

Number of respondents annually (1)	Number of responses per respondent (2)	Average burden hours per response (3)	Total annual burden hours (1) × (2) × (3)
660	1	2	1,320

Estimated cost burden to respondents: 1,320 hours/2,080 hours per year × \$109,889 per year = \$69,737. The cost per respondent = \$106.

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 collection, 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.

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Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-283-000]

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

April 15, 1999.

Take notice that on April 12, 1999, Sabine Pipe Line Company (Sabine) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, First Revised Sheet No. 248A, to become effective May 15, 1999.

Sabine states that the purpose of this filing is to modify the provisions of its FERC Gas Tariff to specify the types of discounts that are permissible and would not constitute a "material deviation" requiring individual agreements to be filed with FERC.

Sabine states that copies of this filing are being mailed to its customers, state commissions and other interested parties.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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 proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/>

rims.htm (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP97-315-000 et al., CP97-319-000, CP98-200-00, CP98-540-000]

Independent Pipeline Company, ANR Pipeline Company, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Independence Pipeline and Market Link Expansion Projects

April 15, 1999.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared this draft environmental impact statement (draft EIS) on natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by ANR Pipeline Company (ANR), Independence Pipeline Company (Independence), National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National Fuel), and Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) in the above-referenced dockets.

The draft EIS was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed projects, with appropriate mitigating measures as recommended, would have limited adverse environmental impact. The draft EIS also evaluates alternatives to the proposal, including system alternatives.

The draft EIS assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the following facilities in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey:

ANR

- About 72.3 miles of high pressure pipeline looping in three segments, consisting of about 42.4 miles of 42-inch-diameter pipeline, and about 29.9 miles of 30-inch-diameter pipeline;

- 15,000 horsepower (hp) of additional compression at one existing compressor station, and minor modifications to two existing stations; and

- Six new internal tool or "pig" launchers along the new pipeline loops.

Independence

- About 397.4 miles of 36-inch-diameter high pressure pipeline;
- 60,000 hp of compression at three new compressor stations;
- Three new meter stations;
- Six taps to local distribution companies; and
- 28 mainline valves along the pipeline.

National Fuel

- Abandon, primarily by removal, various segments of three existing pipelines within about 39.3 miles of right-of-way; and
- Minor modifications to remaining facilities along that section of right-of-way to maintain service to existing customers.

Transco

- About 154.3 miles of high-pressure pipeline looping, consisting of four segments totaling 63.2 miles of 36- and 42-inch-diameter pipeline in Pennsylvania, six segments totaling 84.8 miles of 36- and 42-inch-diameter pipeline in New Jersey, and 6.3 miles of 36-inch-diameter replacement in New Jersey;

- 62,400 hp of additional compression at three existing compressor stations, and replace impeller at one existing compressor station;

- Modification to three regulator stations; and

- One new pig launcher.

The purpose of the proposed projects would be to transport natural gas principally from expansion projects destined for the Chicago, Illinois area, to Leidy, Pennsylvania, and to markets in the eastern United States.

Comment Procedures and Public Meetings

Any person wishing to comment on the draft EIS may do so. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and are properly recorded:

- Reference Docket No. CP97-315-000 *et al.*;

- Send two copies of your comments to: David Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426; and

- Label one copy for the attention of the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch I, PR-11.1.

- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before June 4, 1999.

In addition to written copies, we will hold ten public meetings in the project area to receive comments on the draft EIS. All meetings will begin at 7:00 pm, and are scheduled as follows:

Crown Point, Indiana: May 24, 1999

Marion Education Center, St. Anthony's Hospital, 1201 South Main Street, Crown Point, Indiana, (219) 757-6398

Buchanan, Michigan: May 25, 1999

Buchanan High School Auditorium, 401 West Chicago Street, Buchanan, Michigan, (616) 695-8403

Tiffin, Ohio: May 24, 1999

Tiffin Columbian High School Auditorium, 300 South Monroe Street, Tiffin, OH, (419) 447-6331

Wooster, Ohio: May 25, 1999

Ohio Agriculture Research Development Center (Ohio State University), Fisher Auditorium, 1680 Madison Avenue, Wooster, Ohio, (330) 263-3738

North Canton, Ohio: May 24, 1999

Hoover High School, Hoover Hall, 575 7th St., NE, North Canton, Ohio, (330) 497-5600

Butler, Pennsylvania: May 25, 1999

Intermediate High School, Auditorium, 110 Campus Lane, Butler, Pennsylvania, (724) 287-8721

Ridgeway, Pennsylvania: May 24, 1999

Royal Inn, Boot Jack Road, Route 219 (South of Ridgeway), Ridgeway, Pennsylvania, (814) 773-3153

Williamsport, Pennsylvania: May 25, 1999

Sheraton Inn, 100 Pine Street, Williamsport, PA, (717) 327-8231

Phillipsburg, New Jersey: May 24, 1999

Holiday Inn, 1314 US Highway 22, Phillipsburg, New Jersey, (908) 454-9771

Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey: May 25, 1999

Holiday Inn, 283 Route 17 South, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey, (202) 462-9600

Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend and present oral comments on the environmental impact described in the draft EIS. Transcripts of the meetings will be prepared.

After these comments are reviewed, any significant new issues are

investigated, and modifications are made to the draft EIS as necessary, a final EIS will be published and distributed by the staff. The final EIS will contain the staff's responses to timely comments received on the draft EIS.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commenter a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214).

