DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[FE Docket Nos. 04–71–NG, 04–72–NG, 04–68–NG, 04–73–NG, 04–74–NG]

Office of Fossil Energy; Mexicana de Cobre, S.A. de C.V., Sacramento Municipal Utility District, Sprague Energy Group, Empire Natural Gas Corporation, Marathon Oil Company; Orders Granting and Amending Authority to Import and Export Natural Gas

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of orders.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy gives notice that during July 2004, it issued Orders granting authority to import and export natural gas. These Orders are summarized in the attached appendix and may be found on the FE Web site at *http://www.fe.doe.gov* (select gas regulation). They are also available for inspection and copying in the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities, Docket Room 3E–033, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586–9478. The Docket Room is open between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 19th 2004.

Sally Kornfeld,

Manager, Natural Gas Regulation Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities, Office of Fossil Energy.

Appendix—Orders Granting Import/Export Authorizations

DOE/FE AUTHORITY

Order No.	Date issued	Importer/exporter FE Docket No.	Import volume (Bef)	Export volume (Bef)	Comments
2002	7–1–04	Mexicana de Cobre S.A. de C.V. 04–71–NG ..		17.52	Export natural gas to Mexico, beginning on April 27, 2003, and extending through April 26, 2005.
2003	7–1–04	Sacramento Municipal Utility District 04–72–NG.	50		Import natural gas from Canada, beginning on July 1, 2004, and extending through June 30, 2006.
2004	7–9–04	Sprague Energy Corp. 04–68–NG	50		Import natural gas from Canada, beginning on January 1, 2003, and extending through December 31, 2004.
2005	7–15–04	Empire Natural Gas Corporation 04–73–NG ...	4		Import natural gas from Canada, beginning on July 15, 2004, and extending through July 14, 2006.
2006	7–29–04	Marathon Oil Company 04–74–NG	100		Import and export natural gas from and to Canada and Mexico, beginning on August 1, 2004, and extending through July 31, 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Bonneville Power Administration

COB Energy Facility

AGENCY: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of availability of record of decision (ROD).

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the ROD for the electrical interconnection of the COB Energy Facility with the Federal Columbia River Transmission System. Based on the COB Energy Facility Final Environmental Impact Statement (DOE/EIS–0343, June 2004), BPA has decided to offer contract terms providing for interconnection of the COB Energy Facility, proposed for siting in Klamath County, Oregon, at BPA's Captain Jack Substation, also in Klamath County, Oregon.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the ROD and EIS may be obtained by calling BPA's toll-free document request line, 1–800–622–4520. The ROD and EIS are also available on our Web site, *http://www.efw.bpa.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Thomas C. McKinney, Bonneville Power Administration—KEC–4, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon, 97208–3621; toll-free telephone number 1–800–282–3713; fax number 503–230–5699; or e-mail *tcmckinney@bpa.gov.*

Issued in Portland, Oregon, on August 20, 2004.

Stephen J. Wright,

Administrator and Chief Executive Officer.

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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. IC04–549B–001, FERC–549B]

Commission Information Collection Activities, Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Submitted for OMB Review

August 23, 2004.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and reinstatement of this information collection requirement. 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 did not receive any comments in response to an earlier **Federal Register** notice of April 1, 2004

(69 FR 17135) and has made this notation in its submission to OMB.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due by September 30, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Address comments on the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. Comments to OMB should be filed electronically, c/o *PamelaL.Beverly@omb.eop.gov* and include the OMB Control No. as a point of reference. The Desk Officer may be reached by telephone at (202) 395–7856. A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Executive Director, ED–30, Attention: Michael Miller, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments may be filed either in paper format or electronically. Those persons filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. For paper filings, such comments should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 and should refer to Docket No. IC04–549B–001.

Documents filed electronically via the Internet must be prepared in WordPerfect, MS Word, Portable Document Format, or ASCII format. To file the document, access the Commission's Web site at *http://www.ferc.gov* and click on ''Make an E-filing,'' and then follow the instructions for each screen. First time users will have to establish a user name and password. The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgment to the sender's e-mail address upon receipt of comments. User assistance for electronic filings is available at (202) 502–8258 or by e-mail to *efiling@ferc.gov*. Comments should not be submitted to the e-mail address.

All comments are available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at *http://www.ferc.gov*, using the ''*e*Library'' link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or toll-free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 502–8415, by fax at (202) 273–0873, and by e-mail at *michael.miller@ferc.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description

The information collection submitted for OMB review contains the following:

1. *Collection of Information*: FERC–549B ''Gas Pipeline Rates: Capacity Information.''

2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

3. *Control No.:* 1902–0169.

The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve and reinstate with a three-year extension of the expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection. The information filed with the Commission is mandatory.

4. *Necessity of the Collection of Information:* Submission of the information is necessary to enable the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing the statutory provisions of Sections 4, 5, and 16 of the Natural Gas Act, 15 U.S.C. 717c–717o, PL 75–688, 52 Stat. 822 and 830) and Title III of the Natural Gas Policy Act, 15 U.S.C. 3301–3432, PL 95–621. FERC–549B contains both the Index of Customers and the Capacity Report under Part 284 of the Commission's regulations.

In Order No. 636, the Commission established a capacity release mechanism under which shippers can release firm transportation and storage capacity on either a short or long term basis to other shippers wanting to obtain capacity. In Order No. 636–A, the Commission determined that the efficiency of the capacity release mechanism would be enhanced by standardizing both the content of the capacity release information and the methods by which shippers access that information.

