

Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this filing 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 the applicant to appear or be represented at the hearing.

G. Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after the 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 therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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Revisions to Uniform System of Accounts, Forms, Statements, and Reporting Requirements for Natural Gas Companies; Notice of Revised Electronic Filing Specifications for FERC Form Nos. 2 and 2-A

October 31, 1996.

On September 28, 1995, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) issued Order No. 581, amending its Uniform System of Accounts, forms, and reports and statements for natural gas companies.¹ The changes made by the rule include

modifications to the Commission's electronic filing requirements.

Although Order No. 581 imposed new and revised electronic filing requirements, it did not include the final electronic filing specifications. On April 2, 1996,² the Commission authorized the Commission staff to issue, in the future, further electronic and paper filing specifications related to the forms that were modified by Order Nos. 581 and 582.³ In compliance with the Commission's directive, staff is issuing the instruction manual for filing the Form Nos. 2 and 2-A electronically. Staff is also modifying the paper filing requirements for Form Nos. 2 and 2-A to ensure consistency between the electronic filing requirements and the paper filing requirements.

As has been the case with other electronic filing requirements established by Order No. 581, staff worked with industry representatives to complete the electronic filing instructions. The specifications for Form Nos. 2 and 2-A were discussed at working group meetings held on March 20 and October 9, 1996. As a result of those discussions, staff has finalized the electronic filing specifications. A single set of electronic filing instructions for both forms is attached at Attachment A, the Instruction Manual for Electronic Filing of Form No. 2 and Form No. 2-A. The revised paper copy filing instructions for Form No. 2 and 2-A are included as Attachments B and C, respectively.⁴

Electronic Filing Specifications for Form Nos. 2 and 2-A

Order No. 581 changed Form No. 2-A into a subset of Form No. 2. Since the schedule-pages in Form No. 2-A are now identical to those in Form No. 2, the electronic filing instructions for the two forms have been consolidated into a single document. The instructions

make clear which of the electronic schedules apply to the Form No. 2-A respondents.

As a result of the discussions at the working group meetings, the electronic data layouts for the forms have been modified as little as possible from those in effect prior to the issuance of Order No. 581. To make the data more compatible with common personal computer software, however, the data will be submitted in a tab-delimited format. Changes to the data layouts were limited to incorporating the changes made by Order No. 581, ensuring all data on the paper form is captured electronically, and adding improvements which will make completing the form easier.

Fifty-three record types were eliminated, fifteen were added. In addition to modifications made to recognize changes to the paper forms, all dates were changed to incorporate a four digit year. Records which capture only text were modified to eliminate the requirement that a schedule ID, record ID, and sequence number appear on every line. The footnote ID now consists of the page number, line or item number, column number and footnote number, making it consistent with the paper form. On many records the sequence number has been supplanted by the line number appearing on the paper form. This change will align the electronic data more closely with the data reported on the paper form. Where the respondent is asked to enter an asterisk to designate a data element having a specific defined property, a separate field has been created to report the asterisk.

Modifications to the Paper Form Nos. 2 and 2-A

Minor modifications to the paper version of Form Nos. 2 and 2-A, and to the paper filing instructions included in the forms, were made to ensure conformity between the electronic and paper versions of the form.

In the process of developing the electronic filing specifications for Form Nos. 2 and 2-A, it became apparent that not all of the paper copy instructions would translate into electronic filing specifications. In order to accurately capture the data reported on the forms electronically, certain modifications to the paper form were necessary. The modified Form No. 2 is attached as Attachment B. The modified Form No. 2-A is attached as Attachment C.

Minor typographical errors have been corrected. On page iii, Item XI is revised to read MMBtu instead of Btu. The word Debt is added to instruction 8 on page 257 to correct the name of Account 427.

² Order on Electronic and Paper Filing Specifications for Form No. 11, 75 FERC ¶ 61,009 (1996).

³ Filing Requirements for Interstate National Gas Company Rate Schedules and Tariffs, 60 FR 52,960 (October 11, 1995). Order No. 582 is a companion order to Order No. 581, which revised the regulations governing the form and composition of interstate natural gas pipeline tariffs and filing requirements. Order No. 582 required that changes be made to the electronic specifications for filings under subpart D of Part 154. Work on these filing specifications will be completed by the working group established for that purpose.

⁴ These Attachments are not being published in the Federal Register. These filing formats can be obtained by writing to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, Division of Information Services, Washington, D.C. These attachments are also available in electronic format on the Gas Pipeline Data portion of the Commission's bulletin board system.

¹ Revisions to Uniform System of Accounts, Forms, Statements, and Reporting Requirements for Natural Gas Companies, 60 FR 53019 (October 11, 1995).

