

conversion to electronic filing on respondents; (6) the proposed elimination of the signature requirement; (7) any existence of a competitive disadvantage caused by publicly providing information in Form 714 to which competitors would have access (without a corresponding obligation on its competitors not subject to the Commission's reporting requirements); (8) the relevancy of the information currently collected given the current transition from cost-based to a fully competitive wholesale electric market; (9) whether the proposed filing date change from June 1 to March 1 is unduly burdensome; and (10) the burden of requiring monthly control area scheduled and actual interchange data.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC99-715-000, FERC Form No. 715]

#### Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

August 16, 1999.

**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 October 19, 1999.

**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 Miller, Office of the Chief Information Officer, CI-1, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208-1415, by fax at (202) 208-2425, and by E-mail at mike.miller@ferc.fed.us.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The information collected under the requirements for FERC Form No. 715, "Annual Transmission Planning and Evaluation Report" (OMB No. 1902-0171), is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of Sections 202, 207, 210, 211-213 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), as amended (49 Stat. 838; 16 U.S.C. 791a-825r) and particularly Sections 213(b), 304, 309, and 311. The Commission describes the Form 715 filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR Part 141.300.

FERC Form No. 715 gathers basic electric transmission systems information. The Commission staff uses the Form 715 information to evaluate

available transmission capacity and transmission constraints on electric transmission systems. Electrical transmission system customers use the information to determine transmission availability. Transmission dependent utilities use the information to determine transmission availability from alternative wholesale suppliers. Federal, military and private agencies use the information to simulate various scenarios and test theories in order to improve the current transmission system.

#### Action

The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date. The Commission staff is currently exploring the filing of Form 715 information electronically (using a web-based application) in lieu of the present combined system of mailing paper filings and electronic media (diskettes) to the Commission. If the Commission proposes to convert to electronic filing of Form 715 data, a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking will be issued proposing to amend the Commission's regulations to provide for the electronic filing of Form 715. Such a proposal may also seek to eliminate the current signature requirement and simply require the identification of a representative at each utility responsible for submitting the data electronically. The representative will be given a password and identification code to ensure system integrity.

#### Burden Statement

Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated as:

Number of respondents	Annual responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total annual burden hours
(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)×(2)×(3)
117	1	95	11,115

The reduction of annual respondents from 200 to 117 is due to two factors. The first factor is an increase in the number of mergers. The second factor is the increase in the use of a secondary entity to file the Form 715. For example, the data is compiled by individual utilities and submitted to the NERC region. The NERC region consolidates the information of its members into a single response and submits it to the Commission. These two factors resulted in a reduction in the number of Form 715 respondents. In addition, the conversion to electronic filing (if implemented) is estimated to reduce

average burden hours per respondent (from 100 hours presently, to 95). The estimated cost burden to respondents: 11,115/2080 hours per year × \$109,889 per year = \$587,219. 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 respondent cost 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 information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical applications; (2) the accuracy of the Commission's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utilization and clarity of the collected information; (4) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the proposed electronic submission of responses; (5) the magnitude of the impact of the conversion to electronic filing on respondents; (6) the proposed elimination of the signature requirement; (7) any existence of a competitive disadvantage caused by publicly providing information in Form 715 to which competitors would have access (without corresponding obligation on its competitors not subject to the Commission's reporting requirements); and (8) the relevancy of the information currently collected given the current transition from cost-based to a fully competitive wholesale electric market.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-384-001]

#### ANR Storage Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

August 16, 1999.

Take notice that on August 10, 1999, ANR Storage Company (ANRS) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, the tariff sheet listed below, to be effective August 1, 1999.

Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 132B

ANRS states the attached sheet is being filed in compliance with the Commission's Order issued on July 27, 1999, at Docket No. RP99-384-000.

ANRS states that copies of the filing were served upon the company's Jurisdictional customers.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in 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. 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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*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-372-001]

#### Blue Lake Gas Storage Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

August 16, 1999.

Take notice that on August 10, 1999, Blue Lake Gas Storage Company (Blue Lake) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the tariff sheet listed below, to be effective August 1, 1999.

Substitute Third Revised Sheet No. 133A

Blue Lake states the attached tariff sheet is being filed in compliance with the Commission's Order issued on July 27, 1999, at Docket No. RP99-372-000.

Blue Lake states that copies of the filing were served upon the company's Jurisdictional customers.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in 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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-452-001]

#### Caprock Pipeline Co.; Notice of Tariff Filing

August 16, 1999.

Take notice that on August 12, 1999, Caprock Pipeline Co. (CAPROCK) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff Sheet, with an effective date of September 1, 1999:

Substitute Original Sheet No. 24J

CAPROCK is submitting this filing to correct the duplication of below listed tariff sheet that occurred when the original filing to incorporate new interactive computer system was made on July 30, 1999.

CAPROCK states that copies of this filing have been served upon all affected firm customers of CAPROCK and applicable state agencies.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in 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. 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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