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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC01-561-001 FERC Form 561]

Information Collection Submitted for Review and Request for Comments

November 29, 2001.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of submission for review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and request for comments.

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 Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 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 no comments in response to an earlier **Federal Register** notice of May 8, 2001 (66 FR. 23240). The Commission has noted this fact in its submission to OMB.

DATES: Comments regarding this collection of information are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before January 4, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Address comments to Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Desk Officer, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503. A copy of the comments should also be sent to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attention: Mr. Michael Miller, 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)273-0873, and by e-mail: mike.miller@fer.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description

The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review contains:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC Form 561 "Annual Report of Interlocking Positions".
2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
3. *Control No.:* OMB No. 1902-0099. The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection. This is a mandatory information collection requirement.

4. *Necessity of Collection of Information:* Submission of the information is necessary to fulfill the requirements of Section 305 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), as amended by Title II, Section 211 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA). Submission of FERC Form 561 satisfies the FPA section 305(b) and (c) annual reporting requirements for public utility officers and directors to report officer and director positions they hold with financial institutions, insurance companies, utility equipment providers, utility fuel providers, and a utility's top twenty customers of electric energy. FPA Section 305(c)(3)(A) defines the public utilities who are required to file. FPA section 305(c)(2) requires that the filed information be made available to the public. FPA Section 305(c)(1) requires an annual filing deadline of April 30th. The necessary filing information, the required filers, the requirement to make the information available to the public and the filing deadline are all mandated by the FPA. The Commission is not empowered to amend or waive these statutory requirements. Requirements the Commission has the authority to amend, such as format of the filing itself and the number of required copies are found at 18 46.1 and 131.31.

The Commission has used the information filed in FERC Form 561 for the identification of: (1) Possible interlocking positions where the relationship is employed for the director's own benefit or profit, or for the benefit or profit of any other person or persons and to the detriment of the utility's, or the public interest; (2) the possible existence of control over a large number and geographically widespread public utilities by a small group of individuals; (3) the lack of arm's length dealings between public utilities and organizations furnishing financial services to consumers; and (4) the evasion by means of common control of competition resulting in higher costs and poorer services to consumers.

6. *Estimated Burden:* 400 total burden hours, 1,600 respondents, 1 response annually, .25 hours per response (average).

7. *Estimated Cost Burden to Respondents:* 400 hours ÷ 2,080 hours per year × \$117,041 per year = \$22,507, average cost per respondent = \$14.

Statutory Authority: Sections 211 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA) (16 U.S.C. 825d as amended and 16 U.S.C. 2601) and Section 305 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 825d).

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-301-033]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Negotiated Rate

November 29, 2001.

Take notice that on November 26, 2001, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) tendered for filing three negotiated rate agreements between ANR and Chevron U.S.A. Inc. (Chevron) and three negotiate rate agreements between ANR and BHP Billiton Petroleum (Deepwater) Inc. (BHP) pursuant to ANR's Rate Schedules PTS-2, ITS, and ITS (Liquifiables). ANR tenders these agreements pursuant to its authority to enter into negotiated rate agreements. ANR requests that the Commission accept and approve the agreements to be effective December 1, 2001.

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. This filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for

assistance). Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site under the "e-Filing" link.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP02-25-000; Docket No.
CP02-29-000; Docket No. CP02-30-000]

Copiah County Storage Company; Notice of Application

November 29, 2001.

Take notice that on November 14, 2001, Copiah County Storage Company (Copiah), 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, Texas 77056-5310, filed in the captioned docket an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity and related authorizations pursuant to section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, as amended, and the Commission's Rules and Regulations thereunder. Copiah requests authorization for the following:

(i) A certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to subpart A of part 157 authorizing Copiah to construct, own, operate, and maintain natural gas storage facilities capable of delivering 300,000 dekatherms per day, consisting of a storage cavern and other associated and appurtenant facilities;

(ii) A blanket construction certificate pursuant to subpart F of part 157 to permit Copiah to construct, acquire and operate additional facilities following construction of the facilities for which authorization under subpart A of part 157 is sought;

(iii) Authorization to provide storage services at market based rates; and

(iv) A blanket certificate pursuant to subpart G of part 284 authorizing Copiah to provide storage and hub services on behalf of others, and approval of the FERC Gas Tariff contained in Exhibit P, pursuant to which Copiah will provide such services consistent with Order Nos. 636 and 637, *et seq.*, all as more thoroughly described in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (please call (202)208-2222 for assistance).

