

between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

Dated: February 18, 1999.

**William E. Burrow,**  
Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

#### Office of Educational Research and Improvement

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* National Study of Charter Schools.

*Frequency:* Annually.

**Affected Public:** Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

#### Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 1,113.

Burden Hours: 509.

**Abstract:** This four-year study of charter schools will examine the impact of charter schools on student achievement, on education reform, and on an array of other issues. The study includes an annual survey of the universe of charter schools and site visits at a sample of charter schools and comparison schools.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC99-510-000, FERC-510]

#### Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

February 18, 1999.

**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 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:

**Abstract:** The information collected under the requirements of FERC-510 "Application for the Surrender of a Hydropower License" (OMB No. 1902-0068) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of Part 1, Sections 4(e), 6 and 13 of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 797(e), 799 and 806. Section 4(e) gives the Commission the authority to issue licenses for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining dams, water conduits, reservoirs, powerhouses, transmission lines or other project works necessary or convenient for developing and improving navigation, transmission and utilization of power over which Congress has jurisdiction. Section 6 gives the Commission the authority to prescribe the conditions of the licenses including the revocation and/or surrender of the license. Section 13 defines the Commission's authority to delegate time periods for when a license must be terminated if project construction has not begun. Surrender of a license may be desired by a licensee when a licensed project is retired or not constructed. The Commission implements these filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR Sections 6.1 through 6.4.

**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)
8	1	10	80

As the Commission's initiative is to bring more competition to the natural gas and electric markets, the resulting competitive forces have changed the economics and overall conditions under which hydropower projects are developed and operated. This has resulted in a significant decline in the number of operating projects. However, for the next three years, the Commission anticipates only a gradual decrease in

the number of projects that are surrendered.

Estimated cost burden to respondents: 80 hours/2,080 hours per year × \$109,889 per year = \$4,228. The cost per respondent is equal to \$529.00.

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 No. RP99-225-000]

#### Mid Louisiana Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

February 18, 1999.

Take notice that on February 12, 1999, Mid Louisiana Gas Company (Mid Louisiana) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets, with an effective date of March 15, 1999:

Original Sheet No. 0  
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 86  
Second Revised Sheet No. 89  
Second Revised Sheet No. 91  
First Revised Sheet No. 97A  
Second Revised Sheet No. 105  
First Revised Sheet No. 133  
Third Revised Sheet No. 135

Second Revised Sheet No. 143  
Second Revised Sheet No. 157

Mid Louisiana states that the primary purpose of the filing of the Revised Tariff Sheet(s) is to make minor spelling and grammatical corrections to various sheets and to remove outdated references to storage services which were discontinued in Mid Louisiana's last rate case filing.

Pursuant to Section 154.7(a)(7) of the Commission's Regulations, Mid Louisiana respectfully requests waiver of any requirement of the Regulations in order to permit the tendered tariff sheet to become effective March 15, 1999, as submitted.

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, NE, Washington, DC 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. This filing may be viewed on the web 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. CP99-175-000]

#### Mississippi Canyon Gas Pipeline, LLC; Notice of Application

February 18, 1999.

Take notice that on January 26, 1999, Mississippi Canyon Gas Pipeline, LLC (MCGP), 1301 McKinney, Houston, Texas 77010, filed in Docket No. CP99-175-000 an application pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act for authorization to construct and operate certain expansion facilities, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The application

may be viewed on the web at [www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm](http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm) (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance).

MCGP states that it currently operates a 30-inch diameter, 45-mile natural gas pipeline extending from West Delta Block 143, offshore Louisiana, to a terminus near the Venice Gas Plant, Plaquemine Parish, Louisiana. It is stated that the capacity of this pipeline is 600,000 Mcf per day (Mcf/d). It is further stated that in order to accommodate increasing volumes of natural gas from reserves dedicated to MCGP and from new fields which will be dedicated to MCGP pending the instant proposal, MCGP has determined that it is necessary to expand the firm capacity of the pipeline from 600,000 Mcf/d to 800,000 Mcf/d. MCGP maintains that it can achieve the necessary capacity expansion through a combination of metering equipment and operating pressure changes. Therefore, MCGP proposes to construct, install and operate additional meter facilities at the Venice Gas Plant delivery point and lower all onshore delivery point pressures in the Venice area to a maximum of 1050 psig while establishing a maximum receipt point pressure of 1325 psig at West Delta Block 143 "A" platform (collectively referred to as the Expansion Facilities). MCGP estimates the total cost of the Expansion Facilities to be \$216,464, which will be financed from funds on hand. In addition, MCGP requests a predetermination that rolled-in rates are appropriate for the proposed Expansion Facilities.

Any person desiring to participate in the hearing process or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before March 11, 1999, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., 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 Natural Gas Act (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. The Commission's rules require that protestors provide copies of their protests to the party or parties directly involved. 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.

A person obtaining intervenor status will be placed on the service list