Anyone may intervene in this proceeding based on this draft EIS. You must file your request to intervene as specified above. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

All intervenors and anyone providing written comments on the draft EIS will receive a copy of the final EIS. If you do not wish to comment on the draft EIS but wish to receive a copy of the final EIS, you must write to the Secretary of the Commission indicating this request. Individuals who do not indicate their desire to receive the final EIS will receive an Executive Summary. Agencies, elected officials, local governments, special interest groups, libraries, and media will receive a final EIS.

The draft EIS has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

A limited number of copies are available from the Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch identified above. In addition, the draft EIS has been mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies; public interest groups; individuals who requested a copy of the draft EIS; affected landowners; libraries; newspapers; and parties to this proceeding.

Additional information about the proposed projects is available from Paul McKee in the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (202) 208-1088 or on the FERC website (www.ferc.fed.us) using the "RIMS" link to information in these docket numbers. Click on the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to RIMS, the RIMS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222.

Similarly, the "CIPS" link on the FERC Internet website provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders,

notices, and rulemakings. From the FERC Internet website, click on the "CIPS" link, select "Docket #" from the CIPS menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access the CIPS, the CIPS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2474.

Lonwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-00267; FRL-6066-8]

Notice of Availability of Grants and Selection Criteria for PrintSTEP Pilots

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of PrintSTEP grants.

SUMMARY: To support States implementing PrintSTEP project pilots, EPA plans to award three to five cooperative agreements of approximately \$100K each. To be eligible for PrintSTEP grants, all projects should have an impact on regulating simultaneous air, water and hazardous waste releases of chemicals or mixtures covered by Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) from printing facilities.

DATES: The application must be submitted to EPA by close of business July 20, 1999. EPA anticipates awarding the cooperative agreements no later than September 30, 1999.

ADDRESSES: One original and four copies of the application must be submitted to: Gina Bushong (2224A), Office of Compliance, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gina Bushong (2224A), Office of Compliance, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone: (202) 564-2242; e-mail address: bushong.gina@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Printers Simplified Total Environmental Partnership (PrintSTEP) model program was developed by a diverse group of stakeholders as part of EPA's Common Sense Initiative (CSI). The PrintSTEP program, which States will pilot, is designed to result in a single-enforceable agreement that regulates a printing facility's releases of chemicals or mixtures covered by TSCA to the air, water, and hazardous waste

streams all at once. The PrintSTEP design does not change the existing environmental emissions or release standards for the printing industry. Instead, it changes the process of implementing those standards to improve efficiency, simplify requirements, and improve environmental performance. Under the EPA budget, funds are available to support States wishing to pilot test an alternative system for regulating printing facilities.

PrintSTEP has been design to benefit State regulatory agencies, printers, and the community. The combined features of PrintSTEP create a system which integrates multiple interests and concerns, including a process that is transparent, business flexible, and reduces environmental impacts. Some of the PrintSTEP benefits to be evaluated under the State PrintSTEP pilot projects include: Reducing the time and resources spent on the administrative components of environmental regulation, providing a multimedia plain language approach to simplifying environmental requirements, providing early and meaningful public participation, enhancing environmental protection, and providing operational flexibility for printing facilities.

To assist in the implementation of PrintSTEP, three documents have been developed. The first is a State Guide to PrintSTEP which provides the States with what they need to know to implement a PrintSTEP pilot program for their printers. The second, the Plain Language Workbook provides printers with simplified tools to allow them to identify their regulatory requirements. The Workbook also includes pollution prevention information specific to the printing sector to help printers reduce their emissions. Finally, the Community Handbook, provides citizens an overview of environmental issues, background on the printing industry, and suggestions for working with printers as part of PrintSTEP.

It is strongly recommended that States requesting funding to pilot a PrintSTEP program become familiar with the three documents described above prior to submitting an application. Copies of these documents may be obtained from Gina Bushong at the address under "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT."

II. Statutory Authority

The funding authority for making these cooperative agreements is section 28 of TSCA. The authority provides that "the Administrator may make grants to States for the establishment and

operation of programs to prevent or eliminate unreasonable risks within the States to health or the environment which are associated with a chemical substance or mixture and with respect to which the Administrator is unable or is not likely to take action under this chapter for their prevention and elimination." This initiative addresses chemicals covered under TSCA and complements, but does not duplicate, the Administrator's actions under TSCA. These funds are being made available to States for priority needs not currently addressed by the Administrator under TSCA due to resource constraints.

III. Matching Requirements

States receiving TSCA section 28 grant funding are required to contribute a minimum of 25% of the project cost. The State may utilize in-kind services to satisfy this requirement consistent with 40 CFR 31.24.

IV. Eligibility

In accordance with TSCA, eligible applicants for purposes of funding under this grant program include the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Canal Zone, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, or any territory or possession of the United States. For convenience, the term "State" in this notice refers to all eligible applicants. Local governments, tribes, private universities, private nonprofit entities, private businesses, and individuals are not eligible.

V. Pre-Proposal Submission

A. Scope

The funding authority provides an avenue for supporting cross-media environmental projects such as PrintSTEP. Applicants for PrintSTEP pilot funding, should propose an approach addressing the significant components to be evaluated under the PrintSTEP pilot project. Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to obtain and review copies of the materials, discussed in Unit I. of this document, which have been developed for printers, communities and State regulators as part of the development of PrintSTEP prior to developing a pre-proposal. These materials may be obtained from the person listed under "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT." EPA will evaluate each application with regard to its applicability to the key principles in the PrintSTEP design. These key elements are outlined in the selection criteria section of this notice. Pre-proposals