

of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Air and noise quality
- Land use
- Geology and soils
- Public safety
- Endangered and threatened species
- Cultural resources

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

PG&E has proposed a system alternative, known as the Pipeline Looping Alternative, which would involve the looping of PG&E's existing mainline with a third, 42-inch-diameter pipeline located between Mainline valve (MV) 5-1 in Kootenai County, Idaho and MV 5-2 in Spokane County, Washington. The pipeline loop would be about 10.7 miles in length. See appendix 2 for an approximate location of this system alternative.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provide by PG&E. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- Four noise-sensitive areas (NSAs) have been identified in close proximity to Station 4.
- One NSA has been identified in close proximity to Station 7.
- One NSA has been identified in close proximity to Station 9.
- Possible consideration of the Pipeline Looping Alternative in lieu of expanding the three existing compressor stations.

No nonjurisdictional facilities have been identified for this project.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by sending a letter addressing your specific comments or concerns about the project. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative routes, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send two copies of your letter to: Mr. David P. Boergers, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch, PR-11.1;
- Reference Docket No. CP98-167-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before February 17, 1998.

Notice of Site Visit

On January 22, 1998, the staff of the Office of Pipeline Regulation will be conducting an environmental site visit of PG&E's Pipeline Looping Alternative. All parties may attend. Those planning to attend must provide their own transportation.

For further information about where the site inspection will begin, please contact Paul McKee at (202) 208-1088.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding or become an "intervenor". Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide copies of its filings to all other parties. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 3).

You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5951-8]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Cooperative Agreements and Superfund State Contracts for Superfund Response Actions; Submissions for OMB Review, Comment Request

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 the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Cooperative Agreements and State Contracts for Superfund Response Actions (OMB Control #2010-0020, *εχπρατιον δατε*—02/28/98).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 23, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY: Contact Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by e-mail at farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov, or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr/icr.htm> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1487.06.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Cooperative Agreements and Superfund contracts for Superfund Response Actions (OMB Control No. 2010-0020; EPA-ICR No. 1487.06) expiring 02/28/98. This is a request for an extension of a currently approved Information Collection Request (ICR).

Abstract

This ICR authorizes the collection of information under EPA's Superfund Rule (40 CFR, part 35, subpart O) that establishes the administrative requirements for the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA)—funded cooperative agreements for State, local and Federally recognized Indian tribal government response actions. The regulation also codifies the administrative requirements for Superfund State Contracts for non-State lead remedial responses. This regulation includes only those provisions as mandated by CERCLA, required by OMB Circulars, or added by EPA to ensure sound and effective financial assistance management. The information is collected from applicants/recipients of EPA assistance and used to make awards, pay recipients

and collect information on how Federal funds are being spent. EPA needs the information to meet its Federal stewardship responsibilities. Recipient responses are required to obtain a benefit (federal funds) under 40 CFR part 31, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments." 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 49 CFR Chapter 15. The **Federal Register** Notice required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on 07/02/97 (vol. 62, No. 127, pg. 35803; no comments were received).

Burden Statement

The annual reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average [10] hours per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions, develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing information, processing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities: State, Local or Tribal Governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 500.

Frequency of Response: As required.
Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 5,000.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: 5,000\$36/hr=\$180,000.00.

Send Comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the following addresses. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 1487.06 and OMB Control No. 2010-0020—in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OPPE Regulatory

Information Division (2137), 401 M Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20460 and
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 727 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20502

Dated: January 15, 1998.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Privacy Act of 1974: Systems of Records

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

ACTION: Notice of a new system of records.

SUMMARY: This notice meets the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974 regarding the publication of an agency's notice of systems of records. It documents a new FCC system of records.

DATES: Written comments on the proposed altered system should be received by February 23, 1998. Office of Management and Budget, which has oversight responsibility under the Privacy Act to review the system may submit comments on or before March 3, 1998. The proposed system shall be effective without further notice on March 3, 1998 unless the FCC receives comments that would require a contrary determination. As required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(o) of the Privacy Act, the FCC submitted reports on this new system to both Houses of Congress.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be mailed to Judy Boley, Privacy Act Officer, Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Room 234, FCC, 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20554. Written comments will be available for inspection at the above address between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Judy Boley, Privacy Act Officer, Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Room 234, FCC, 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20554, (202) 418-0214 or via internet at jboley@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As required by the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4), this document sets forth notice of the proposed system of records maintained by the FCC. This notice is a summary of more detailed information which may be viewed at the

location and hours given in the **ADDRESSES** section above.

The proposed system of records is as follows:

FCC/Central-10, "FCC Access Control System." This system will be used by the FCC Security Officer and the Personnel Security Specialist of the Security Office to control and account for all persons entering the facility and by which the FCC may ascertain the times persons were in the facility.

FCC/Central-10

SYSTEM NAME:

FCC Access Control System.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Office of Managing Director, Security Operations Staff, 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20554.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Current FCC employees, current contractors, special visitors and visitors.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

The system consists of a computer database, with all records containing the last and first name, filed alphabetically by last name, with a corresponding Badge Number. FCC employee database will include first and last name, telephone number, Bureau/Office, supervisor, room number, date of issuance, and parking permit number, if applicable. Contractor database will include first and last name, contractor company name, telephone number, FCC point of contact and telephone number, and date of issuance. Proof of identity required through photographic identification is necessary prior to issuance of contractor badge.

Special visitor's database will include first and last name, employer's name, address, telephone number, point of contact at the employer, and date of issuance. Proof of identity required through photographic identification is necessary prior to issuance of special visitor badge.

Visitor database will include first and last name, telephone number, destination, agency or firm name, photographic identification along with numerical identifier.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

Presidential Directive based on Department of Justice Report entitled Vulnerability Assessment of Federal Facilities.

PURPOSE(S):

This system provides a method by which the FCC can control and account