

mile radius of NALF Fentress between 1990 and 2000.

An OLF located at Site C in Washington County—an area of low population density with compatible surrounding land uses, minimal environmental impacts, and centrally located between MCAS Cherry Point and NAS Oceana—will give the Navy critical operational flexibility and enhanced responsiveness to meet emergent threats to national security and provide the greatest potential as a valuable training asset for current and future years.

ALT 6 maximizes the use of existing infrastructure at both NAS Oceana and MCAS Cherry Point, achieves economies of scale in support, maintenance, training, and personnel requirements, optimizes effective FCLP training, and reduces or minimizes environmental impacts at all affected locations. It provides the best solution for the Navy, the affected communities, and the taxpayer.

Dated: September 3, 2003.

Hansford T. Johnson,

Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment).

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 10, 2003.

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 Leader, Regulatory 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.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: September 5, 2003.

Angela C. Arrington,

Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Section 704 Annual

Performance Report (Parts I and II).

Frequency: Annually.

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

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 319.

Burden Hours: 11,165.

Abstract: Section 706(d), 721(b)(3), and 725(c) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (Act) and corresponding program regulations in 34 CFR parts 364, 365, and 366 require centers for independent living, Statewide Independent Living Councils (SILCs) and Designated State Units (DSUs) supported under Parts B and C of Chapter 1 of Title VII of the Act to submit to the Secretary of Education (Secretary) annual performance information and identify training and technical assistance needs.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://www.edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2337. When you access the information collection,

click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651 or to the e-mail address vivian_reese@ed.gov. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346. *Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.*

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Sheila Carey at her e-mail address Sheila.Carey@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PL03-3-000]

Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

September 5, 2003.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Request for Office of Management and Budget Emergency Processing of proposed information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of Section 3507(j)(1) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), and 5 CFR 1320.13 of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is providing notice of its request to OMB for emergency processing of a proposed collection of information in connection with the "Policy Statement on Natural Gas and Electric Price Indices" issued in Docket No. PL03-3-000. The Commission is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described below.

DATES: The Commission and OMB must receive comments on or before September 17, 2003. Because the Commission has requested OMB to process the proposed collection of information in Docket No. PL03-3-000 on an emergency basis, comments on this collection of information should be filed with OMB, attention FERC Desk

Officer, as soon as possible. The Commission is requesting that OMB make a determination on this information collection requirement by September 19, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be filed electronically via the eFiling link on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Commenters unable to file comments electronically must send an original and 14 copies of their comments to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Secretary, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. A copy of the comments should also be served on OMB: FERC Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202 NEOB, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ted Gerarden, Office of Market Oversight and Investigations, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, Ted.Gerarden@ferc.gov or (202) 502-6187; Rafael Martinez, Office of Market Oversight and Investigations, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, Rafael.Martinez@ferc.gov or (202) 502-6336.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This reporting requirement is intended to determine whether the Policy Statement on Natural Gas and Electric Indices, 104 FERC ¶ 61,121 (July 24, 2003), is having the desired effect of encouraging more voluntary reporting of energy trade data to support the formation of accurate, reliable and transparent prices for natural gas and electricity.

Price indices are widely used in bilateral natural gas and electric commodity markets to track spot and forward prices. Uncertainty over industry expectations and government regulatory guidelines, however, has inhibited the number of transactions voluntarily reported to index developers, resulting in a lack of confidence in the reliability of energy price indices. The Commission determined that steps were needed to strengthen confidence in the day-ahead, month-ahead and forward natural gas markets and the day-ahead and forward electricity markets by encouraging comprehensive reporting of energy transactions to price index developers and by encouraging price index developers to provide useful information about liquidity to the industry.

The Policy Statement provided the industry with the Commission's views on desirable characteristics of a price

index and the standards companies should use when reporting energy transactions to index developers. In addition, the Commission adopted a "safe harbor" provision for market participants. If the market participants adopt and follow the standards set out in the Policy Statement, the Commission will presume that transaction data submitted to index developers is accurate, timely and submitted in good faith, and the Commission will not penalize inadvertent errors.

