

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Defense Intelligence Agency, Scientific Advisory Board Closed Meeting**

AGENCY: Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of Subsection (d) of Section 10 of Public Law 92-463, as amended by Section 5 of Public Law 94-409, notice is hereby given that a closed meeting of the DIA Scientific Advisory Board has been scheduled as follows:

DATES: March 18, 1997 (800am to 1600pm).

ADDRESSES: The Defense Intelligence Agency, Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C. 20340-5100.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maj. Michael W. Lamb, USAF, Executive Secretary, DIA Scientific Advisory Board, Washington, D.C. 20340-1328 (202) 231-4930.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The entire meeting is devoted to the discussion of classified information as defined in Section 552b(c)(1), Title 5 of the U.S. Code and therefore will be closed to the public. The Board will receive briefings on and discuss several current critical intelligence issues and advise the Director, DIA, on related scientific and technical matters.

Dated: February 28, 1997.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register, Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[FERC-544]

Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

February 28, 1997.

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 within 60 days of the publication of this notice.

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 NE., Washington, DC 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-544 "Gas Pipeline Rates: Rate Change (Formal)"

OMB No. 1902-0153) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of the Sections 4, 5, and 16 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (15 U.S.C. 717-717w). Under FERC-544 the Commission investigates the rates charged by natural gas pipeline companies subject to its jurisdiction. If, after its investigation, the Commission is of the opinion that the rates are "unjust or unreasonable or unjustly discriminatory or unduly preferential," it is authorized to determine and prescribe just and reasonable rates.

Formal rate change filings (FERC-544) are suspended and set for hearing. When the Section 4(e) filing is suspended, the rate becomes the subject of a hearing process and may go into effect subject to refund with interest. All suspended filings that go through the hearing process are considered formal cases and an investigation is instituted to determine the reasonableness of the rate filing. If the rates and charges are deemed unjust, unreasonable or unduly discriminatory, the appropriate rate, charge or service condition is ascertained by the Commission and a final order issued.

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)×(2)×(3)
25	1.0	4,582.5	114,563

The estimated total cost to respondents is \$5,728,150, (114,563 hours divided by 2,087 hours per year per employee times \$104,350 per year per average employee=\$5,728,150). The cost per respondent is \$229,125.

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. CP97-259-000]

Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Application

February 27, 1997.

Take notice that on February 21, 1997, Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin), 1284 Soldiers Field Road, Boston, Massachusetts 02135, filed an application with the Commission in Docket No. CP97-259-000 pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for permission and approval to abandon and remove pipe in New Jersey and pursuant to Section 7(c) of the NGA in order to temporary acquire temporary workspace adjacent to the existing right-of-way to replace the removed pipe, all as more fully set forth in the application which is open to the public for inspection.

Algonquin proposes to remove and replace approximately 2,400 feet of 26-inch diameter pipe in Raritan, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, in order to comply with a U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) class location change. Algonquin states that it must upgrade this portion of its pipeline or lower the Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure (MAOP) below the currently effective MAOP of 750 psig by January 17, 1998. Algonquin also states that it would be unable to meet its contractual obligations at an MAOP lower than the present MAOP of 750 psig.

Algonquin proposed to acquire temporary rights to use 35 feet of work space adjacent to its existing right-of-way in order to remove the 2,400 feet of pipe it needs to replace. Algonquin states that it would place new 26-inch diameter pipe in the same trench excavated to remove the old pipe. Algonquin further states that it would be forced to operate heavy equipment

over its in-service 30-inch diameter loop pipeline if Algonquin does not acquire the temporary workspace. Algonquin estimates that it would cost \$1,312,833 to replace the removed pipe.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before March 20, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the NGA and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Algonquin to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP97-258-000]

Gas Transport, Inc.; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

February 27, 1997.

Take notice that on February 21, 1997, Gas Transport, Inc. (GTI), P.O. Box 430, Lancaster, OH 43130-0430, filed in Docket No. CP97-258-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's

Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212) for authorization to construct and operate a new delivery point in West Virginia under GTI's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP86-291-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

GTI proposes to construct and operate a new connection for the delivery of gas to Hope Gas, Inc. (Hope). The new delivery point location is 702+00 GTI Line #1, Clay District, Wood County, West Virginia. The quantity of gas to be delivered at this delivery point is a maximum of 3,000 Mcf per year. GTI states that this new delivery point is not prohibited by its existing tariff and that it has sufficient capacity to accomplish deliveries without detriment or disadvantage to other customers. The proposed delivery point will not have an effect on GTI's peak day and annual deliveries and the total volumes delivered will not exceed total volumes authorized prior to this request. The cost of construction is estimated at \$2,000 and Hope will provide a contribution-in-aid-of-construction to finance the measurement and regulation.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the 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 therefor, 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.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP96-317-002]

Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership; Notice of Compliance Filing

February 27, 1997.

Take notice that on February 25, 1997, Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership (Great Lakes), tendered for