Add collection of State and local on-highway diesel fuel taxes twice a year. Increase the sample size to generate estimates for each subdistrict within the Petroleum Administration for Defense District No. 1 (East Coast Region).

III. Request for Comments

Prospective respondents and other interested parties should comment on the actions discussed in item II. The following guidelines are provided to assist in the preparation of responses. Please indicate to which form(s) your comments apply.

General Issues

EIA is interested in receiving comments from persons regarding:

A. Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility. Practical utility is the actual usefulness of information to or for an agency, taking into account its accuracy, adequacy, reliability, timeliness, and the agency's ability to process the information it collects.

B. What enhancements can EIA make to the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

As a Potential Respondent

A. Are the instructions and definitions clear and sufficient? If not, which instructions require clarification?

B. Can data be submitted in accordance with the due date specified in the instructions?

C. Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average:

Form	Burden hours per response
EIA-14	1.6
EIA-182	4.3
EIA-782A	15.0
EIA-782B	2.5
EIA-782C	2.1
EIA-821	3.2
EIA-856	6.0
EIA-863	1.0
EIA-877	0.1
EIA-878	0.05
EIA-888	0.05

Burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, or 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.

Please comment on (1) the accuracy of our estimate and (2) how the agency could minimize the burden of the collection of information, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

D. What are the estimated (1) total dollar amount annualized for capital and start-up costs, and (2) recurring annual dollar amount of operation and maintenance and purchase of services costs associated with this data collection(s)? The estimates should take into account the costs associated with generating, maintaining, and disclosing or providing the information. Estimates should not include purchases of equipment or services made as part of customary and usual business practices, or the cost of any burden hours for completing the form(s). EIA estimates that there are no additional costs other than those that the respondent incurs in keeping the information for its own uses.

E. Do you know of any other Federal, State, or local agency that collects similar data? If you do, specify the agency, the data element(s), and the methods of collection.

As a Potential User

A. Can you use data at the levels of detail indicated on the form?

B. For what purpose would you use the data? Be specific.

C. Are there alternate sources of data and do you use them? If so, what are their deficiencies and/or strengths?

D. For the most part, information is published by EIA in U.S. customary units, e.g., cubic feet of natural gas, short tons of coal, and barrels of oil. Would you prefer to see EIA publish more information in metric units, e.g., cubic meters, metric tons, and kilograms? If yes, please specify what information (e.g., coal production, natural gas consumption, and crude oil imports), the metric unit(s) of measurement preferred, and in which EIA publication(s) you would like to see such information.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the form. They also will become a matter of public record.

Statutory Authority: Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13).

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Yvonne M. Bishop,

*Director, Office of Statistical Standards,
Energy Information Administration.*

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP96-140-002]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Compliance Filing

June 20, 1996.

Take notice that on June 13, 1996, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) made a filing in compliance with the Commission's May 29, 1996, letter order in the above referenced proceeding (Letter Order). The Letter Order accepted and suspended, effective June 1, 1996, subject to refund and the conditions therein, tariff sheets representing Columbia's second filing to recover Accrued-But-Not-Paid Gas Costs pursuant to its settlement in Docket No. GP94-2-000, et al., 71 FERC ¶ 61,337 (1995). The Letter Order directed Columbia to make supporting documentation available to parties within 15 days of the date of the Letter Order, and redesignated the original docket number assigned to the second filing (RP96-222) to RP96-140-002.

Columbia states that it is filing supporting documentation for its first and second filings to recover Accrued-But-Not-Paid Gas Costs in Docket Nos. RP96-140 and RP96-140-002, respectively, under seal, and is requesting that such documentation receive privileged and confidential treatment pursuant to 18 CFR 388.112 and remain exempt from public disclosure. Columbia previously explained in an April 11, 1996 compliance letter in Docket No. RP96-140 its concerns regarding the public disclosure of documentation supporting its filing to recover Accrued-But-Not-Paid Gas Costs, which explanation forms the basis for the request for privileged and confidential treatment.

Columbia states that it has negotiated a protective agreement arrangement with interested parties pursuant to which Columbia has agreed to provide supporting documentation.

Columbia states that copies of its filing have been mailed to all firm customers, affected state commissions and interruptible customers.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided by 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.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Notice of Refund Report

June 20, 1996.

Take notice that on June 17, 1996, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National) tendered for filing a report of refunds and surcharges in compliance with the Stipulation and Agreement approved by the Commission on February 16, 1996. National states that the refunds and surcharges were disbursed in the form of invoice credits or debits to customers receiving the following services: EFT, FT, FT Niagara Zone 1, FT Niagara Zone 2, FT Niagara

Zone 3, and IT Transportation Services; ESS, ISS, IAS, FSS, SS-1 and SS-2 Storage Services; and the P-1, P-2, IR-1, IR-2 and W-1 Hub Services.

National further states that a copy of the Refund Report was sent to the affected state regulatory agencies, and that each customer received a summary including the computations supporting their refund or surcharge.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rule 211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18) CFR 385.211. All such protests must be filed on or before June 27, 1996. 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. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96-27-001]

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Amendment to Application

June 20, 1996.

Take notice that on June 18, 1996, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural), located at 701 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois 60148, filed in Docket No. CP96-27-001, an amendment to its application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and Subpart A of part 157 of the Commission's Regulations. Natural seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the construction and operation of certain facilities which will increase the capacity of its Amarillo Mainline system. Natural now amends its proposal to modify the design of the proposed expansion. The details of Natural's amendment are all as more fully set forth in its filing which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. (For details of Natural's original application, see Notice of Application in Docket No. CP96-27-000, issued on October 25, 1995, and published in the Federal Register on November 2, 1995, (60 FR 55711).)

Natural states that it is now requesting authorization to: