

on completion of the EECF engineering design. An Information Package describing the draft technical requirements is currently available on FETC's Homepage at <http://www.fetc.doe.gov/business/solicit/>. Offerors and interested parties are encouraged to provide comments, suggestions, and/or questions regarding the information package. DOE plans to post the solicitation on FETC's Homepage in late January 1999. Again, FETC Homepage address is <http://www.fetc.doe.gov/business/solicit/>. Offerors and other interested parties are encouraged to download the solicitation once it becomes available, as paper copies will not be distributed. Any amendments to the solicitation will also be posted on the FETC Homepage. Electronic WordPerfect version 6.1 copies of the solicitation may be obtained by submitting a written request to the address provided above. Telephone requests will not be honored.

Dated: November 24, 1998.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC99-717-000; FERC-717]

### Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

December 1, 1998.

**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. 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 February 5, 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 N.E., Washington, D.C. 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 at [michael.miller@ferc.fed.us](mailto:michael.miller@ferc.fed.us).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The information collected under the requirements of FERC-717 "Open Access Same Time Information System" (OMB No. 1902-0173) is used by the Commission to carry out the general authority in Sections 309 and 311 of the Federal Power Act 1978 (FPA) (16 U.S.C. 825h and 825j). On April 24, 1996, the Commission issued two separate but interrelated final rules. The first rule, Order No. 888, required that all public utilities that own, control or operate facilities used for transmitting electric energy in interstate commerce to have on file open access non-discriminatory transmission tariffs that contain minimum terms and conditions

of non-discriminatory service. The second rule and the subject of this collection of information, Order No. 889, required utilities to establish electronic systems to share information about available transmission capacity. Under this rule, each public utility (or its agent) that owns, controls, or operates transmission facilities must create or participate in an Open Access Same-Time Information System (OASIS) that provides open access transmission customers (current and potential) with electronic information about transmission capacity, prices, and other information necessary to obtain open access nondiscriminatory transmission services. The rule also established standards of conduct to ensure that a public utility's employees engaged in a transmission operations function independently of those employees engaged in wholesale purchases and sales of electric energy in interstate commerce. In addition, specifics with respect to various standards and protocols were identified to ensure that the OASIS system presents information in a consistent and uniform manner (these have been subject to additional changes as it has become necessary). The compliance with these requirements is mandatory. The reporting requirements are found at 18 CFR Part 37.

**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 (1)	Number of responses per respondent (2)	Average burden hours per response (3)	Total annual burden hours (1) x (2) x (3)
140 .....	1	1,418	198,520

The estimated total cost to respondents is \$21,157,500.

In the Commission's initial submission to OMB it included an estimate of the annualized Capital/Startup costs necessary for setting out a world wide web site on the Internet. However, nearly three years have passed since that initial estimate and OASIS is now in full operation. Therefore the Commission will only consider costs for the continued operation of OASIS. (Operations and Maintenance costs include the use of staff to maintain the web site plus human resources

necessary for developing and handling data for OASIS. The Commission has assumed that 4.5 personnel are necessary for staffing and using a total personnel cost of \$109,889, the result is \$494,501. To get the total cost, add annual ongoing costs of \$110,000 plus staffing costs for a total of \$604,501 divided by 4 = \$151,125. The estimated total cost of the OASIS requirement is 140 respondents x \$151,125 or \$21,157,500.

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 a 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.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. TM99-1-97-000]

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

December 1, 1998.

Take notice that on November 25, 1998, Chandeleur Pipe Line Company Pipe Line (Chandeleur) tendered for filing proposed changes in its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, Ninth Revised Sheet No. 5. Chandeleur is proposing to change its Fuel and Line Loss Allowance from 0.6% to 0.7%, to become effective January 1, 1999.

Chandeleur states that copies of the filing were served upon the company's jurisdictional customers and state regulatory commissions.

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, N.E., Washington, D.C. 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.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-88-001]

#### Cove Point LNG Limited Partnership; Notice of Tariff Filing

December 1, 1998.

Take notice that on November 25, 1998, Cove Point LNG Limited Partnership (Cove Point) tendered for filing to become a part of Cove Point's FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheet to be effective November 2, 1998:

#### First Revised Volume No. 1

Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 107A

Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 107B

Substitute Fifth Revised Sheet No. 136

On November 12, 1998, the Commission's Office of Pipeline Regulation issued a letter order accepting tariff sheets filed by Cove Point subject to Cove Point making certain revisions to its tariff sheets. The above-described tariff sheets were filed to make the specified revisions.

Cove Point states that copies of the filing were served upon Cove Point's customers and interested state regulatory commissions.

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.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-158-000]

#### Discovery Gas Transmission LLC; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

December 1, 1998.

Take notice that on November 24, 1998, Discovery Gas Transmission LLC (Discovery) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, the tariff sheets listed on the attachment to the filing, with an effective date of January 1, 1999.

Discovery states that the purpose of the filing is to provide the necessary flexibility under its tariff to negotiate rates with its customers. This filing is made in accordance with the Commission's Statement of Policy on Alternatives to Traditional Cost-of-Service Ratemaking for Natural Gas Pipelines, issued on January 31, 1996, in Docket No. RM95-6-000 (Policy Statement) and the orders applying the Policy Statement. Discovery proposes an effective date of January 1, 1999.

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, N.W., Washington, D.C. 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