

health and safety at defense nuclear facilities. Specifically, DOE's development and use of "crosswalks" used to track the disposition of good engineering practices embodied in the superseded safety orders.

6. Further Board actions needed to ensure that there is no relaxation of commitments made to achieve compliance with safety requirements in contracts while proposed rules are developed and processed.

DOE officials will be present to provide additional Departmental views, comment and such additional information the Board may require.

A transcript of this proceeding will be made available by the Board for inspection by the public at the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's Washington office.

The Board reserves its right to further schedule and otherwise regulate the course of these meetings and hearings, to recess, reconvene, and otherwise exercise its power under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Dated: October 22, 1996.

Kenneth M. Pusater,
General Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[FERC Form No. 538]

Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

October 18, 1996.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Energy.

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. No. 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 December 23, 1996.

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 P. Miller, Information Services Division, ED-12.4, 888 First Street N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael P. Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208-1415, by fax at (202) 273-0873, and by e-mail at mmiller@ferc.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collected under the requirements of FERC Form No. 538 "Gas Pipeline Certificates: Initial Service" (OMB No. 1902-0061) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of Sections 7(a), 10(a) and 16 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (P.L. 75-688) (15 U.S.C. 717-717w). The reporting requirements contained in this collection of information are used by the Commission to determine whether a distributor applicant can economically construct and manage its facilities. Requests are made to the Commission by individuals or entities to have the Commission, by order, direct a natural gas pipeline to extend or improve its transportation

facilities, and sell gas to an individual, entity or municipality for the specific purpose indicated in the order, and to extend the pipeline's transportation facilities to communities immediately adjacent to the municipality's facilities or to territories served by the natural gas company. In addition, the Commission reviews the supply data to determine if the pipeline company can provide the service without curtailing certain of its existing customers. The flow data and market data are also used to evaluate existing and future customer requirements on the system to find if sufficient capacity will be available. Likewise, the cost of facilities and the rate data are used to evaluate the financial impact of the cost of the project to both the pipeline company and its customers. The Commission implements these filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR Part 156.

Action

The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection of data.

Burden Statement

Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated as:

Number of respondents annually	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total annual burden hours
(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)×(2)×(3)
1	1	240 hours	240 hours.*

* The Office of Management and Budget's current inventory indicates a total of 320 hours. Based on Commission staff's knowledge and familiarity with gas pipeline practices, this estimate should be adjusted downwards to 240 hours as stated above.

Estimated cost burden to respondents: 320 hours/2,087 hours per year × \$102,000 per year=\$15,640.

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 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 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.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. TM97-2-20-000]

Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

October 18, 1996.

Take notice that on October 15, 1996, Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheet, with a proposed effective date of November 16, 1996:

Sixth Revised Sheet No. 40

Algonquin states that pursuant to Section 32 of the General Terms and Conditions of its FERC Gas Tariff, it is filing to revise the Fuel Reimbursement Percentages for the four calendar periods beginning November 16, 1996.

Furthermore, Algonquin states that pursuant to Section 32.5 and 32.6 of the General Terms and Conditions of its FERC Gas Tariff, it is also submitting the annual calculation of the fuel reimbursement quantity deferral allocation.

Algonquin states that copies of this filing were mailed to all customers of Algonquin and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or 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 proceeding. 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP96-262-001 and RP96-263-002]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes In FERC Gas Tariff

October 18, 1996.

Take notice that on October 11, 1996, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets to become effective June 1, 1996:

Substitute Seventeenth Revised Sheet No. 18
Substitute Eighteenth Revised Sheet No. 18

ANR states that the above-referenced updated tariff sheets are being filed to restate its Gas Supply Realignment (GSR), Pricing Differential (PD), and Dakota Reservation Surcharges, to reflect the impact of the update of the Eligible MDQ that is used to calculate those Surcharges in compliance with the Commission's letter order dated September 26, 1996.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with 18 CFR 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 proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public

inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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Arkansas Western Pipeline Company; Notice of Filing of FERC Gas Tariff

October 18, 1996.

Take notice that on October 19, 1996, Arkansas Western Pipeline Company (AWP) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Sheet No. 4 to become effective September 1, 1996.

AWP states that the filing corrected the Second Revised Sheet No. 4 that was filed August 29, 1996, to reflect the docket number, issuance date, and FERC citation, as required by the Commission's Order Accepting Tariff Sheet, issued September 26, 1996.

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 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 proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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Centra Pipelines Minnesota Inc.; Notice of Proposed Changes In FERC Gas Tariff

October 18, 1996.

Take notice that on October 11, 1996, Centra Pipelines Minnesota Inc. (Centra Minnesota) tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 2, the following tariff sheet, with an effective date of June 26, 1996:

Second Revised Sheet No. 35

Centra Minnesota states that Second Revised Sheet No. 35 is an "Index of Customers" and is being filed to reflect changes in the volumes of natural gas transported by Centra Minnesota on