

quality problems that resulted in the termination of the survey Form EIA-895 *Annual Quantity and Value of Natural Gas Production Report* in 2012. The Form EIA-895 was designed to obtain monthly information on an annual and voluntary basis from the appropriate state agencies that collect data related to natural gas production. EIA discontinued the Form EIA-895 as a result of disparities in the quality of the data submissions and problems with enforcement and compliance with survey requirements. Some examples of these quality and compliance issues included delayed survey responses and incomplete submissions of key requested data elements that directly affected the EIA wellhead price estimation, such as associated volumes and revenues of marketed natural gas production. Since the termination of the Form EIA-895, EIA has explored possibilities for continuing the wellhead price series while also avoiding the shortcomings of the discontinued survey.

Conceptual issues associated with the wellhead price also contribute to the data quality problems. The wellhead price is defined as the per-unit value of natural gas at the mouth of the well. However, in practice, the concept of the wellhead price is problematic as a result of the complexities of the long-term and short-term transactions that occur between natural gas producers, processors, marketers, and consumers along the natural gas value chain, as well as to the heterogeneity of natural gas production at the wellhead. The differing quality and thermal content of natural gas at the wellhead makes comparison of prices resulting from transactions across differing regions difficult because it is often unclear whether the gas in a given transaction contains marketable hydrocarbon liquids or unmarketable nonhydrocarbon gases. Natural gas production and revenue data supplied by the states is not sufficiently detailed for making these kinds of distinctions.

As an alternative upstream price, EIA has explored using spot or bidweek prices from established hubs, such as prices for natural gas at the Henry Hub in Louisiana and the prices of selected NGLs at the Mont Belvieu location in Texas. Natural gas spot price information could resolve some of the issues associated with obtaining upstream wellhead prices for natural gas because these prices result from transactions for pipeline quality gas, which is a well-defined, uniform commodity. In theory, a wellhead price could be derived from nearby spot prices, assuming that transportation,

processing, and related costs are known or knowable. However, obtaining this kind of information about the natural gas value chain leading to the market hub would likely be burdensome, and EIA currently has no plans to undertake such an analysis. As a result, EIA has begun to publish natural gas spot prices at the Henry Hub and a composite NGL price, excluding liquids produced at crude oil refineries, at the Mont Belvieu market location.

Historically, EIA has estimated preliminary values for the monthly U.S. natural gas wellhead price using a time-series econometric model, which incorporates data from historical wellhead prices, the New York Mercantile Exchange (Nymex) futures final settlement price for near-month delivery at the Henry Hub, and reported spot market prices at four major trading hubs: Carthage, Texas; Katy, Texas; Waha, Texas; and El Paso non-Bondad, New Mexico (see *Natural Gas Monthly*, Appendix A, June 2012, for details). These model-based estimates were replaced with the data submissions reported on the Form EIA-895, when the data became available. Wellhead prices have been estimated using this model through 2012. However, the growth in natural gas production in other parts of the contiguous U.S. outside of Texas has reduced the reliability of the model estimates. Moreover, with the discontinuation of the Form EIA-895, updating these estimates with reported values is no longer feasible.

EIA proposes discontinuation of the wellhead price series because wellhead price data is not readily available and spot price information can provide a reasonable substitute. Further, obtaining wellhead price information would require a comprehensive study that could prove costly and burdensome to the public and seems impractical given current resource constraints. Absent a source of wellhead price information, EIA cannot objectively verify its model-based wellhead price estimates of the national average wellhead price. Finally, natural gas spot and bidweek prices, in conjunction with NGL spot prices, provide a reasonable proxy for upstream natural gas prices.

III. Current Actions

In September 2012, EIA began publishing the Henry Hub natural gas spot price and a Mont Belvieu NGL composite spot price in the *Natural Gas Monthly*. Beginning in January 2013, EIA will discontinue publishing wellhead prices.

Statutory Authority: Section 13(b) of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974, Pub. L. 93-275, codified at 15 U.S.C. 772(b).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

Filings Instituting Proceedings

Docket Numbers: RP13-306-000.

Applicants: Ryckman Creek Resources, LLC.

Description: Notice of Withdrawal.

Filed Date: 11/27/12.

Accession Number: 20121127-5146.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/10/12.

Docket Numbers: RP13-311-000.

Applicants: Cimarron River Pipeline, LLC.

Description: Cimarron River Pipeline, LLC submits Cash Out Refund Report.

Filed Date: 11/27/12.

