

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Pantex Plant, Amarillo, Texas.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, January 28, 1997: 1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

ADDRESS: Amarillo Association of Realtors, 5601 Enterprise Circle, Amarillo, Texas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Williams, Program Manager, Department of Energy, Amarillo Area Office, P.O. Box 30030, Amarillo, TX 79120 (806) 477-3121.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Purpose of the Committee: The Board provides input to the Department of Energy on Environmental Management strategic decisions that impact future use, risk management, economic development, and budget prioritization activities.

Tentative Agenda

- 1:00 p.m.—Welcome—Agenda Review—Approval of Minutes
- 1:15 p.m.—Nominations Subcommittee Report; Approval of Continuing Members
- 1:30 p.m.—Transition, Funding Mechanism Change Discussion, & Recommendation
- 5:00 p.m.—Adjourn

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public, and public comment will be invited throughout the meeting. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Written comments will be accepted at the address above for 15 days after the date of the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Tom Williams' office at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Official is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Pantex Public Reading Rooms located at the Amarillo College Lynn Library and Learning Center, 2201 South Washington, Amarillo, TX phone (806) 371-5400. Hours of operation are

from 7:45 am to 10:00 pm, Monday through Thursday; 7:45 am to 5:00 pm on Friday; 8:30 am to 12:00 noon on Saturday; and 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Sunday, except for Federal holidays. Additionally, there is a Public Reading Room located at the Carson County Public Library, 401 Main Street, Panhandle, TX phone (806) 537-3742. Hours of operation are from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm on Monday; 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Tuesday through Friday; and closed Saturday and Sunday as well as Federal Holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing or calling Tom Williams at the address or telephone number listed above.

Issued at Washington, DC on January 8, 1997.

Rachel Murphy Samuel,

Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[FERC-715]

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

January 8, 1997.

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 received public comments from a single entity in response to an earlier Federal Register notice of September 9, 1996 (61 FR 47506) and has replied to these comments in its submission to OMB.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before February 13, 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, N.W., Washington, D.C. 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, N.E., Washington, D.C. 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 Form No. 715, "Annual Transmission Planning and Evaluation Report".

2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

3. *Control No.:* 1902-0171. 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 the Federal Power Act (FPA). The information reported on FERC Form No. 715 is used to adequately inform potential transmission customers, State Regulatory authorities, and the public of potentially available transmission capacity and transmission constraints on electric transmission systems.

Potential electrical transmission system customers will use the information to determine transmission availability to potential wholesale electric power purchasers. Transmission dependent utilities will use the information to determine transmission availability from alternative wholesale suppliers. The information is consistent with and supports the Commission's policy of encouraging information sharing and dispute resolution between all stakeholders within Regional Transmission Groups. The data reported on Form No. 715 will facilitate analysis and resolution of transmission disputes brought before the Commission.

5. *Respondent Description:* The respondent universe currently comprises approximately 200 public utilities.

6. *Estimated Burden:* 20,000 total burden hours, 200 respondents, 200 responses annually, 100.0 hours per response (average).

Statutory Authority: Sections 202, 203, 205, 206(d), 207, 210, 211, 212, 304(a) and

311 of the Federal Power Act, as amended (49 Stat. 838; 16 U.S.C. 791a-825r).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C. and Portland Natural Gas Transmission System; Notice of Meeting

January 9, 1997.

On January 17, 1997, the Commission staff will meet with Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C. (Maritimes) and Portland Natural Gas Transmission System (PNGTS). The meeting is in response to Maritimes' and PNGTS's Joint Request, filed January 3, 1997, for a pre-filing conference to discuss a joint application proposed to be filed by January 27, 1997. The proposed filing concerns a 30-inch diameter pipeline from Westbrook, Maine to Dracut, Massachusetts that will be jointly owned by Maritimes and PNGTS. In addition, other environmental and scheduling issues will be discussed. The meeting will occur at 9:30 AM, in a room to be designated at the Commission's headquarters, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC.

Subsequent to the filing of the joint application, the Commission staff will issue a notice to convene a technical conference to be held at a location near the proposed joint project area. The exact time and location will be provided in that notice.

For additional information of a procedural nature, contact Jeff Wright at (202) 208-2239.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER97-399-000 and Docket No. ER97-449-000]

MP Energy, Inc. and Montana Power Company; Notice of Issuance of Order

January 8, 1997.

On November 7, 1996, MP Energy, Inc. (MP Energy) filed an application for

authorization to sell power at market-based rates, and for certain waivers and authorizations. In particular, MP Energy requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liabilities by MP Energy. On January 6, 1997, the Commission issued an Order Conditionally Accepting For Filing Proposed Market-Based Rates (Order), in the above-docketed proceedings.

The Commission's January 7, 1997 Order granted the request for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the conditions found in Ordering Paragraphs (E), (F), and (H):

(E) Within 30 days of the date of this order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the Commission's blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities by MP Energy should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214 (1996).

(F) Absent a request to be heard within the period set forth in Ordering Paragraph (E) above, MP Energy is hereby authorized to issue securities and assume obligations and liabilities as guarantor, endorser, surety or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issue or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the MP Energy, compatible with the public interest, and reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

(H) The Commission reserves the right to modify this order to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued Commission approval of MP Energy's issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities. * * *

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is February 5, 1997.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. PR97-3-000]

Olympic Pipeline Company; Notice of Petition for Rate Approval

January 10, 1997.

Take notice that on December 12, 1996, Olympic Pipeline Company (Olympic), filed pursuant to Section 284.123(b)(2) of the Commission's Regulations, a petition for rate approval requesting that the Commission approve as fair and equitable a firm transportation reservation charge of \$3.22 per MMBtu and a 100 percent load factor interruptible transportation charge of \$0.1060 per MMBtu for transportation services performed by Olympic through its West Chalkley System under Section 311(a)(2) of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA).

Olympic states that it is an intrastate pipeline within the meaning of Section 2(16) of the NGPA and it owns and operates an intrastate pipeline system in the State of Louisiana. Olympic proposes an effective date of December 12, 1996.

Pursuant to Section 284.123(b)(2)(ii), if the Commission does not act within 150 days of the filing date, the rate will be deemed to be fair and equitable and not in excess of an amount which interstate pipelines would be permitted to charge for similar transportation service. The Commission may, prior to the expiration of the 150-day period, extend the time for action or institute a proceeding to afford parties an opportunity for written comments and for the oral presentation of views, data, and arguments.

Any person desiring to participate in this rate proceeding must file a motion to intervene in accordance with Sections 385.211 and 385.214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures. All motions must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission on or before January 31, 1997. The petition for rate approval is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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