

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services**

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Special Projects and Demonstrations for Providing Supported Employment Services to Individuals With the Most Severe Disabilities and Technical Assistance Projects—National Scope Project; Notice Extending the Closing Date for Transmittal of Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1997

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: The deadline date for transmittal of applications is extended from March 14, 1997, to April 11, 1997.

On January 31, 1996, the Secretary published in the Federal Register (62 FR 4745) a notice inviting applications for a cooperative agreement or grant for new awards for fiscal year 1997 under the program for Special Projects and Demonstrations for Providing Supported Employment Services to Individuals with the Most Severe Disabilities and Technical Assistance Projects—National Scope Project.

The purpose of this notice is to extend the deadline date for transmittal of applications. This action is taken to increase the amount of time applicants have to prepare applications.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: June 10, 1997.

For Applications Contact: Joyce R. Jones, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, Room 3038, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-2740; or call the following telephone number: (202) 205-8351.

For Further Information Contact: Mary Jane Kane, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3320, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-2740. Telephone: (202) 205-8206. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Information about the Department's funding opportunities, including copies of application notices for discretionary grant competitions, can be viewed on the Department's electronic bulletin board (ED Board), telephone (202) 260-9950; on the Internet Gopher Server (at [gopher://gcs.ed.gov](http://gcs.ed.gov)); or on the World

Wide Web (at <http://gcs.ed.gov>). However, the official application notice for a discretionary grant competition is the notice published in the Federal Register.

Program Authority: 29 U.S.C. 777a(c).

Dated: March 7, 1997.

Judith E. Heumann,

Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[FERC Form-580]

Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

March 10, 1997.

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. 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 May 12, 1997.

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: The information collected under the requirements of FERC Form 580, "Interrogatory on Fuel and Energy Purchase Practices", Docket No. IN79-6, (OMB No. 1902-0137) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of the Federal Power Act

(FPA). The FPA was amended by the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (Pub. L. 95-617) to require the Commission to review "not less frequently than every two (2) years * * * of practices * * * to ensure efficient use of resources (including economical purchase and use of fuel and electric energy) * * *" the purpose of this collection of information is to carry out this statutory mandate. The information will also be used to: (1) Evaluate fuel costs in individual rate filings; (2) review fuel costs passed through automatic fuel adjustment clauses, as determined during periodic compliance audits of utility books and records; and (3) to initiate Commission action under Section 205(f)(3) of the FPA. The Commission's regulations require that a determination be made that wholesale rates are just and reasonable. To make this determination, it is necessary to investigate and analyze the different types of costs incurred in providing electric service. One such expense is fuel costs, which accounts for nearly two-thirds of the electric utility's total operating costs.

To allay its concern that utilities lack incentives to minimize fuel costs, Congress directed the Commission to review utility fuel and energy purchase practices to insure that fuel costs are reasonable. To properly assess the effectiveness of utility fuel procurement programs it is necessary to address a wide range of issues that directly impact fuel expenses.

The FERC Form 580 responses are made part of an integrated data base to examine issues raised in contested fuel costs proceedings. Information in the data base is used to make preliminary evaluations of fuel costs in applications for rate increases filed with the Commission. In addition, when fuel costs are contested in formal rate proceedings, the data provide the basis for more detailed analyses of the utility's fuel procurement practices.

Action: The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with some changes to the existing collection of data. The form is being modified to ask questions concerning fuel tolling, fuel-by-wire, and fuel conversion agreements.

Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated as:

Number of respondents (1)	Annual number of responses per respondent (2)	Average burden hours per response (3)	Total annual burden hours (1)×(2)×(3)
1295	93.5	6,031
Every 2 yrs. 129	1.0	93.5	12,061

The estimated total cost to respondents is \$301,550, (i.e. 6,031 hours divided by 2,087 hours per year per full time employee multiplied by \$104,350 per year per average employee equals \$301,550). The cost per respondent is \$2,338.

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.

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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[Docket No. RP97-278-000]

Alabama-Tennessee Natural Gas Company; Notice of Petition for Waiver of EDI and EDM Standards

March 7, 1997.

Take notice that on March 3, 1997, Alabama-Tennessee Natural Gas Company (Alabama-Tennessee) filed a request to the Commission for waiver of Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) and Electronic Delivery Mechanism (EDM) Standards.

Alabama-Tennessee requests the Commission to grant a temporary waiver of the Gas Industry Standards Board (GISB) datasets in EDI ASC × 12 format that were approved in Order No. 587 and (2) the EDM standards governing the method for transmitting the EDI data sets that were approved in Order No. 587-B.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this petition should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before March 14, 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. 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. CP93-252-002]

El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Amendment

March 7, 1997.

Take notice that on February 11, 1997, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso), Post Office Box 1492, El Paso Texas 79978, filed in Docket No. CP93-252-002, an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to amend its pending application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity filed with the Commission on March 16, 1993 in Docket No. CP93-252-000 (the Samalayuca Lateral Expansion Project) to eliminate mainline facilities, to provide for incremental rate treatment for the costs of the Samalayuca Lateral Expansion Project, and to submit long-term transportation agreements, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, El Paso submitted Transportation Service Agreements (TSAs) between El Paso and two shippers which serves as evidence of binding, long-term firm commitments. El Paso states that Gasoductos de Chihuahua, S. de R.L. de C.V. (Gasoductos) and Pemex Gas y Petroquímica Básica (Pemex) have executed TSAs with El Paso for transportation of up to 168,133 Mcf (172,000 MMBtu) per day and 39,101 Mcf (40,000 MMBtu) per day, respectively, on the Samalayuca Delivery Lateral Line. El Paso indicates that its TSAs with Gasoductos and Pemex will provide for transportation service from a point on El Paso's mainline at its Hueco Compressor Station, where the proposed Samalayuca Delivery Lateral Line will commence, to the International Boundary between the United States and Mexico.

El Paso proposes to eliminate the following facilities included in its original application: (i) compression totalling 28,000 horsepower at the proposed Toyah Lake and Sierra Diablo Compressor Stations; (ii) compression totalling 4,800 horsepower through an uprating and restaging of one turbine unit at the existing Gresham Compressor Station; and (iii) 14.9 miles of 30-inch