

Beginning in 1992, the pipeline industry underwent a major transformation with the passage of Order No. 636. Order No. 637 and the Certificate Policy Statement further spurred the evolution of the industry. Then the 2000–2001 energy crisis was followed by a post-crisis credit crunch. The traditional model of long-term contracts at cost-based rates has been increasingly replaced by short-term contracts at negotiated rates. As a result, the face of the pipeline industry has changed with consolidations and acquisitions by financial investors and diversified companies.

Panelists: Commissioner Donald Mason, Ohio Public Utilities Commission and Chair of the NARUC Gas Committee; James Cleary, President, Western Pipelines, El Paso Corporation; Michael Walsh, Managing Director, AIG Highstar; Scott Parker, President, Natural Gas Pipelines, Kinder Morgan; and Todd Shipman, Director, Energy & Project Finance, Standard & Poor’s.

11:50 a.m.—Panel III: Future of the Pipeline Industry

What changes in current regulatory policies might improve the economic and regulatory environment in order to spur interstate pipeline development?

Developments in response to expected increases in natural gas demand will bring natural gas to the U.S. via LNG imports or from unconventional sources of domestic gas. However, there must be an adequate transmission system—interstate pipelines—to deliver this gas to the distribution companies and the end users.

Panelists: Martha Wyrsh, President and CEO, Duke Energy Gas Transmission, on behalf of the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America; Larry Bickle, Managing Director,

Haddington Ventures, LLC; James Wilson, Principal, LECG, LLC; Richard Smead, Director, Navigant Consulting Inc.; Alex Strawn, Chairman, Process Gas Consumers Group; Sam Brothwell, Director, Equity Research-Electric & Gas Utilities, Wachovia; and Michael Gildea, Constellation Generation on behalf of Electric Power Supply Association.

12:55 p.m.—Open Forum

1:15 p.m.—Closing Remarks

1:30 p.m.—Adjourn

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98–1–000]

Records Governing Off-the Record Communications; Public Notice

October 11, 2005.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(b), of the receipt of prohibited and exempt off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive a prohibited or exempt off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested proceeding, to deliver to the Secretary, a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication.

Prohibited communications are included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not a part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any

responses thereto should become a part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such a request only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication shall serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications are included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of off-the-record communications recently received in ‘the Office of the Secretary. The communications listed are grouped by docket numbers in ascending order. These filings are 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) 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 FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659.

EXEMPT

Docket No.	Date received	Presenter or requester
1. CP98–150–000	9–22–05	Hon. Sherwood Boehlert.
2. Project No. 1971–000	10–6–05	Michael J. Bart, P.E.
3. Project No. 2630–004	10–6–05	Linda Lehman.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[SFUND-2005-0003, FRL-7984-4]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Brownfields Program Revitalization Grantee Reporting, EPA ICR Number 2104.01, OMB Control Number 2050-0192

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit a continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This is a request to renew an existing approved collection. This ICR is scheduled to expire on August 31, 2006. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before December 16, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing docket ID number SFUND-2005-0003, to EPA online using EDOCKET (our preferred method), by e-mail to superfund.docket@epa.gov, or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, OSWER Docket, 5202T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stacy Swartwood, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER), Office of Brownfields Cleanup and Redevelopment (OBCR) 5105T, U.S. EPA Headquarters, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 566-1391; fax number: (202) 566-2757; e-mail address: swartwood.stacy@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID number SFUND-2005-0003, which is available for public viewing at the OSWER Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA

Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the OSWER Docket is (202) 566-0276. An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA Dockets (EDOCKET) at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket>. Use EDOCKET to obtain a copy of the draft collection of information, submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the docket ID number identified above.

Any comments related to this ICR should be submitted to EPA within 60 days of this notice. EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing in EDOCKET as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, CBI, or other information whose public disclosure is restricted by statute. When EPA identifies a comment containing copyrighted material, EPA will provide a reference to that material in the version of the comment that is placed in EDOCKET. The entire printed comment, including the copyrighted material, will be available in the public docket. Although identified as an item in the official docket, information claimed as CBI, or whose disclosure is otherwise restricted by statute, is not included in the official public docket, and will not be available for public viewing in EDOCKET. For further information about the electronic docket, see EPA's **Federal Register** notice describing the electronic docket at 67 FR 38102 (May 31, 2002), or go to www.epa.gov/edocket.

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are states, tribes, local governments, and certain non-governmental organizations that apply for and receive grants from EPA to support the assessment, cleanup and redevelopment of brownfields properties.

Title: Brownfields Program—Grant Reporting Information Collection Request.

Abstract: The Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act (Pub. L. 107-118) ("the Brownfields Amendments") was signed into law on January 11, 2002. The Act amends the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended, and authorizes EPA to award grants to

States, tribes, local governments, and other eligible entities to assess and clean up brownfields sites. Under the Brownfields Amendments, a brownfields site means real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. For grant funding purposes, EPA uses the term "brownfields property(ies)" synonymously with the term "brownfields sites." The Brownfields Amendments authorize EPA to award several types of grants to eligible entities on a competitive basis.

Under subtitle A of the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act, States, tribes, local governments, and other eligible entities can receive assessment grants to inventory, characterize, assess, and conduct planning and community involvement related to brownfields properties; cleanup grants to carry out cleanup activities at brownfields properties; grants to capitalize revolving loan funds and provide subgrants for cleanup activities; and job training grants to support the creation and implementation of environmental job training and placement programs. Under subtitle C of the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act, State and tribes can receive grants to establish and enhance their response programs. The grants support activities necessary to establish or enhance four elements of state and tribal response programs and to meet the public record requirements under the statute. The four elements include: (a) Timely survey and inventory of brownfield sites in the State or in the tribal land; (b) oversight and enforcement authorities or other mechanisms and resources; (c) mechanisms and resources to provide meaningful opportunities for public participation; and (d) mechanisms for approval of a cleanup plan and verification and certification that cleanup is complete. States and tribes that receive funding under subtitle C must establish a public record system during the grant funding period unless an adequate public record system is already established.

Grant recipients have general reporting and record keeping requirements as a condition of their grant that result in burden. A portion of this reporting and record keeping burden is authorized under 40 CFR parts 30 and 31 and identified in the EPA's general grants ICR (OMB Control Number 2030-0020). EPA requires Brownfields program grant recipients to