

of any anticipated shortages of electric energy or capacity which would affect the utility's capability to serve its wholesale customers; and (2) report to the Commission and any appropriate state regulatory authority contingency plan that would outline what circumstances might give rise to such occurrences.

In Order No. 575,<sup>1</sup> the Commission modified the reporting requirements in 18 CFR 294.101(b) to provide that, if a public utility includes in its rates schedule, provisions that: (a) During electric energy and capacity shortages it will treat firm power wholesale customers without undue discrimination or preference; and (b) it will report any modifications to its contingency plan for accommodating shortages within 15 days to the appropriate state regulatory agency and

to the affected wholesale customers, then the utility need not file with the Commission an additional statement of contingency plan for accommodating such shortages. This revision merely changed the reporting mechanism; the public utility's contingency plan would be located in its filed rate rather than in a separate document.

In Order No. 659,<sup>2</sup> the Commission modified the reporting requirements in 18 CFR 294.101(e) to provide that the means by which public utilities must comply with the requirements to report shortages and anticipated shortages is to submit this information electronically using the Office of Electric Reliability's pager system at [emergency@ferc.gov](mailto:emergency@ferc.gov) in lieu of submitting an original and two copies with the Secretary of the Commission.

The Commission uses the information to evaluate and formulate an appropriate option for action in the event an unanticipated shortage is reported and/or materializes. Without this information, the Commission and State agencies would be unable to: (1) Examine and approve or modify utility actions, (2) prepare a response to anticipated disruptions in electric energy, and (3) ensure equitable treatment of all public utility customers under the shortage situations. The Commission implements these filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR part 294.

*Type of Respondents:* Public utilities.

*Estimate of Annual Burden*<sup>3</sup>: The Commission estimates the total Public Reporting Burden for this information collection as:

#### FERC-585 (IC12-6-000): REPORTING OF ELECTRIC ENERGY SHORTAGES AND CONTINGENCY PLANS UNDER PURPA

	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden hours per response	Estimated total annual burden
	(A)	(B)	(A) × (B) = (C)	(D)	(C) × (D)
Contingency Plan .....	1	1	1	73	73
Capacity Shortage .....	1	1	1	0.25	0.25
Total .....	N/A <sup>4</sup>	N/A <sup>4</sup>	2	N/A <sup>4</sup>	73.25

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$5,054 [73.25 hours ÷ 2,080<sup>5</sup> hours/year = 0.03521 \* \$143,540/year<sup>6</sup> = \$5,054].

The estimated annual cost of filing the FERC-585 per response is \$2,527.02 [\$5,054 ÷ 2 responses = \$2,527/response].

*Comments:* Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the 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 and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: February 17, 2012.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

##### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC12-8-000]

##### Commission Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Extension

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is soliciting public comment on the currently

approved information collection, FERC-567, Gas Pipeline Certificates: Annual Reports of System Flow Diagrams and System Capacity.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due April 27, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC12-8-000) by either of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's Web site:* <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>.

- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

*Instructions:* All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp>. For user assistance contact FERC Online Support by email at [ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov](mailto:ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov), or by phone at: (866) 208-3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502-8659 for TTY.

*Docket:* Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this

<sup>1</sup> 60 FR 4859 (25 Jan 1995).

<sup>2</sup> 70 FR 35028 (16 Jun 2005).

<sup>3</sup> Burden is defined as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to

generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. For further explanation of what is included in the information collection burden, reference 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3(b)(1).

<sup>4</sup> Not applicable.

<sup>5</sup> 2080 hours = 40 hours/week \* 52 weeks (1 year).

<sup>6</sup> Average annual salary per employee in 2012.

docket or in viewing/downloading comments and issuances in this docket may do so at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/docs-filing.asp>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Ellen Brown may be reached by email at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), telephone at (202) 502-8663, and fax at (202) 273-0873.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* FERC-567, Gas Pipeline Certificates: Annual Reports of System Flow Diagrams and System Capacity.

*OMB Control No.:* 1902-0005.

*Type of Request:* Three-year extension of the FERC-567 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

*Abstract:* The Commission uses the information from the FERC-567 to obtain accurate data on pipeline facilities and the peak capacity of these facilities. Additionally, the Commission validates the need for new facilities proposed by pipelines in certificate applications. By modeling an

applicant's pipeline system, Commission staff utilizes the FERC-567 data to determine configuration and location of installed pipeline facilities; verify and determine the receipt and delivery points between shippers, producers and pipeline companies; determine the location of receipt and delivery points and emergency interconnections on a pipeline system; determine the location of pipeline segments, laterals and compressor stations on a pipeline system; verify pipeline segment lengths and pipeline diameters; justify the maximum allowable operating pressures and suction and discharge pressures at compressor stations; verify the installed horsepower and volumes compressed at each compressor station; determine the existing shippers and producers currently using each pipeline company; verify peak capacity on the system; and develop and evaluate alternatives to the proposed facilities as a means to

mitigate environmental impact of new pipeline construction.

18 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 260.8(a) requires each major natural gas pipeline with a system delivery capacity exceeding 100,000 Mcf per day to submit by June 1 of each year, diagrams reflecting operating conditions on the pipeline's main transmission system during the previous 12 months ended December 31. 18 CFR 284.13 requires each interstate pipeline that provides transportation subject to the provisions of Subparts B and G of Part 284 to make an annual filing by March 1 of each year showing the estimated peak day capacity of the pipeline's system. These physical/engineering data are not included as part of any other data collection requirement.

*Type of Respondents:* Natural gas pipelines.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*<sup>1</sup> The Commission estimates the total Public Reporting Burden for this information collection as:

	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden hours per response	Estimated total annual burden
	(A)	(B)	(A) × (B) = (C)	(D)	(C) × (D)
Natural Gas Pipelines .....	103	1	103	1	103

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$ [103 hours ÷ 2,080<sup>2</sup> hours/year = 0.04952 \* \$143,540/year<sup>3</sup> = \$7,108].

The estimated annual cost of filing the FERC-567 per response is \$69 [\$7,108 ÷ 103 responses = \$69/response].

*Comments:* Comments are invited on:

- (1) Whether the 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 and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection;
- and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: February 17, 2012.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**[Docket No. CP12-56-000]**

**ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Application**

Take notice that on February 3, 2012, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR), 717 Texas Street, Houston, Texas 77002-2761 filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) an application under section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for permission and approval to abandon its present and any future obligation to perform transportation service through approximately 7.0 miles of 20-inch pipeline extending from High Island Block A-552 to High Island Block A-

539, located in federal waters, offshore Texas, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Rene Staeb, Manager, Project Determinations & Regulatory Administration, ANR Pipeline Company, 717 Texas Street, Houston, Texas 77002-2761, or telephone (832) 320-5215 or fax (832) 320-6215 or by email [Rene\\_Staeb@transcanada.com](mailto:Rene_Staeb@transcanada.com).

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: Complete

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explanation of what is included in the information collection burden, reference 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 2080 hours = 40 hours/week \* 52 weeks (1 year).

<sup>3</sup> Average annual salary per employee in 2012.