

5. Respondent Description: The respondent universe currently comprises approximately 60 interstate natural gas pipelines.

6. Estimated Burden: 3,500 total burden hours, 60 respondents, 60 responses annually, 58.3 hours per response (average).

Statutory Authority: Sections 311, 501 and 504 of the Natural Gas Policy Act (15 U.S.C. 3301–3432) (P.L. 95–621) and Sections 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 14, 16 and 20 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA). (15 U.S.C. 717–717w).

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[FERC–585]

Agency Information Collection Under Review by the Office of Management and Budget

December 24, 1996.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of request submitted for review to the Office of Management and Budget.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the energy information collection listed in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13). Any interested person may file comments on the collection of information directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission, as explained below. The Commission did not receive any public comments in response to an earlier Federal Register notice of August 12, 1996 (61 FR 41779–41780).

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before January 29, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Address comments to Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Commission Desk Officer, 726 Jackson Place NW., Washington, DC 20503. A copy of the comments should also be sent to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Division of Information Services, Attention: Mr. Michael Miller, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review contains:

1. Collection of Information: FERC–585, “Reporting of Energy Shortages and Contingency Plans under PURPA 206.”

2. Sponsor: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

3. Control No.: 1902–0138. The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve a three year extension of these mandatory collection requirements.

4. Necessity of Collection of Information: Submission of the information is necessary to enable the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing provisions of Section 206 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1979 (PURPA). Section 206, Continuance of Service, of PURPA, Pub.L. 95–617, 92 Stat. 3117 added to the Federal Power Act (FPA) Section 202, subsection (g) requiring the Commission to establish rules to require each public utility to report to the Commission and appropriate State regulatory authorities: (1) any anticipated shortage of electric energy or capacity which would affect the utility’s ability to serve its customers; and (2) submit and periodically revise, contingency plans respecting shortages of electric energy or capacity which would equitably accommodate service to both direct retail customers and those served by utilities supplied at wholesale by the public utility.

The Commission uses the contingency plan information to evaluate and formulate appropriate options for action in the event of an anticipated shortage is reported or materializes. If the contingency plan data is not provided, the statutory provisions of the FPA and PURPA will not have been complied with, and information will not be available to assess whether utilities have planned for shortage conditions and/or developed plans with due consideration for equitable customer treatment, as required by the established statute.

The Commission also uses this information to ensure itself and firm power wholesale customers that both are kept informed about utility contingency plans and anticipated shortages of energy and capacity and to ensure that direct and indirect customers would be treated without undue prejudice or disadvantage during actual shortages.

5. Respondent Description: The respondent universe currently comprises approximately 110 public utilities. In the normal course of a public utility’s operations, contingency plans are prepared and usually

reviewed and updated periodically. However, the burden on each utility will vary primarily with respect to the number and size of wholesale customers and utility system customers supplied by the reporting utility. The number of respondents is based on the actual number of responses that were received by the Commission over the last three years.

6. Estimated Burden: 511 total burden hours, 7 respondents, 7 responses annually, 73 hours per response. The average annual burden hours is the weighted average of burden hours required for updating contingency plans (50 hours) per response ¹) and for reporting of anticipated shortages (100 hours per response ¹).

Statutory Authority: Sections 206 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2601) (P.L. 95–617) and Section 202, of the Federal Power Act (FPA). (16 U.S.C. 824a(g)).

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. ER97–360–000]

American Energy Solutions, Inc.; Notice of Issuance of Order

December 24, 1996.

American Energy Solutions, Inc. (AESI) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which AESI will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. AESI also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, AESI requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by AESI.

On December 5, 1996, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Applications, Office of Electric Power Regulation, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by AESI should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, AESI is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or

¹ Rounded off.

liabilities as a guarantor, endorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of AESI's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is January 6, 1997. Copies of the full text of the order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP97-197-000]

**Chandeleur Pipe Line Company;
Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC
Gas Tariff**

December 23, 1996.

Take notice that on December 18, 1996, Chandeleur Pipe Line Company (Chandeleur) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets, to become effective June 1, 1997;

Pro Forma Sheet Nos. 18, 19, 19A, 19B, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 64A, 65, 66, 67, 68, and 69

Chandeleur states that the *pro forma* tariff sheets are filed implementing tariff changes purporting to incorporate Gas Industry Standard Board (GISB) natural gas pipeline business procedures and *Pro Forma* Sheet Nos. 88-100 which were moved due to the above changes.

Chandeleur states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission's Order No. 587 issued July 17, 1996, in Docket No. RM96-1-000. In Order No. 587, Chandeleur Pipe Line Company is required to file *pro forma* tariff sheets incorporating the GISB standardize procedures for critical business practices—nominations; allocations, balancing, and measurement; invoicing; and capacity release—and standardized mechanism for electronic communication between Chandeleur and its Shippers. Chandeleur has made numerous changes in its tariff to implement by

June 1, 1996 for Chandeleur standardize natural gas business procedures and the capability to provide natural gas business transactions via EDI-formatted files (GISB Compliant).

Chandeleur states that it is serving copies of the filing to its customers, State Commissions and interested parties.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed on or before January 8, 1997. 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 motion to intervene. 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. TM97-3-22-000]

**CNG Transmission Corporation; Notice
of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas
Tariff**

December 23, 1996.

Take notice that on December 3, 1996, CNG Transmission Corporation (CNG) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets with a proposed effective date of January 1, 1997:

Thirteenth Revised Sheet No. 31
Twenty-Third Revised Sheet No. 32
Twenty-Third Revised Sheet No. 33
Tenth Revised Sheet No. 34
Thirteenth Revised Sheet No. 35
Thirteenth Revised Sheet No. 36

CNG states that the purpose of its filing is to adjust CNG's Account No. 858 rates to update CNG's annual Transportation Cost Rate Adjustment (TCRA) to reflect changes in rates made by upstream pipelines after CNG made its Annual TCRA filing on September 30, 1996 and accepted by letter order dated October 31, 1996. CNG states that it is making this out of cycle filing to reflect rate changes by Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, as a result of the Commission-approved settlement in Docket No. RP95-112-000, and Texas

Eastern Transmission Corporation as a result of its filing in Docket No. RP97-50-000. The annual impact of this filing is a total cost reduction of \$3.6 million. The effect of the proposed update to the TCRA on each component of CNG's rates is more fully summarized in the workpapers attached to CNG's filing.

CNG states that copies of its filing are being mailed to CNG's customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC, 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.211 and 385.214 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests were due to be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of the 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. CP97-156-000]

**Hopkinton LNG Corporation; Notice of
Application**

December 24, 1996.

Take notice that on December 16, 1996, Hopkinton LNG Corporation (Hopkinton), One Main Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02142-9150, filed in Docket No. CP97-156-000, an abbreviated application, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's regulations, for a limited jurisdiction certificate of public convenience and necessity, authorizing it to employ and operate in interstate commerce its existing LNG facility located in Hopkinton, Massachusetts, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Hopkinton states that it currently operates its LNG facility for the provision of services to support the local distribution operations of its affiliated local natural gas distribution utility, Commonwealth Gas Company (ComGas). Hopkinton explains that due to federal and state level restructuring activities, Hopkinton anticipates that it may, in the future, have excess capacity in its LNG facilities that is not required by Hopkinton to serve ComGas on a firm basis. Hopkinton says it seeks the