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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[IC00-580-000, FERC Form-580]

Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

June 15, 2000.

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 August 21, 2000.

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, 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 580, "Interrogatory on Fuel and Energy Purchase Practices," Docket No. IN79-6, (OMB No. 1902-0137) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of section 205(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), as added by the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA) (Pub. L. 95-617). These provisions require that "not less frequently than every 2 years * * * the Commission shall review, with respect to each public utility, practices under automatic adjustment clauses of such utility to ensure efficient use of resources (including economical

purchase and use of fuel and electric energy) under such clauses."

FERC Form 580 is collected on diskette and in hard copy. The Form 580 information is used by Commission staff to: (1) Evaluate fuel costs in individual rate proceedings; (2) review fuel costs passed through automatic fuel adjustment clauses, as determined during periodic compliance audits of utility books and records; (3) initiate Commission action under section 205(f)(3) of the FPA to order a public utility to modify the terms and provisions of any automatic adjustment clause or to cease any practice in connection with the clause; and (4) determine whether wholesale rates are just and reasonable, as required under FPA Section 205(a).

Action: The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date. The current Form 580 can be found on the Commission's web site at: <http://www.ferc.fed.us/electric/f580/form580.htm>.

Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated as:

Number of respondents (1)	Annual number of responses per respondent (2)	Average burden hours per response (3)	Total annual burden (in hours) (1) x (2) x (3)
129	1.5	64	4.128

¹ The FERC Form 580 is collected once every two years.

The reduction in average burden hours per response has been reduced from 93.5 to 64 hours. This is a direct result of a lower percentage of jurisdictional utilities having fuel adjustment clauses and thus having to file the complete Form 580 interrogatory. Only those utilities with fuel adjustment clauses are required to file the full interrogatory. Utilities without fuel adjustment clauses are required to file an abbreviated form. The estimated total cost to respondents is \$221,374 (4,128 hours divided by 2,080 hours per year per full time employee multiplied by \$111,545 per year per average employee equals \$221,374). The average cost per respondent is estimated to be \$1,716.

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).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER98-3760-005; EC96-19-053; ER96-1663-056]

California Independent System Operator Corporation; Notice of Filing

June 15, 2000.

Take notice that on May 26, 2000, the California Independent System Operator Corporation (ISO), tendered for filing an Answer in the above-referenced dockets. The Answer includes ISO Tariff sheets correcting several errors in the Tariff sheets submitted by the ISO as part of

its compliance filing made in the above-referenced dockets on April 20, 2000.

The ISO states that this filing has been served upon all parties on the restricted service list compiled by the Secretary in the above-referenced proceeding.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such 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 Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before June 26, 2000. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine 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 Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-380-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

June 15, 2000.

Take notice that on June 7, 2000, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 12801 Fair Lakes Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22030-0146, filed in Docket No. CP00-380-000, a request pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.208 (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.208) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act, and Columbia's authorization in Docket No. CP83-76-000, 22 FERC Paragraph 62,029 (1983) to increase the maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) of its existing delivery lateral pipeline designated as K-212 located in Ohio. Columbia states the uprate is necessary in order to provide volumes of natural gas and the pressure requested by Southeastern Natural Gas Company, who will use the gas to serve Shelly Asphalt Plant located in Licking County, Ohio. The application may be

viewed on the web at www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm. Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance.

Any person or the Commission's Staff may, within 45 days after the issuance of the instant notice by Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and, pursuant to section 157.205 of the regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205), a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-136-002]

El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Filing

June 15, 2000.

Take notice that on June 12, 2000, El Paso Gas Company (El Paso), tendered for filing its report detailing the fuel adjustments made to affected shippers on May 11, 2000 for the period February 1, 2000 through April 30, 2000, in accordance with the provisions of the Commission's order issued April 14, 2000 at Docket No. RP00-136-000.

Any person desiring to protest said 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 on or before June 21, 2000. 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](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. EL00-46-000; et al.]

Entergy Power Marketing Corporation, et al., Order Granting Complaint and Rejecting Related Service Agreements, Denying Complaint and Accepting Related Service Agreement, and Providing Clarification of Order No. 888

Issued June 15, 2000.

Before Commissioners: James J. Hoecker, Chairman; William L. Massey, Linda Breathitt, and Curt Hebert, Jr.

In this order, we address two complaints that involve the exercise of the right of first refusal provisions established in the Order No. 888¹ *pro forma* tariff.² In one complaint (Docket No. EL00-46-000), a customer alleges that the transmission provider violated its open access transmission tariff by attempting to require the customer to exercise its right of first refusal too early. In the other complaint (Docket No. EL00-53-000), a potential customer alleges that the transmission provider permitted its existing customer to exercise its right of first refusal too late. We now recognize that the right of first refusal provisions of the *pro forma* tariff are not sufficiently clear and provide clarification to the parties to these proceedings and of Order No. 888, as discussed below. As a result, we grant the complaint in Docket No. EL00-46-000 and reject the related service agreements and deny the complaint in Docket No. EL00-53-000 and accept for filing the related service agreement, as discussed further below.

¹ Promoting Wholesale Competition Through Open Access Non-discriminatory Transmission Services by Public Utilities; Recovery of Standard Costs by Public Utilities and Transmitting Utilities, Order No. 888, 61 FR 21,540 (1996), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,036 (1996), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 888-A, 62 FR 12,274 (1997), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,048 (1997), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 888-B, 81 FERC ¶ 61,248 (1997), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 888-C, 82 FERC ¶ 61,046 (1998).

² We also address two related filings of service agreements that were entered into based on the parties' understanding of when the right of first refusal may be exercised.