

opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: March 10, 2006.

**Angela C. Arrington,**

*IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.*

#### **Institute of Education Sciences**

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Impact Evaluation on Student Achievement of Teacher Professional Development in Mathematics.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs; Individuals or household.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses:* 102.

*Burden Hours:* 51.

*Abstract:* Data collection for impact evaluation of intensive academic reading and math instruction in after-school programs.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending

Collections" link and by clicking on link number 3003. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202-4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-245-6623. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

##### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. IC06-544-000; FERC-544]

##### **Commission Information Collection Activities, Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension**

March 10, 2006.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(2)(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described below.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due May 19, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of sample filings of the proposed collection of information can be obtained from the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filings/elibrary.asp>) or from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Attn: Michael Miller, Office of the Executive Director, ED-34, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments may be filed either in paper format or electronically. Those parties filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. For paper filing, the original and 14 copies of such comments should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First

Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 and refer to Docket No. IC06-544-000. 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 acknowledgement to the sender's e-mail address upon receipt of comments.

All comments may be viewed, printed or downloaded remotely via the Internet through FERC's homepage using the eLibrary link. For user assistance, contact [FERCOlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866) 208-3676. or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

##### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The information collected under the requirements of FERC-544 "Gas Pipeline Rates: Rate Change (Formal)", (OMB No. 1902-0153) is used by 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, Pub. L. 75-688). The Commission implements FERC-544 filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR part 154.

General rate change applications filed under section 4(e) of the Natural Gas Act reflect changes in rates based generally upon changes in the pipeline company's overall costs of providing service. Staff analyses are performed to determine whether the proposed rates and charges are consistent with the Commission's statutory responsibilities, policies, conditions. A preliminary review and report to the Commission of all changes filed under the NGA must be made by staff. Based upon the report, the Commission determines whether the filing should be accepted or suspended and set for hearing and investigation. 18 CFR 154.301-154.313 govern the filing requirements for rate changes and define the statements and schedules pipeline companies must file in support of their proposed rates and changes. 18 CFR 154.205 governs the filing requirements for changes relating to suspended tariffs, executed agreements or parts thereof. 18 CFR 154.206 permits the proposed change in rate, charge,

classification or service to go into effect upon motion of the jurisdictional gas pipeline at the expiration of the suspension period or upon receipt of the motion, whichever is later.

Formal rate change filings (FERC-544) are suspended and set for hearing. When the NGA section 4(e) filing is suspended, the rate becomes the subject of a hearing process and may go into

effect subject to refund with interest. All suspended filings that go through the hearing process are considered formal cases and an investigation is instituted to determine the reasonableness of the rate filing. If the rates and charges are deemed unjust, unreasonable or unduly discriminatory, the appropriate rate, charge or service condition is ascertained. The formal proceeding is

terminated by the issuance of a final Commission order.

*Action:* The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection of data.

*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)
11	1	4,583	50,413

Estimated cost burden to respondents is \$248,486,990. (50,413 hours/2080 hours per year times \$117,321 per year average per employee = \$ 2,843,511). The cost per respondent is \$258,501).

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 agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions 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.

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP06-76-000]

#### Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Application

March 10, 2006.

Take notice that on March 1, 2006, Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC (Algonquin), 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, Texas 77056-5310, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) an application under sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and part 157 of the Commission's regulations for a certificate of public convenience and necessity seeking authorization: (1) To construct, install, own, operate, and maintain certain facilities, known as the Ramapo Expansion Project, as well as replace and abandon other existing facilities in order to meet requests from two shippers for the receipt of natural gas from the proposed new interconnection with Millennium Pipeline Company, L.P. (Millennium) at Ramapo, New York; and (2) to implement an initial incremental

surcharge for service on the Project facilities.

The Project is related to Millennium's Phase I Project (CP98-150-006), Empire Pipeline's Empire Connector Project (CP06-5-000, et al.) and the Iroquois Gas Transmission Project in PF06-000. Specifically, Algonquin proposes to: (1) Abandon and remove approximately 4.8 miles of 26-inch diameter pipeline and replace with 42-inch diameter pipeline, in the towns of Ramapo and Haverstraw, Rockland County, New York; (2) construct a new compressor station totaling 37,700 horsepower in Oxford, Connecticut; (3) add 18,010 horsepower at the existing Southeast Station in Southeast, Putnam County, New York; (4) add 8,400 horsepower at the existing Stony Point Station, in Stony Point, Rockland County, New York; and (5) add 7,700 horsepower at the existing Hanover Station, in Hanover, Morris County, New Jersey. Algonquin also proposes minor pipe replacements on the west side of its existing Hudson River Crossing, piping modifications at two existing interconnections, and adding a new delivery point at an existing interconnection.

The application is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Steven E. Tillman, General Manager, Regulatory Affairs, Algonquin Gas Transmission,