On page 278, in instruction 1, the word reporting is changed to report. On page 301 the reference to page 104 in instruction 5 is changed to 108. Portions of the index were modified to correct page references and add some new references.

On pages 1, 230, and 254, items or lines were renumbered to ensure every item or line number has a unique reference. A unique reference is necessary for footnotes. For the same reason, line numbers were added to pages 2, 3, 102, and 103.

Unnecessary lines were removed from pages 220 and 336. On pages 253 and 340, the instruction to add additional columns if deemed appropriate with respect to any account is eliminated.

Several pages require the respondent to report data which will require an unknown number of rows. The number of rows necessary to report the data will depend on the respondent's business. In Form No. 11, the issue of variable numbers of rows was solved by allowing the respondent to insert rows. Where a row is inserted between line number 3 and line number 4, the row is numbered 3.01. Subsequent inserted lines are numbered 3.02, 3.03, etc. This solution is adopted for Form Nos. 2 and 2-A. Pages 118, 119, 120, 121, 219, 234, 235, 274, 275, 276, 277, 338, 355, 518, and 520 are modified to permit variable numbers of rows to be inserted.

Several pages have space at the bottom of the page to enter notes. The pre-existing electronic filing instructions required all notes to be entered as footnotes. Based on deliberations with the working group participants, the space for notes on pages 234, 235, 255, 274, 275, 276, 277, and 338 is eliminated. In some cases the added flexibility granted by variable rows made the space for notes unnecessary. In other cases, the notes could be handled as footnotes. On page 255, the entire response is text therefore the word notes at the top of the page is misleading.

In some cases, the respondent is asked to enter an asterisk to mark data meeting a specified condition, such as, marking an associated company. To conform the paper form to the electronic form, the asterisk will be entered in a separate column. Pages 212, 213, 222, 223, 252, 332, 357, and 514 are modified to add a column to report an asterisk where applicable.

The footnote page is split in two. Previously the footnote page consisted of a report of the page number, the line number, the column letter, and the footnote text. This configuration did not permit the respondent to enter footnote text once and refer to it many times. To

add this capability, the first footnote page, page 551, consists of the page number, line or item number, the column letter, and the footnote number. The second footnote page, page 552, consists of the footnote number and the footnote text. Page 551 will be sorted by page number. Page 552 will be sorted by footnote number. A general instruction is added to page iii explaining this change. Permitting the respondent to enter a footnote once which can be referred to more than once saves processing time and paper.

All of the changes outlined above apply to the Form No. 2 and also to Form No. 2-A if the referenced page is part of Form No. 2-A. The modified instructions in the attachments are effective for the 1996 report year to be filed in 1997.

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Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Agency information collection activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) Program Final Rulemaking Under Title VI of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that EPA is planning to submit the following proposed and/or continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) Program Final Rulemaking under Title VI of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, OMB Control No. 2060-0226, Expiration Date February 28, 1997. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 6, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to: Docket A-91-42, Central Docket Section, South Conference Room 4, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC, 20460. Interested persons may make a copy of the ICR without charge from

the docket. The docket is open between 8 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on weekdays. The telephone number is (202) 260-7549, and the fax number is (202) 260-4400. To expedite review of comments, a second copy of the comments should be sent to Carol Weisner, Stratospheric Protection Division, Mail Code 6205J, EPA, 401 M Street, Washington, DC 20460. Overnight mail should be sent to our 501-3rd Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001 street address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carol Weisner at (202) 233-9193, or fax (202) 233-9665.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those which manufacture, formulate, and/or sell substitutes for ozone-depleting chemicals.

Title: Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) Program Final Rulemaking under Title VI of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, OMB Control No. 2060-0226, Expiration Date February 28, 1997.

Abstract: Information collected under this rulemaking is necessary to implement the requirements of the Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) program for evaluating and regulating substitutes for ozone-depleting chemicals being phased out under the stratospheric ozone protection provisions of the Clean Air Act (CAA). Under CAA section 612, EPA is authorized to identify and restrict the use of substitutes for class I and class II ozone-depleting substances where EPA determines other alternatives exist that reduce overall risk to human health and the environment. The SNAP program, based on information collected from the manufacturers, formulators, and/or sellers of such substitutes, provides for the identification of acceptable substitutes. Anyone submitting confidential business information (CBI) as part of an information collection subject to this ICR must assert and substantiate a claim of confidentiality for the data under 40 CFR, Part 2, Subpart B, at the time of submission. Under CAA section 114(c), emissions information may not be claimed as confidential. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR Part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary