

Commission to implement the statutory provisions of Sections 10(a), 16 and 21 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), 15 U.S.C. 717-717w, and the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA), 15 U.S.C. 3301-3432. The NGA and NGPA authorize the Commission to prescribe rules and regulations requiring natural gas pipeline companies whose gas was either transported or stored for a fee and exceeds 50 million Dekatherms in each of the three previous calendar years, to submit FERC Form No. 11. The form provides monthly data on a quarterly basis on certain revenue and expenditure items of major pipelines,

and also provides some volume data on their operations.

The filing requirements of the monthly statement for selected revenues, income, and refund obligations, as well as details of operation and maintenance expenses incurred by natural gas companies in connection with transportation, or storage of natural gas are used by the Commission to develop analyses and studies in investigating the reasonableness of the various revenue and cost of service items claimed in Section 4 and 5 of the NGA rate filings. These data also provide an indication of

the current status of pipeline activities and comparisons between pipelines, and are used to measure the financial status of the regulated pipelines as a group.

The Commission implements these filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR 260.3 and 385.2011.

*Action:* The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date.

*Burden Statement:* Public Reporting burden for this collection is estimated as:

Number of Respondents Annually	Number of Responses per Respondent	Average Burden Hours Per Response	Total Annual Burden Hours
(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)×(2)×(3)
55	4	3	660

*Estimated cost burden to respondents:* 660 hours divided by 2,080 hours per year times \$109,889 per year equals \$34,868. The cost per respondent is equal to \$634.

The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide the information including: (1) Reviewing instructions; (2) developing, acquiring, installing, and utilizing technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, verifying, processing, maintaining, disclosing and providing information; (3) adjusting the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; (4) training personnel to respond to a collection of information; (5) searching data sources; (6) completing and reviewing the collection of information; and (7) transmitting, or otherwise disclosing the information.

The estimate of cost for respondents is based upon salaries for professional and clerical support, as well as direct and indirect overhead costs. Direct costs include all costs directly attributable to providing this information, such as administrative costs and the cost for information technology. Indirect or overhead costs are costs incurred by an organization in support of its mission. These costs apply to activities which benefit the whole organization rather than any one particular function or activity.

*Comments are invited on:* (1) Whether the proposed 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 Commission's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumption used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and, (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER97-4636-004; Docket No. ER97-4652-004]

#### New Energy Ventures, L.L.C. NEV East, L.L.C., Notice of Filing

November 23, 1998.

Take notice that on November 17, 1998, the above-mentioned power marketers filed quarterly reports with the Commission in the above-mentioned proceedings for information only. These filings are available for public inspection and copying in the Public Reference Room or on the internet under Records Information Management

System (RIMS) for viewing and downloading.

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*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-203-000]

#### Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

November 23, 1998.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference will be convened in this proceeding commencing at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 3, 1998 and continuing on Friday, December 4, 1998, if necessary, at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC, 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 by 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 385.214).

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