

file Form EIA-28 to ensure that the data collected provide "a statistically accurate profile of each line of commerce in the energy industry in the United States." Data collected on Form EIA-28 are published and used in analyses of the energy industry.

II. Current Actions

EIA is proposing to revise the Form EIA-28 as well as to request OMB approval to use the revised form through December 31, 2002. To reduce the burden on respondent companies, EIA is proposing to discontinue collecting detailed data for completed oil, gas, and dry wells. This information is currently collected on Form EIA-28, Schedule 5211. Historically, this detailed data have some reporting problems requiring significant EIA follow-up. After reviewing the need for these data, EIA has decided to discontinue collecting the information and to use information available from the private sector.

There are an increasing number of FRS companies that have upstream oil and gas unconsolidated affiliates that do not meet the criterion of 1 percent of total U.S. oil and gas for inclusion in the FRS survey. As a consequence, coverage of important upstream operational activities in oil and gas is deteriorating and the usefulness of the FRS data are declining. EIA is proposing to modify the EIA-28 such that if a company currently reports oil and gas reserves disclosure data in the aggregate for its unconsolidated affiliates, the company will be required to report a subset of the EIA-28 data disaggregated by FRS region. The requested data for unconsolidated affiliates will be: (1) All upstream activity contained in Schedule 5211; (2) production segment purchases and sales in Schedule 5212; (3) all exploration, development, and production statistics in Schedule 5241; and (4) all proved petroleum reserves statistics in Schedule 5246.

III. Request for Comments

Prospective respondents and other interested persons are invited to comment on the actions discussed in item II. The following guidelines are provided to assist in the preparation of comments.

General Issues

A. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency and does the information have practical utility? Practical utility is defined as the actual usefulness of information to or for an agency, taking into account its accuracy, adequacy,

reliability, timeliness, and the agency's ability to process the information it collects.

B. What enhancements can be made to the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

As a Potential Respondent

A. Are the instructions and definitions clear and sufficient? If not, which instructions require clarification?

B. Can information be submitted by the due date?

C. Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 500 hours per response. The estimated burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, disclose and provide the information.

Please comment on (1) the accuracy of the agency's estimate and (2) how the agency could minimize the burden of collecting this information, including the use of information technology.

D. The agency estimates respondents will incur no additional costs for reporting other than the hours required to complete the collection. What is the estimated: (1) Total dollar amount annualized for capital and start-up costs; and (2) recurring annual costs of operation and maintenance, and purchase of services associated with this data collection?

E. Does any other Federal, State, or local agency collect similar information? If so, specify the agency, the data element(s), and the method(s) of collection.

As a Potential User

A. Is the information useful at the levels of detail indicated on the form?

B. For what purpose(s) would the information be used? Be specific.

C. Are there alternate sources for the information and are they useful? If so, what are their deficiencies and/or strengths?

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the form. They also will become a matter of public record.

Authority: Section 3506 (c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-516-000]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

May 10, 1999.

Take notice that on May 6, 1999, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR), 500 Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan 48243, filed in Docket No. CP99-516-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205(b) and 157.211 of the Commission's regulations for authorization to construct and operate pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, an interconnection between ANR and Alliant Energy—Wisconsin Power & Light Co. (Alliant Energy) in Rock County, Wisconsin, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

ANR's proposed interconnection will consist of two (2) 8-inch turbine meters, one (1) 4-inch turbine meter, and one (1) 2-inch positive displacement meter. The total cost of ANR's facilities will be approximately \$788,000, which will be fully reimbursed by Alliant Energy.

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 § 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.

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