

and hours interrupted, both firm and non-firm); and customers interrupted.

- Form EIA-911B, "Biweekly Petroleum Product Suppliers Sales Report" For the same period, EIA collected information on a biweekly basis from petroleum product suppliers regarding customers serviced; volumes (gallons) sold by product to customers with fuel-switching capabilities; total retail and wholesale volumes sold by product, and beginning and ending secondary-system inventories by product.

- Form EIA-911C, "Biweekly Natural Gas And Petroleum Customer Survey" Also, EIA collected information on a biweekly basis from energy customers with fuel-switching capabilities regarding natural gas and petroleum product deliveries; voluntary and involuntary interruptions of natural gas deliveries (volumes and hours); substitutions of petroleum products as fuel in place of natural gas; and inventories of distillate fuel oil and other petroleum fuels.

For both the 1999/2000 and 2000/2001 heating seasons, EIA needed to request OMB approval on an emergency basis to collect natural gas information. The data collected was used to respond to requests from the Secretary of Energy and Congress.

## II. Current Actions

Given the need for emergency approvals for the past two heating seasons and the likelihood of recurrences of volatile natural gas supplies and prices, EIA is requesting comments on three forms for which EIA will request contingency stand-by OMB approval for use in the event of future natural gas supply or price emergencies. EIA will request approval from OMB for the three surveys through August 31, 2004, to collect data during the winter heating season (October-March) if an emergency arises (e.g., large spikes in the price of natural gas or heating oil, a Congressional request, or a severe cold spell that results in low stocks of heating fuels). EIA will request that OMB approve the forms on a stand-by basis so that EIA would be able to implement them immediately when circumstances warrant. EIA's proposal allows the public to comment on the forms in a non-emergency setting, permits OMB time to review the forms without the time constraints of an emergency request, and allows EIA to have forms in place ready to address information needs in the event of significant supply and/or price volatility.

The EIA Administrator shall determine when conditions warrant

implementing one or more of the proposed forms. At that time, EIA would notify OMB of the decision and would use the form(s) if OMB did not object. The geographic area(s) (e.g., specific States, U.S. regions, etc.) to be surveyed and the frequency (e.g., biweekly, monthly, etc.) of the data being collected would be determined by the Administrator at the time of a triggering event. The EIA does not anticipate the need for these forms on a national basis and does not believe that given existing and anticipated staff and resources that the forms would be implemented on a national basis.

## III. Request for Comments

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

### General Issues

A. Are the proposed collections 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 to the Request for Information

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

B. Can the information be submitted by the due date?

C. Reporting burden is estimated to average:

EIA-911A = 2 hours per reporting period,

EIA-911B = 1 hour per reporting period, and

EIA-911C = 2 hours per reporting period.

The estimated burden includes the total time necessary to provide the requested information. In your opinion, how accurate are the burden estimates?

D. EIA estimates that the only cost to a respondent is for the time it will take to prepare for and complete the surveys. Will a respondent incur any other start-up costs for reporting, or any recurring annual costs for operation, maintenance, and purchase of services associated with the information collection?

E. What additional actions could be taken to minimize the burden of these

collections of information? Such actions may involve the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

F. Does any other Federal, State, or local agency collect similar information that would be useful for developing the accurate and independent natural gas data that would be available from the proposed survey? If so, specify the agency, the data element(s), the methods of collection, and the name and phone number of someone that EIA may contact for additional information.

### As a Potential User of the Information To Be Collected

A. Is the information useful at the levels of detail to be collected?

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, please specify the sources and their weaknesses 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. The comments also will become a matter of public record.

**Statutory 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. IC01-523-001, FERC-523]

### Information Collection Submitted for Review and Request for Comments

May 22, 2001.

**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 (Public Law 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 no comments in response to an earlier **Federal Register** notice of February 1, 2001 (66 FR 8577-85-78) and has made this notation in its submission to OMB.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this collection of information are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification.

**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, NW., Washington, DC 20503. A copy of the comments should also be sent to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attention: Mr. Michael Miller, 888 First Street NE, Washington, D.C. 20426.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208-1415, by fax at (202) 208-2425, and by e-mail at [mike.miller@ferc.fed.us](mailto:mike.miller@ferc.fed.us).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Description**

The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review contains:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC-523 "Securities Authorization".
2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
3. *Control No:* OMB No. 1902-0043.

The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve a three-year extension of these mandatory information collection requirements.

4. *Necessity of 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 19, 20 and 204 of the Federal Power Act (FPA). Under the FPA, a public utility or licensee must obtain Commission authorization for the issuance of securities or the assumption of liabilities pursuant to the sections identified above. Public utilities or licensees are not permitted to issue securities or assume any obligations or liabilities as guarantor, indorser, or surety or otherwise in respect of any other security of another person, unless and until, they have submitted an application to the Commission who in turn, issues an order authorizing

assumption of the liability or issuance of the securities. The information filed in applications to the Commission is used to determine the Commission's acceptance and/or rejection for granting authorization for either issuances of securities or assumptions of obligations or liabilities to licensees and public utilities. The Commission implements these filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR parts 20, 34, 131.43, 131.50.

5. Respondent Description: The respondent universe currently comprises on average, 90 respondents, an adjustment of 30 respondents from the Commission's initial notice.

6. Estimated Burden: 9,900 total burden hours, 90 respondents, 90 response annually (1 response per respondent), 110 hours per response (average).

7. Estimated Cost Burden to Respondents: 9,900 hours÷2,080 hours per year×\$97,534 per year=\$464,224.

**Statutory Authority:** Sections 19, 20 and 204 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 792-828c.

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP01-79-000]

**ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Site Visit**

May 22, 2001.

On May 30 and 31, 2001, the staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP) will conduct a pre-certification site visit of ANR Pipeline Company's (ANR) Badger Pipeline Project in Racine and Kenosha Counties, Wisconsin. The project area will be inspected by automobile and on foot, as appropriate. The site visit will start each day at 8:00 am at the lobby of the Country Inns & Suites at 7011 122nd Ave., Kenosha, Wisconsin. Representatives of ANR will accompany the OEP staff.

All interested parties may attend. Those planning to attend must provide their own transportation. For additional information, contact the Commission's Office of External Affairs (202) 208-1088.

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RP01-359-001]

**Dominion Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Status Report and Request for Waiver**

May 22, 2001.

Take notice that on May 15, 2001, Dominion Transmission Inc. (DTI) tendered for filing a status report reconciling actual stranded costs and surcharge recoveries under DTI's Stranded Account No. 858 tracking mechanism for the annual period ending April 30, 2001.

DTI states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with its commitment to file a report with the Commission to reconcile its surcharge collections and actual costs, as it agreed to do in its earlier March 30, 2001 filing. Further, DTI requests waiver of Section 18.2 of its GT&C of its tariff, so that it can return excess collections of \$177,306, with interest, in its next annual Transportation Cost Rate Adjustment (TCRA) filing to become effective November 1, 2001 rather than through the stranded cost tracking mechanism of its tariff.

DTI states that copies of its letter of transmittal and enclosures are being mailed to its customers and to interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed on or before May 30, 2001. 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 proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Secretary.*

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