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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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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#### [FERC-582]

#### Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

July 18, 1996.

**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 September 23, 1996.

**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 P. Miller, Information Services Division, ED-12.4, 888 First Street N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael P. Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208-1415, by fax at (202) 273-0873, and by e-mail at mmiller@ferc.fed.us.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Abstract

The information collected under the requirements of FERC-582 "Oil, Gas and Electric Fees and Annual Charges" (OMB No. 1902-0132) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986, (Pub. L. 99-509) Title III, Subtitle E, Section 3401. Congress directed the Commission "to assess and collect fees and annual charges in any fiscal year in amount equal to all of the costs incurred by the Commission in that fiscal year." The Commission implements a program of annual charges to be assessed against interstate natural gas and oil pipelines, power marketing agencies, electric utilities and electric cooperatives. The Commission computes annual charges based on information of adjusted sales for resale and adjusted coordination of sales data. In addition the Commission uses company financial information filed under the waiver provisions to evaluate a company's request for a waiver, or exemption, of the obligation to pay a fee for an annual charge. The Commission implements these filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR Part 381 Sections 381.108 and 381.302 and Part 382 Section 382.201(b).

##### 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)
179	1	4 hours .....	716 hours.

Estimated cost burden to respondents: 716 hours/2,087 hours per year × \$102,000 per year = \$34,993.

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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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.

Lois D. Cashell,  
*Secretary.*

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**[Docket No. CP96-638-000]**

**Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Application**

July 17, 1996.

Take notice that on July 12, 1996, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), a Delaware corporation, having its principal place of business at 1700 MacCorkle Avenue, S.E., Charleston, West Virginia 25314-1599, filed an abbreviated application pursuant to Sections 7 (b) and (c) of the Natural Gas Act, for the construction and operation of approximately 5.2 miles of 24-inch pipeline and appurtenances replacing by abandonment 5.1 miles of 20-inch transmission pipeline and appurtenances. The facilities being replaced and abandoned are designated as a segment of Columbia's Line KA, located in Wyoming County, West Virginia.

The proposed construction is estimated to cost \$7,049,000 and the cost of retirement is estimated to be \$660,000. The associated estimated net debit to accumulated provision for depreciation for the abandoned facilities is \$900,229.

Columbia states that section of Line KA to be replaced was originally constructed in 1931 as bare 20-inch coupled pipeline and is part of Columbia's larger KA pipeline system. Due to its age and condition, this section of pipeline has become physically deteriorated to the extent that replacement is required in order to maintain service to Columbia's existing customers at current levels. Inspection of the facilities has confirmed evidence of extensive corrosion and deterioration to the extent that replacement is necessary to ensure safe and reliable operation.

The KA system was originally authorized in Docket No. G-284 (3 FPC 941) as part of United Fuel Gas

Company's existing transmission system. United Fuel Gas Company was a predecessor company of Columbia.

Columbia states that the proposed replacement will result in additional capacity of approximately 9 Mdt/d which is included in Columbia's Base Case Flow Diagrams for its Market Expansion Project pending with the Commission in Docket No. CP96-213-000, et al.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before August 2, 1996, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20426, a motion 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 proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the certificate is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Columbia to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,  
*Secretary.*

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**[Docket No. RP96-253-002]**

**Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Compliance Filing**

July 17, 1996.

Take notice that on July 11, 1996, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Sixth Revised Volume No. 1, Substitute Fifth Revised Sheet No. 20 to become effective July 1, 1996.

Natural states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission's order issued July 5, 1996 in Docket Nos. RP96-253-000 and RP96-253-001.

Natural requests whatever waivers may be necessary to permit the tariff sheet submitted to become effective on July 1, 1996.

Natural states that copies of the filing are being mailed Natural's jurisdictional customers, interested state regulatory agencies and all parties on the official service list in Docket Nos. RP96-253-000 and RP96-253-001.

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 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 proceeding. 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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**[Docket No. RP96-260-001]**

**Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company; Notice of Compliance Filing**

July 17, 1996.

Take notice that on July 12, 1996, Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company (Panhandle) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the tariff sheets listed on Appendix A to its filing, to become effective July 1, 1996. Panhandle asserts that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission's order dated June 27, 1996 in Docket No. RP96-260-000.

Panhandle states that this filing removes interest calculated prior to May