Copiah further requests that the Commission grant waivers of the following: (i) The requirement pursuant to § 284.7(e) that rates must be designed using a straight-fixed variable rate design methodology; (ii) the requirement pursuant to § 157.6(b)(8) to provide cost of service information necessary for determination of rate treatment; (iii) the requirement pursuant to § 157.14 to include in the application Exhibits K, L, N, and O; (iv) the accounting and reporting requirements under parts 201 and 260.2; (v) the requirement pursuant to § 157.14(a)(10) to provide total gas supply information; and (vi) all other regulations to the extent such waivers may be necessary in order to grant each of the authorizations requested in this application.

Copiah asks the Commission to issue a preliminary determination on non-environmental issues by February 20, 2002, and a final certificate order by July 24, 2002, so that Copiah will be able to commence storage service in February 2004 in order to provide its customers with storage services at the end of the 2003-2004 heating season.

The name, address, and telephone number of the person to whom correspondence and communications concerning this Application should be addressed is: Steven E. Tillman, Director of Regulatory Affairs, Copiah County Storage Company, P.O. Box 1642, Houston, Texas 77251-1642, Phone: (713) 627-5113, Fax: (713) 627-5947.

Copiah proposes to build and operate a natural gas storage facility, the Copiah Storage Project, in Copiah County, Mississippi, collectively referred to as the "Copiah Storage Project." In this application, Copiah requests authorization to develop the first of two possible caverns on the Copiah site. The proposed project will include the installation of approximately 13,350 horsepower of compression, development of an underground storage cavern, and as many as five common well sites.

The compressor site will provide compression for injection and withdrawal of natural gas to and from storage. The site of the compressor has been proposed to be as close to the cavern and fresh water/brine disposal wells as practical given the existing topography of the site. The compressor building will house three 4,450 HP turbocharged gas engine-driven Ariel reciprocating compressors along with ancillary support and control equipment, to provide a total of approximately 13,350 HP of compression.

The cavern will be created by solution mining using groundwater and will extend approximately 5,500 feet below the ground surface. The cavern that Copiah is seeking authorization to develop in this application, the Primary Cavern, will have an initial working storage capacity of approximately 3.3 billion cubic feet (Bcf), with approximately 300,000 Dekatherms per day (Dth/d) of deliverability capability and approximately 150,000 Dth/d of injection capability. Although Copiah is currently only seeking approval for development of one cavern at this time, Copiah identifies two cavern site locations in its application to allow for an alternative site in the event irreversible drilling problems are encountered at the primary site either due to geology or other complications.

The project also will include a series of wells, piping, valves, instruments, and controls to operate the solution mining and brine disposal activities associated with development of the gas storage cavern. Each well site will contain brine injection and/or freshwater withdrawal wells, along with associated ancillary facilities and service roadways.

The Copiah Storage Project has been designed as a natural gas storage and ultimately a hub services facility for injection, storage, and withdrawal of natural gas. Copiah's request for authorization is based on anticipated demand for its storage and hub services as well as market studies that project substantial growth in natural gas demand in the markets served by Copiah's customers. Due to Copiah's analysis of current and expected growth in demand for storage and hub services in the Gulf Coast region, Copiah anticipates that the Copiah Storage Project will become subscribed as capacity becomes available for service. Copiah states that the interest of the market in these services is reflected in the results of the Copiah open season during which Copiah received non-binding nominations from five potential customers for a total of approximately 6.5 Bcf of natural gas storage. The potential customers indicated an interest in signing contracts with an initial contract term of 5-10 years at the time that the Copiah facilities are close to being placed into service.

Copiah proposes to provide firm and interruptible services, which will enhance shipper options for the transportation and storage of natural gas. Copiah further proposes and requests Commission authorization to charge market-based rates for such services, which Copiah avers is appropriate as demonstrated by the