In Order No. 637, the Commission amended its regulations in response to the growing development of more competitive markets for natural gas. In the final rule, the Commission revised its current regulatory framework to improve the efficiency of the market and provide captive customers with the opportunity to reduce their cost of holding long-term capacity while continuing to protect against the exercise of market power.

To create greater substitution between different forms of capacity and enhance competition across the pipeline grid, Order No. 637 also revised the regulations regarding the following: scheduling; segmentation and flexible rights; penalties; and reporting requirements. The Commission revised pipeline scheduling procedures so that capacity release transactions will be better coordinated with the nomination process. Pipelines are required to permit shippers to segment capacity whenever feasible, which increases potential capacity alternatives and helps to facilitate the development of market centers. The changes to the reporting requirements were to provide greater reliability about capacity availability and price data so shippers could make informed decisions in a competitive market as well as improve shippers' and the Commission's availability to monitor marketplace behavior to detect, and remedy anticompetitive behavior.

In Order No. 582, the Commission created the Index of Customers filing requirement. Pipelines are required to identify all firm transportation services and contract demand for each customer for each rate schedule. The Pipeline must file on the first business day of each calendar quarter and also post the information on their Internet web sites. These filings include the following data elements: shipper's name (full legal name); contract identifier; rate schedule; contract start date; contract end date; contract quantity; receipt points; delivery points; information on capacity held by rate zones to permit verification of reservation billing determinants; data to assess storage capacity and conjunction restrictions if any, (provisions that operate across multiple points or contracts and may limit a shipper's rights at a particular receipt or delivery point). The index contains fundamental data about the natural gas industry—how much of the pipeline's capacity that shippers have under contract. With this information the Commission remains apprised of trends in the industry, the willingness of shippers to hold firm capacity, the average length of time capacity remains under contract, the proportion of capacity rolling over under specific provisions. This information provides the Commission with the ability to analyze capacity held on pipelines and provides capacity information to the market which aids the capacity release system by enabling shippers to locate those holding capacity rights that shippers may want to acquire. The Commission implements these filing requirements in the Code of Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR Part 284.12 and .13.

5. *Respondent Description:* The respondent universe currently comprises 100 companies (on average per year) subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

6. *Estimated Burden:* 160,789 total hours (includes 1,800 hours for Index of Customers), 100 respondents (average per year), 5.66 responses per respondent (Capacity reports) and 6 responses per respondent (Index of Customers), and 280.9 hours (capacity reports) 3 hours

(Index of Customers) per response (average).

7. *Estimated Cost Burden to Respondents:* 160,789 hours / 2080 hours per years × $107,185 per year = $8,285,679. The cost per respondent is equal to $82,857.

Statutory Authority

Sections 4, 5, and 16 of the Natural Gas Act, 15 U.S.C.717c–717o , Pub. L. 75–688, 52 Stat. 822 and 830) and Title III of the Natural Gas Policy Act, 15 U.S.C. 3301–3432, Pub. L. 95–621.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. RP04–460–000]

Kern River Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

August 23, 2004.

Take notice that on August 18, 2004, Kern River Gas Transmission Company (Kern River) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets, to be effective October 1, 2004:

2nd Revised Twelfth Revised Sheet No. 5
2nd Revised Eighth Revised Sheet No. 5-A
2nd Revised Tenth Revised Sheet No. 6
1st Revised First Revised Sheet No. 7.

Kern River states that the purpose of this filing is to update Kern River's tariff to reflect the Annual Charge Adjustment (ACA) factor to be effective for the twelve-month period beginning October 1, 2004, pursuant to Section 154.402 of the Commission's regulations. The ACA factor of $0.0019 per Dth specified by the Commission in its August 6, 2004 issuance is a decrease of $0.0002 per Dth from the current ACA factor in Kern River's tariff.

Kern River states that it has served a copy of this filing upon its customers and interested State regulatory commissions.

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 and 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. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed in accordance with the provisions of Section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 154.210). Anyone filing an intervention or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. Anyone filing an intervention or protest on or before the intervention or protest date need not 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 14 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 e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov*, or call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. RP98–52–056]

Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.; Notice of Refund Report

August 23, 2004.

Take notice that, on August 18, 2004, Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. (Southern Star), formerly Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc., submitted a compliance filing pursuant to Commission order issued September 10, 1997, in Docket Nos. RP97–369–000, *et al.*, regarding collection of Kansas ad valorem taxes and the subsequent refunds.

Southern Star states that copies of the filing were served on parties on the official service list in the above-captioned proceeding.

Any person desiring to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rule 211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211). Protests to this filing 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. Such protests must be filed on or before the date as indicated below. Anyone filing a protest must serve a copy of that document on all the parties to the proceeding.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests in lieu of paper using the ''eFiling'' link at *http://www.ferc.gov*. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest 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 e-mail *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov*, or call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Protest Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on August 30, 2004.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Project No. 2064–004–WI]

Flambeau Hydro LLC; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

August 23, 2004.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 F.R. 47879), Commission staff have reviewed the application for a new license for the Winter Hydroelectric Project, located on the East Fork of the Chippewa River, in Sawyer County, Wisconsin, and have prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA). The EA analyzes the potential environmental effects of relicensing the project and concludes that issuing a new license for the project, with appropriate environmental measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.