Accession Number: 20121127-5049.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/10/12.

Docket Numbers: RP13-312-000.

Applicants: Alliance Pipeline L.P.

Description: December 2012 Capacity Auction to be effective 12/1/2012.

Filed Date: 11/27/12.

Accession Number: 20121127-5200.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/10/12.

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Filings in Existing Proceedings

Docket Numbers: RP12-1113-001.

Applicants: Ryckman Creek Resources, LLC.

Description: Ryckman Creek Compliance Filing to be effective 12/1/2012.

Filed Date: 11/27/12.

Accession Number: 20121127-5162.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/10/12.

Docket Numbers: RP12-490-001.

Applicants: Northwest Pipeline GP.
Description: NWP Settlement Rates Compliance Filing to be effective 1/1/2013.

Filed Date: 11/27/12.

Accession Number: 20121127–5130.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/10/12.

Docket Numbers: RP13–49–001.

Applicants: Gulfstream Natural Gas System, L.L.C.

Description: RP13–49–000 Compliance Filing to be effective 12/1/2012.

Filed Date: 11/27/12.

Accession Number: 20121127–5215.

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Filings Instituting Proceedings

Docket Numbers: RP13–308–000.

Applicants: Chandeleur Pipe Line Company.

Description: Chandeleur—FLLA Annual Filing to be effective 1/1/2013.

Filed Date: 11/26/12.

Accession Number: 20121126–5022.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/10/12.

Docket Numbers: RP13–309–000.

Applicants: Cameron Interstate Pipeline, LLC.

Description: Cameron Interstate Pipeline Annual Adjustment of Fuel Retainage Percentage to be effective 1/1/2013.

Filed Date: 11/26/12.

Accession Number: 20121126–5084.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/10/12.

Docket Numbers: RP13–310–000.

Applicants: Vector Pipeline L.P.
Description: Petition for Temporary Exemption From Tariff Provisions of Vector Pipeline L.P.

Filed Date: 11/26/12.

Accession Number: 20121126–5274.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 11/29/12.

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Filings in Existing Proceedings

Docket Numbers: RP12–318–005.

Applicants: Texas Eastern Transmission, LP.

Description: Reservation Charge Credit Response Filing to be effective 12/31/9998.

Filed Date: 11/26/12.

Accession Number: 20121126–5216.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/10/12.

Docket Numbers: RP13–52–001.

Applicants: Cimarron River Pipeline, LLC.

Description: NAESB Version 2.0 Tariff Compliance Filing to be effective 12/1/2012.

Filed Date: 11/26/12.

Accession Number: 20121126–5032.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/10/12.

Docket Numbers: RP13–53–001.

Applicants: Dauphin Island Gathering Partners.

Description: Dauphin Island Gathering Partners submits tariff filing per 154.203: Tariff Compliance Filing NAESB Version 2.0 to be effective 12/1/2012.

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Accession Number: 20121126–5034.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/10/12.

Docket Numbers: RP13–59–001.

Applicants: Tuscarora Gas Transmission Company.

Description: RP13–59–000 NAESB Compliance to be effective 12/1/2012.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

Docket Numbers: ER10–2719–010; ER10–2718–010; ER10–2578–012; ER10–2633–010; ER10–2570–010; ER10–2717–010; ER10–3140–009.

Applicants: East Coast Power Linden Holding, L.L.C., Cogen Technologies Linden Venture, L.P., Fox Energy Company LLC, Birchwood Power Partners, L.P., Shady Hills Power Company, L.L.C., EFS Parlin Holdings, LLC, Inland Empire Energy Center, LLC.

Description: Supplement to November 6, 2012 Notice of Non-Material Change in Status of East Coast Power Linden Holding, L.L.C., *et al.*

Filed Date: 11/26/12.

Accession Number: 20121126–5023.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/17/12.

Docket Numbers: ER12–1914–002.

Applicants: ISO New England Inc.

Description: Compliance filing-Rel. Review of Rejected List Bids to be effective 8/1/2012.

Filed Date: 11/26/12.

Accession Number: 20121126–5095.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/17/12.

Docket Numbers: ER12–1928–001.

Applicants: Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.

Description: Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. submits tariff filing per 35: G551 Compliance Filing to be effective 6/2/2012.

Filed Date: 11/26/12.

Accession Number: 20121126–5096.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/17/12.

Docket Numbers: ER13–413–001.

Applicants: USG Oregon LLC.

Description: USG Oregon Amended Tariff Filing to be effective 1/17/2013.