

On January 31, 2012, the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (DOE OE) hosted the Smart Grid Privacy Workshop¹ to facilitate a dialog among key industry stakeholders. On February 23, 2012, the White House released the report, *Consumer Data Privacy in a Networked World: A Framework for Protecting Privacy and Promoting Innovation in the Global Digital Economy*² (Privacy Blueprint). The Privacy Blueprint outlines a multi-stakeholder process for developing voluntary codes of conduct that, if adopted by businesses, would instill consumer confidence. In response to workshop findings and in support of the Privacy Blueprint, DOE OE and the Federal Smart Grid Task Force will facilitate a multistakeholder process to develop a Voluntary Code of Conduct (VCC) for utilities and third parties providing consumer energy use services. The goal of the process is to develop a common set of practices that will provide privacy protections for consumers with regard to access, use, and sharing of electricity usage and related data and will provide regulators and decision makers with a resource for evaluating potential privacy regulations and practices.

Matters to be considered: The meeting on February 26, 2013 will be the first in a series of DOE-convened multi-stakeholder discussions concerning the development of a VCC and will engage stakeholders in an open, transparent process. The objectives of the meeting are to (1) promote discussion among stakeholders regarding a proposed VCC outline, including the types of data to be covered and (2) establish procedural rules for developing the VCC. Additional information can be found at www.smartgrid.gov/privacy.

Audience: Stakeholders who may be interested in participating include—but are not limited to—utilities, consumer advocates, regulators, third party providers, building energy managers, academics, and home energy auditors.

Other Information: The meeting is open to the public and the press. Attendees should arrive at least one-half hour prior to the start of the meeting to facilitate entry to the FERC building. Participants will be required to show valid, government-issued photo identification upon arrival. Foreign nationals must contact Eric Lightner at

(202) 586–8130 or eric.lightner@hq.doe.gov at least seven (7) business days prior to the meeting in order to provide the necessary clearance information and must present valid, government-issued photo identification upon arrival. This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Eric Lightner at (202) 586–8130 or eric.lightner@hq.doe.gov at least seven (7) business days prior to the meeting.

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Patricia A. Hoffman,
Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP13–58–000]

National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Prior Notice of Activity Under Blanket Certificate

On January 24, 2013, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National Fuel) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) an application under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Sections 157.205 and 157.216 of the Commission's regulations for authorization to abandon facilities at its Boone Mountain Storage Field located in Elk County, Pennsylvania. National Fuel seeks authority to plug and abandon Well 4940 and to abandon the associated well line F–W4940. Well 4940 has not contributed to storage field deliverability since 2005, so the abandonment will not affect overall storage field performance.

Questions regarding this application may be directed to David W. Reitz, Deputy General Counsel, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation, 6363 Main Street, Williamsville, New York 14221, or by calling 716–857–7949.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 60 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 NGA (18 CFR 157.205), a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, 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 allowed time for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the NGA.

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 proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such motions or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant, on or before the comment date. It is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the “eFiling” link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and seven copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the “eLibrary” link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an “eSubscription” link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on April 2, 2013.

Dated: February 1, 2013.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC13–3–000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–60, FERC–61, & FERC–555A); Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy.

¹ DOE Smart Grid Data Privacy Workshop Report is available at http://www.smartgrid.gov/document/us_department_energy_smart_grid_privacy_workshop_summary_report.

² Privacy Blueprint is available at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/privacyfinal.pdf>.

ACTION: Comment request.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is submitting the information collections [FERC-60 (Annual Report of Centralized Service Companies), FERC-61 (Narrative Description of Service Company Functions), and FERC-555A (Preservation of Records Companies and Service Companies Subject to PUHCA ¹)] to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review of the information collection requirements. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission issued a Notice in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 70996, 11/28/2012) requesting public comments. FERC received no comments on the FERC-60, FERC-61, & FERC-555A and is making this notation in its submittal to OMB.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due by March 13, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Comments filed with OMB, identified by the OMB Control No. 1902-0215, should be sent via email to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs: *oira_submission@omb.gov*. Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. The Desk Officer may also be reached via telephone at 202-395-4718.

A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, identified by the Docket No. IC13-3-000, by either of the following methods:

- eFiling at Commission's Web Site: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>.

- Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Instructions: All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp>. For user assistance contact FERC Online Support by email at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or by phone at: (866) 208-3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502-8659 for TTY.

Docket: Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this

docket or in viewing/downloading comments and issuances in this docket may do so at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/docs-filing.asp>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen Brown may be reached by email at DataClearance@FERC.gov, by telephone at (202) 502-8663, and by fax at (202) 273-0873.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC-60 (Annual Report of Centralized Service Companies), FERC-61 (Narrative Description of Service Company Functions), and FERC-555A (Preservation of Records Companies and Service Companies Subject to PUHCA. *OMB Control No.:* 1902-0215.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-60, FERC-61, & FERC-555A information collection requirements with no changes to the reporting requirements.

Abstract: On August 8, 2005, the Energy Policy Act of 2005, was signed into law, repealing the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 (PUHCA 1935) and enacting the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005 (PUHCA 2005). Section 1264 ² and Section 1275 ³ of PUHCA 2005 supplemented FERC's existing ratemaking authority under the Federal Power Act (FPA) to protect customers against improper cross-subsidization or encumbrances of public utility assets, and similarly, FERC's ratemaking authority under the Natural Gas Act (NGA). These provisions of PUHCA 2005 supplemented the FERC's broad authority under FPA Section 301 and NGA section 8 to obtain the books and records of regulated companies and any person that controls or is under the influence of such companies if relevant to jurisdictional activities.

