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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

Atmosphere to Electrons (A2e) is a multi-year Department of Energy (DOE) research initiative targeting significant reductions in the cost of wind energy through an improved understanding of the complex physics of the wind resource and interaction with wind farms. Better insight into the flow physics and resource forecasting has the potential to increase wind farm energy capture, reduce annual operational costs, and improve project financing. Achieving these objectives requires a diverse set of expertise and significant R&D resources. The Wind and Water Power Technologies Office (WWPTO) has selected subject matter experts from its national laboratories at NREL, SNL, and PNNL to assist in the integrated program planning for the initiative based on DOE investments in world class computational and testing facilities as well as core expertise in topics critical to the success of the A2e initiative available at these laboratories. These national laboratories are engaging the wider wind energy stakeholder community (e.g., industry, other national labs, other government agencies, universities, international partners) to develop a multi-year strategic plan that addresses wind plant performance under the A2e initiative.

Public Participation

The event is open to the public based upon space availability. DOE will also accept public comments as described above for purposes of developing the A2e portfolio, but will not respond individually to comments received.

Participants should limit information and comments to those based on personal experience, individual advice, information, or facts regarding this topic. It is not the object of this session to obtain any group position or consensus from the meeting participants. To most effectively use the limited time, please refrain from passing judgment on another participant's recommendations or advice, and instead, concentrate on your individual experiences.

Following the meeting a summary will be compiled by DOE and posted for public comment. For those interested in providing additional public comment, the summary will be posted at wind.energy.gov.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

Individuals requiring special accommodations at the meeting, please contact Samantha Rooney no later than the close of business on February 3, 2014.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 30, 2014.

Jose Zayas,

Director, Wind and Water Power Technologies Office, U.S. Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. IC14-3-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (Ferc-549d); Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

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 collection FERC-549D (Quarterly Transportation and Storage Report for Intrastate Natural Gas and Hinshaw Pipelines) 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** (78 FR 69843, 11/21/2013) requesting public comments. FERC received no comments on the FERC-549D and is making this notation in its submittal to OMB.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due by March 10, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Comments filed with OMB, identified by the OMB Control No. 1902-0253, 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. IC14-3-000, 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>.

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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: Quarterly Transportation and Storage Report for Intrastate Natural Gas and Hinshaw Pipelines.

OMB Control No.: 1902-0253.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-549D information collection requirements with no changes to the reporting requirements.

Abstract: The reporting requirements under FERC-549D are required to carry out the Commission's policies in accordance with the general authority in Sections 1(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA)¹ and Sections 311 of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA).² This collection promotes transparency by collecting and making available intrastate and Hinshaw pipeline transactional information. The Commission collects the data upon a standardized form with all requirements outlined in 18 CFR 284.126.

The FERC Form 549D collects the following information:

- Full legal name and identification number of the shipper receiving service;
- Type of service performed for each transaction;
- The rate charged under each transaction;
- The primary receipt and delivery points for the transaction, specifying the rate schedule/name of service and docket were approved;

¹ 15 U.S.C. 717-817-w.

² 15 U.S.C. 3301-3432.

- The quantity of natural gas the shipper is entitled to transport, store, and deliver for each transaction;
- The term of the transaction, specifying the beginning and ending month and year of current agreement;
- Total volumes transported, stored, injected or withdrawn for the shipper; and

- Annual revenues received for each shipper, excluding revenues from storage services.
- Filers submit the Form-549D on a quarterly basis.
- Access to the FERC-549D Information Collection Materials:* A copy of the current form and related materials can be found at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/forms.asp#549d>, but will not be

included in the **Federal Register**. The Commission will not publish these materials in the **Federal Register**.

Type of Respondents: Intrastate natural gas and Hinshaw pipelines.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*³ The Commission estimates the total Public Reporting. Burden for this information collection as:

FERC-549D—QUARTERLY TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE REPORT FOR INTRASTATE NATURAL GAS AND HINSHAW PIPELINES

Format of pipelines' filing	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)
Implementation Burden					
PDF filings	3	1	3	68	204
XML ⁴ filings	2	1	2	104	208
Ongoing Burden					
PDF filings	76	4	304	12.5	3,800
XML filings	33	4	132	10	1,320
Total	⁵ 109		109		5,532

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$436,254 [5,532 hours \$78.86/hour⁶ = \$436,254].

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.

Dated: January 30, 2014.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL14-21-000]

Southwest Power Pool, Inc. v. Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.; Notice of Complaint

Take notice that on January 28, 2014, pursuant to sections 206 and 306 of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 824(e) and 825(e) and Rule 206 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission), 18 CFR 385.206, Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (Complainant) filed a formal complaint against Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. (Respondent) alleging that, the Respondent is violating (1) the Joint Operating Agreement (JOA) between the Complainant and Respondent and (2) Complainant's Open Access Transmission Tariff (Tariff), requiring the Respondent to compensate the Complainant for use of the Complainant's transmission system in accordance with the Complainant's tariff. Alternatively, Complainant

requests that the Commission find that the JOA is no longer just, reasonable, and not unduly discriminatory to the extent it does not provide a mechanism by which the Complaint may assess charges for Respondent's use of the Complainant transmission system.

The Complainant certifies that copies of the complaint were served on the contacts for the Respondent as listed on the Commission's list of Corporate Officials.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). 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. The Respondent's answer and all interventions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. The Respondent's answer, motions to intervene, and protests must be served on the Complainants.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and

³ 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.

⁴ Extensible Markup Language (XML).

⁵ This figure does not include the five respondents for the "Implementation Burden".

⁶ This cost represents the average cost of four career fields: Legal (\$128.02/hour), Accountants (\$48.58/hour), Management Analyst (\$56.27/hour), and Computer and Information (\$82.67/hour); this cost also includes benefit costs within the hourly estimates.