

Department of Energy, Amarillo Area Office, P.O. Box 30030, Amarillo, TX 79120, (806)477-3121.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose of the Committee:* The Board provides input to the Department of Energy on Environmental Management strategic decisions that impact future use, risk management, economic development, and budget prioritization activities.

Tentative Agenda:

- 10:00 am Welcome—Agenda Review—Approval of Minutes
- 10:15 am Co-Chairs' Comments
- 10:45 am Subcommittee Reports
 - Community Outreach
 - Budget and Finance
 - Nominations
 - Program and Training
 - Policy and Personnel
- 11:15 am Updates
 - Occurrence Reports—DOE
 - Gerald Johnson Update
 - Pantex Fatality Update, Paul Sowa
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 12:30 pm Presentation
- 1:30 pm Task Force Reports
 - Site-wide Environmental Impact Statement
 - Environmental Restoration
- 2:00 pm Adjourn

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Written comments will be accepted at the address above for 15 days after the date of the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Tom Williams' office at the address or telephone number listed above.

Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Official is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Pantex Public Reading Rooms located at the Amarillo College

Lynn Library and Learning Center, 2201 South Washington, Amarillo, TX phone (806) 371-5400. Hours of operation are from 7:45 am to 10:00 pm, Monday through Thursday; 7:45 am to 5:00 pm on Friday; 8:30 am to 12:00 noon on Saturday; and 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Sunday, except for Federal holidays. Additionally, there is a Public Reading Room located at the Carson County Public Library, 401 Main Street, Panhandle, TX phone (806) 537-3742. Hours of operation are from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm on Monday; 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Tuesday through Friday; and closed Saturday and Sunday as well as Federal Holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing or calling Tom Williams at the address or telephone number listed above.

Issued at Washington, DC on July 3, 1996.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Information Collection Submitted for Review and Request for Comments (FERC-598)

July 2, 1996.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

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

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is submitting a collection of information listed in this notice to OMB for review under the provisions of the Act.

DATES: Comments regarding this collection of information are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the 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. Comments should also be addressed to: Desk Officer, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, D.C. 20503.

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:

Abstract

The information collected under the requirements of FERC-598 "Determinations for Entities Seeking Exempt Wholesale Generator Status" OMB No. 1902-0166) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of Section 711 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (EPAct), Public Law 102-46 which amended the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 (PUHCA) to create a category of power producers. Section 2(a)(11)(B) define an EWG as an entity engaged directly, or indirectly through one or more affiliates in the business exclusively of owning and/or operating all or part of one or more eligible facilities, and selling electric energy at wholesale. The Commission implements these filing requirements in the code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR Part 365.

Action

The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection of data. The Commission did not receive any comments in response to the public notice published in the Federal Register, April 12, 1996 (61 FR, 16904-05).

Burden Statement

Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated as

No. of respondents annually	No. of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total annual burden hours
(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)×(2)×(3)
280	1	6 hours	1,680 hours.

Estimated cost burden to respondents:
1,680 hours/2,087 hours per year ×
\$102,000 per year = \$82,108.

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.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96-595-000]

El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

July 2, 1996.

Take notice that on June 25, 1996, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso), P.O. Box 1492, El Paso, Texas 79978, filed in Docket No. CP96-595-000, a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.212) for authorization to upgrade and relocate the existing Chandler No. 3 Meter Station (meter station) located in Maricopa, Arizona, under Northern's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-432-000 and Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

El Paso proposes to upgrade and relocate a meter station to make

additional firm deliveries of natural gas to Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest) for service to Chandler, Arizona, and environs. El Paso asserts that Southwest has requested additional firm service and that the present meter station is unable to accommodate such delivery. It is further asserted that, by letter agreement dated November 22, 1994, El Paso and Southwest have agreed that El Paso would therefore upgrade the existing meter station. El Paso states that, in order to facilitate ease of maintenance and to eliminate a potentially hazardous situation, El Paso has elected to relocate the existing meter station approximately 53 feet north on the Tucson-Phoenix Line and the Tucson-Phoenix Loop Line.

It is indicated that the proposed quantity of natural gas to be transported on a firm basis to the upgraded meter station is estimated to be 511,636 Mcf annually during the third full year of operation. It is further indicated that the estimated maximum peak day gas requirement at the meter station during the third calendar year of service is 13,680 Mcf. El Paso asserts the gas will be used by Southwest to satisfy the residential, residential space heating, commercial, commercial space heating, and the industrial requirements of customers in Chandler, Arizona, and environs. El Paso states that the proposed firm transportation of gas to Southwest at the meter station will have a negligible effect on El Paso's 1995 peak day and total annual transportation quantities. El Paso further states that estimated cost of the proposed facilities is \$101,500, which Southwest has agreed to reimburse El Paso.

Any person or the Commission Staff may, within 45 days of the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214), a motion to intervene 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 therefore, the proposed activities 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 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.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96-610-000]

Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Application

July 2, 1996.

Take notice that on July 1, 1996, Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc. (Granite State), 300 Friberg Parkway, Westborough, Massachusetts 01581, filed in Docket No. CP96-610-000, an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the construction and operation of a liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility in Wells, Maine, to serve Northern Utilities, Inc. (Northern Utilities), pursuant to new Rate Schedule LNG-1, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Granite State submits that the LNG facility proposed in this application is identical to the one proposed in Docket No. CP-95-52-000, that was dismissed without prejudice to resubmitting the proposal changing its use from baseload to peakshaving service. According to Granite State, this resubmitted filing reflects a change in the nature of the service to be provided by such facility from winter baseload to peakshaving.

Granite State further states that the LNG facility is necessary to replace Northern Utilities' volumes currently flowing using capacity leased on the Portland Pipe Line Corporation's oil line that has been converted to natural gas use. According to Granite State, the lease is set to expire on April 30, 1998, and Granite State proposes an in-service date of November 1, 1998 for the proposed LNG facility, the first day of the first heating season after the lease expires.

Granite State states that Northern Utilities has contracted for transportation service on the Portland Natural Gas Transmission System (PNGTS) which also has a proposed in-service date of November 1, 1998. However, Granite State maintains that the LNG facility may be necessary for winter baseload service for Northern Utilities if PNGTS is not in service by that date. After PNGTS is in service, the LNG facility would provide peakshaving service to Northern Utilities.

According to information contained in the application, once the LNG facility is functioning as a peakshaver it would be operated in a fashion that would allow deliverability from the facility to increase by almost 150%. Accordingly, Granite State's resubmitted filing contains a revised precedent agreement