The Policy Statement is intended to increase voluntary participation in the price formation process, with the expectation that greater participation in turn will give all industry participants more confidence in the liquidity and transparency of reported prices.

The Commission will monitor developments under the Policy Statement closely over the next several months and assess the degree to which voluntary reporting increases, as well as how index developers and data providers implement the Commission's recommended standards. If voluntary reporting does not increase to the point that indices are sufficiently robust to support a healthy market, or if the standards recommended by the Commission herein are not widely adopted, the Commission will consider further action to ensure accurate, dependable, and trustworthy wholesale price information.

The information collection will help the Commission understand whether the Policy Statement standards are being adopted by the industry and whether market participants are reporting bilateral energy transactions to any greater degree than before the Policy Statement was issued. The information reported will be of a general nature, concerning each respondent's practices with respect to reporting energy trade information. The survey will not seek specific trade data.

The information to be collected will assist the Commission to determine whether the Policy Statement is having a beneficial effect and, if not, what further steps the Commission can take to encourage voluntary participation in price formation or to mandate price reporting. This information will enable Commission staff to carry out the mandate of the Policy Statement to monitor price formation for natural gas and electricity.

The Commission needs to gauge reaction to the Policy Statement more quickly than this in order to determine whether further steps are needed to increase the accuracy, reliability and transparency of price indices before the

winter heating season. The industry has made it clear to the Commission that the issue of price formation is of critical importance and that time is of the essence in providing administrative guidance that will improve the current situation.

Nature of Information Collection: The survey will be sent to no more than 300 market participants. The participants selected will include producers, generators, marketers, industrial users, and commercial customers for natural gas and/or electricity. The companies will be sellers or purchasers of large quantities of energy likely to engage in multiple transactions at different locations to market natural gas and/or electricity or to serve their energy needs. The companies will be ones that engage in bilateral arm's length energy trades in the physical (cash) markets. Entities that trade in financial instruments only will not be included in the survey.

The survey consists of 20 questions, ten concerning current activity since issuance of the Policy Statement and ten parallel questions concerning activity before the Policy Statement. The survey seeks information about whether the participant engaged in bilateral energy trades and, if so, whether the participant trades in natural gas or electricity (or both). The survey asks the participant whether it is currently reporting trade data and, if not, why not, and whether few, some, many, or all trades were reported.

The survey asks how the participant reports trade data and what elements of trade information are reported. The survey asks the participant if they have adopted the guidelines for trade data reporters in the Policy Statement and, if so, to provide information to the Commission about the standards of conduct adopted. The survey consists primarily of "yes/no" questions or multiple choice questions, but respondents may also provide a narrative response to any question.

The Commission proposes to collect information from the surveyed market participants two times: an initial response due October 1, 2003 and a supplemental response due March 1, 2004. The supplemental response is to determine whether there have been any changes from the initial response. This followup is necessary to determine whether the Policy Statement is having the desired effect of encouraging more voluntary reporting of price information to price index developers.

Background: The Commission's statutory obligations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), 15 U.S.C. 717, the Natural Gas Policy Act (NGPA), 15 U.S.C. 3301, and the Federal Power Act,

16 U.S.C. 791, are to maintain just and reasonable rates for jurisdictional sales of natural gas and electricity and for natural gas transportation and power transmission, to protect consumers of natural gas and electricity from the exercise of monopoly power, and to establish a regulatory framework that improves the competitive structure of the natural gas and electric power industries. The current regulatory model is a hybrid that has evolved from total regulatory control of monopoly interstate natural gas pipelines and electric transmission facilities to a regulatory environment that fosters competition.

In this environment, the wholesale markets must be structured to promote competition. Robust price formation is a key element of such markets. Under market-based pricing, the Commission must ensure that wholesale prices for

natural gas and electricity are formed in a robust market with sufficient information available to all participants to permit them to judge the liquidity of markets and accuracy of the prices reported.

