DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[IC98–1–001 FERC Form No. 1]

Information Collection Submitted For Review and Request For Comments

June 10, 1998.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of submission for review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the energy information collection listed in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under provisions of Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104–13). Any interested person may file comments on the collection of information directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission received comments from electric utilities, federal and state agencies responding to an earlier **Federal Register** notice of February 17, 1998 (63 FR 7777–8). In its submission to OMB the Commission has addressed these comments and included a listing of the commenters.

DATES: Comments regarding this collection of information are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before July 16, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Address comments to Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Desk Officer, 726 Jackson Place, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20503. A copy of the comments should also be sent to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Division of Information Services, Attention: Mr. Michael Miller, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208–1415, by fax at (202) 273–0873, and by e-mail at michael.miller@ferc.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description

The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review contains:

1. Collection of Information: FERC Form 1 ''Annual Report for Major Electric Utilities, Licensees and Others.''

2. Sponsor: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

3. Control No.: OMB No. 1902–0021. The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection. There is an increase in the reporting burden due to an increase in the number of entities who are now subject to the Commission's jurisdiction and as a result must submit this annual report. This is a mandatory information collection requirement.

4. Necessity of Collection of Information: Submission of the information is necessary to enable the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing the provisions of the Federal Power Act (FPA). Under the FPA the Commission may prescribe a system of accounts for jurisdictional companies, and after notice and hearing, may determine the accounts in which particular outlays and receipts will be entered, charged or credited. The FERC Form 1 is designed to collect financial information from privately owned electric utilities and licensees who have generation, transmission, distribution and sales of electric energy, however produced throughout the United States and its possessions, subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

Respondent Description: The respondent universe currently comprises on average, 210 companies subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

6. Estimated Burden: 255,570 total burden hours, 210 respondents, 1 response annually, 1,217 hours per response (average).

7. Estimated Cost Burden to Respondents: 255,570 hours ÷ 2,008 hours per year × $109,889 per year = $13,450,290, average cost per respondent = $64,049.

Statutory Authority: Sections 4, 301, 304 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 791a–825.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97–406–000]

CNG Transmission Corporation; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

June 10, 1998.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference will be convened in this proceeding on Wednesday, June 17, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. through Thursday, June 18, 1998, at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C., 20426, for the purpose of exploring the possible settlement of the above-referenced docket.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant as defined in 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervener status pursuant to the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 385.214).

For additional information, please contact William J. Collins (202) 208–0248.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 271–AR]

Entergy Arkansas, Inc.; Notice of Entergy Arkansas, Inc. To Use Alternative Procedures in Filing a License Application

June 10, 1998.

On May 26, 1998, the existing licensee, Entergy Arkansas, Inc. (Entergy), filed a request to use alternative procedures for submitting an application for new license for the existing Carpenter-Remmel Hydroelectric Project No. 271. The project is located on the Ouachita River, in Garland and Hot Springs Counties, Arkansas, and consists of two developments. The 56.0 megawatt (MW) Carpenter development includes Lake Hamilton Reservoir, which is created by Carpenter Dam. The downstream 11.0 MW Remmel development includes Lake Catherine Reservoir, which is created by Remmel Dam. The project does not occupy lands of the United States.

Entergy has demonstrated that it has made an effort to contact all resource agencies, Indian tribes, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), and others affected by the proposal, and that a consensus exists that the use of alternative procedures is appropriate in this case. Further, waiving the Commission's regulations will be automatic upon approval of the alternative procedures stipulated in Order No. 596.[1]

Entergy has developed a communications protocol that is supported by the interested entities.

The purpose of this notice is to invite any additional comments on Entergy's request to use the alternative procedures, pursuant to Section 4.34(i) of the Commission's regulations. Additional notices seeking comments on the specific project proposal, interventions and protests, and recommended terms and conditions will be issued at a later date.

The alternative procedures being requested here combine the prefiling consultation process with the environmental review process, allowing Entergy to complete and file an Environmental Assessment (EA) in lieu of Exhibit E of the license application. This differs from the traditional process, in which an applicant consults with agencies, Indian tribes, and NGOs during preparation of the application for the license and before filing it, but the Commission staff performs the environmental review after the application is filed. The alternative procedures are intended to simplify and expedite the licensing process by combining the prefiling consultation and environmental review processes into a single process, to facilitate greater participation, and to improve communication and cooperation among the participants.

Alternative Procedures and Carpenter-Remmel Hydroelectric Project Schedule

Entergy has distributed an Initial Consultation Packet for the proposed project to state and federal resource agencies, local interests, and NGOs. Entergy has submitted a proposed schedule for the alternative procedures that leads to the filing of a license application by February 28, 2001.

Comments

Interested parties have 30 days from the date of this notice to file with the Commission any comments on Entergy's proposal to use the alternative procedures to file an application for the Carpenter-Remmel Hydroelectric Project.

Filing Requirements

The comments must be filed by providing an original and 8 copies as required by the Commission's regulations to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Secretary, Dockets—Room 1A, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

All filings must bear the heading ''Comments on the Alternative Procedures,'' and include the project name and number (Carpenter-Remmel Hydroelectric Project No. 271).

For further information on this process, please call Chris Metcalf of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at (202) 219–2810.

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Acting Secretary.

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[1] Order No. 596, Regulations for the Licensing of Hydroelectric Projects, 81 FERC ¶ 61,103 (1997).

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98–591–000]

Kern River Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

June 10, 1998.

Take notice that on June 3, 1998, Kern River Gas Transmission Company (Kern River), 295 Chipeta Way, Salt Lake City, Utah 84108, filed in Docket No. CP98–591–000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211, of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.211) for authorization to amend the approval previously received in Docket No. CP97–617–000 in order to reflect a revision in the ownership arrangements for the authorized Primm Meter Station under Kern River's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP89–2048–000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Kern River states that pursuant to a superseding facilities agreement, it now proposes to own only the mainline tap and Southwest Gas will own the remainder of the Primm Meter Station which Kern River will construct as previously authorized. Kern River further states that, pursuant to an operating agreement with Southwest Gas, it will operate the meter facilities owned by Southwest Gas as part of Kern River's open-access transmission system.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 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 Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, 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 time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PR98–15–000]

Louisiana Resources Pipeline Company Limited Partnership; Notice of Application for Approval of Rates and Charges Under NGPA Section 311(a)(2)

June 10, 1998.

Take notice that on June 1, 1998, Louisiana Resources Pipeline Company Limited Partnership (LRP) tendered for filing an Application for Approval of Rates and Charges pursuant to Section 311 of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA) and Section 284.123(b)(2) of the Commission's regulations.

LRP seeks the Commission's approval to (a) continue its current maximum transportation rate of $0.2756 per MMBtu for interruptible transportation service to be provided by LRP as an intrastate pipeline pursuant to Section 311(a) of the NGPA; (b) establish a maximum firm transportation reservation charge of $8.4771 per MMBtu per month; (c) establish a maximum firm transportation usage of $0.0375 per MMBtu; and (d) establish a maximum rate for interruptible Part 'N Ride services of $0.2756 per MMBtu. LRP proposes to make all rates effective June 1, 1998.

Any person desiring to participate in this rate proceeding must file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888