FERC Form 60

Form No. 60 is an annual reporting requirement under 18 CFR 366.23 for centralized service companies. The report's function is to collect financial information (including balance sheet, assets, liabilities, billing and charges for associated and non-associated companies) from centralized service companies subject to the jurisdiction of the FERC. Unless Commission rule exempts or grants a waiver pursuant to 18 CFR 366.3 and 366.4 to the holding company system, every centralized service company in a holding company system must prepare and file electronically with the FERC the Form

No. 60, pursuant to the General Instructions in the form.

FERC-61

FERC-61 is a filing requirement for service companies in holding company systems (including special purpose companies) that are currently exempt or granted a waiver of FERC's regulations and would not have to file FERC Form 60. Instead, those service companies are required to file, on an annual basis, a narrative description of the service company's functions during the prior calendar year (FERC-61). In complying, a holding company may make a single filing on behalf of all of its service company subsidiaries.

FERC-555A

FERC prescribed a mandated preservation of records requirements for holding companies and service companies (unless otherwise exempted by FERC). This requires them to maintain and make available to FERC, their books and records. The preservation of records requirement provides for uniform records retention by holding companies and centralized service companies subject to PUHCA 2005.

Data from the FERC Form 60, FERC-61, and FERC-555A provide a level of transparency that: (1) Helps protect ratepayers from pass-through of improper service company costs, (2) enables FERC to review and determine cost allocations (among holding company members) for certain non-power goods and services, (3) aids FERC in meeting its oversight and market monitoring obligations, and (4) benefits the public, both as ratepayers and investors. In addition, the FERC's audit staff used these records during compliance reviews and special analyses.

If data from the FERC Form 60, FERC-61, and FERC-555A were not available, FERC would not be able to meet its statutory responsibilities, under EPCA 1992, EPCA of 2005, and PUHCA 2005, and FERC would not have all of the regulatory mechanisms necessary to ensure customer protection.

Type of Respondents: Electric transmission facilities

Estimate of Annual Burden ⁴: The Commission estimates the total Public Reporting Burden for this information collection as:

¹ Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005

² Federal Books and Records Access Provision

³ Non-Power Goods and Services Provision

⁴ Burden is defined as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. For further

explanation of what is included in the information collection burden, reference 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

FERC-60 (ANNUAL REPORT OF CENTRALIZED SERVICE COMPANIES), FERC-61 (NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE COMPANY FUNCTIONS), & FERC-555A (PRESERVATION OF RECORDS COMPANIES AND SERVICE COMPANIES SUBJECT TO PUHCA)

	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden hours per response	Estimated total annual burden
	(A)	(B)	(A)×(B)=(C)	(D)	(C)×(D)
FERC-60	34	1	34	75	2,550
FERC-61	82	1	82	0.5	41
FERC-555A	100	1	100	1,080	108,000
Total					110,591

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$4,735,093.16 [\$306,000 (FERC Form 60) + \$2,829.41 (FERC-61) + \$4,426,263.75 (FERC-555A) = \$4,735,093.16]

FERC Form 60: 2,550 hours * \$120/hour = \$306,000

FERC-61: 41 hours * \$69.01/hour = \$2,829.41

FERC-555A⁵:

- Labor costs for paper storage: 108,000 hours * \$19/hours⁶ = \$2,052,000

- Record Retention/storage cost for paper storage (using an estimate of 6,000 ft³): \$38,763.75

- Electronic record retention/storage cost: \$2,335,500 [108,000 hours ÷ 2 = 54,000 * \$28/hour⁷ = \$1,512,000; electronic record storage cost: 54,000 hours * \$15.25/year⁸ = \$823,500; total electronic record storage: \$2,335,500]

Comments: Comments are invited on:

- (1) Whether the 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 and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection;
- and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

⁵ Internal analysis assumes 50% electronic and 50% paper storage

⁶ 2012 average hourly wage of filing clerk working within an electric utility

⁷ The Commission bases the \$28/hour figure on a FERC staff study that included estimating public utility recordkeeping costs.

⁸ Per entity; the Commission bases this figure on the estimated cost to service and to store 1 GB of data (based on the aggregated cost of an IBM advanced data protection server).

Dated: February 5, 2013.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP13-59-000]

Dominion Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Application

Take notice that on January 25, 2013, Dominion Transmission, Inc. (Dominion), 120 Tredegar Street, Richmond, VA 23219, filed an application in Docket No. CP13-59-000 pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations, requesting authorization to abandon by sale Line No. TL-404 to Dominion Natrium Holdings, Inc. and ultimately, Blue Racer Midstream, LLC, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to Machel F. Grim, Director, Gas Regulation, Dominion Resources Services, Inc., 701 E. Cary Street, Richmond, VA 23219, by telephone at (804) 771-3805, by facsimile at (804) 771-4804, or by email at Machelle.F.Grim@dom.com or Margaret H. Peters, Assistant General Counsel, Dominion Resources Services, Inc., 701 E. Cary Street, Richmond, VA 23219, by telephone at (804) 771-3992, by facsimile at (804) 771-3940, or by email at Margaret.H.Peters@dom.com.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888

First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene 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). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit an original and 7 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 7 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an