To enable the Commission to fulfill this duty, the NGA, the NGPA, and the FPA all authorize the Commission to conduct investigations and collect information. In this case, the information relates to whether market participants are helping in price formation. In other words, the survey asks market participants whether they are reporting their energy trades to a developer of commercially available price indices or trading or having trades confirmed on electronic exchanges that generate indices from such electronic trades or confirmations.

Information Collection Statement: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995,

44 U.S.C. 3507, and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) implementing regulations at 5 CFR 1320.10 require OMB to approve certain reporting and recordkeeping requirements (collections of information) imposed by a federal agency. Upon approval of a collection of information, OMB will assign an OMB control number and an expiration date.

The proposed information collection request will be done in a two-stage survey (OMB Control No. to be assigned). The respondents will include producers, generators, marketers, industrial users, and commercial customers. Responses to the information collection request will be voluntary.

Burden Statement: The maximum public reporting burden for this collection is estimated as:

Information item	Initial response	Supplemental response
Number of respondents	300	300
Number of hours per respondent	5	2
Total hours	1,500	600
Grand total hours		2,100

Cost to respondents:

Total hours burden all respondents	Person hours per year ¹	Estimated salary per year ²	Total cost
2,100	1,040	\$117,041	\$236,332.79

¹ Because this information collection has been submitted for approval under OMB's emergency processing procedures, the Commission will only collect data for a six month period. As a result, for computation of the work hours per year factor, the hours have been cut in half.

² Because of the variation of salaries for professional and clerical staff among the respondents and in order to use an average, the Commission is assuming that the "salary" per employee within the energy industry is comparable to that of the Commission staff. This average takes into account the salaries and benefits of professional, clerical, and technical staff.

The average cost per respondent is \$787.77.

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. Interested persons may send comments regarding these burden estimates or any other aspect on the proposed information collection, including suggestions for reductions of burden, to the FERC Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202 NEOB, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, phone (202) 395-7318 or by fax at (202) 395-7285. A copy of any comments filed with OMB should also be filed with the Commission. Comments may be filed electronically via the eFiling link on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Commenters unable to file comments electronically must send an original and 14 copies of their comments to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Secretary,

888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Document Availability: In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission also provides interested persons an opportunity to inspect or copy contents of this document during normal business hours in the Public Reference Room at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426. Additionally, comments may be viewed and printed remotely via the Internet through FERC's home page, <http://www.ferc.gov>, and in FERC's Public Reference Room during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time) at 888 First

Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP03-591-000]

CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

September 4, 2003.

Take notice that on August 29, 2003, CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company (CEGT) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Sixth Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheets to be effective on October 1, 2003:

First Revised Sheet No. 456.

Original Sheet No. 456A.

CEGT states that the purpose of this filing is to add a new type of discount provision to Section 12.5(a) of the General Terms and Conditions that CEGT may include in a discount rate agreement without constituting a material deviation from CEGT's pro forma service agreement. CEGT states that this new provision would provide for discounts to be based on published index prices for specific receipt or delivery points or other agreed-upon published pricing reference points.

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 section 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with § 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. 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" (FERRIS). Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FEROnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-

free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing link."

Comment Date: September 10, 2003.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP03-585-000]

Colorado Interstate Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Filing

September 4, 2003.

Take notice that on August 29, 2003, Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, Twenty-Ninth Revised Sheet No. 11A, to become effective October 1, 2003.

CIG states the tariff sheet is being filed to revise the Fuel Reimbursement Percentages applicable to Lost, Unaccounted-For and Other Fuel Gas, Transportation Fuel Gas, and Storage Fuel Gas.

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 § 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. 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, please contact FERC Online Support at FEROnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the

instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link.

Comment Date: September 10, 2003.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP03-594-000]

Colorado Interstate Gas Company; Notice of Tariff Filing

September 4, 2003.

Take notice that on August 29, 2003, Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, Fourth Revised Sheet No. 322. The sheet is proposed to become effective September 29, 2003.

CIG states that the tendered tariff sheet clarifies the minimum and maximum receipt and delivery pressure options provided in the Tariff.

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 § 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. 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" (FERRIS). Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FEROnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "eFiling" link.

Comment Date: September 10, 2003.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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