

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. IC06-592-000; FERC-592]

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

July 18, 2006.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(2)(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 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 September 5, 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 Secretary of the Commission, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 and refer to Docket No. IC06-592-000.

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 [FERConlinesupport@ferc.gov](mailto: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](mailto:michael.miller@ferc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The information collected under the requirements of FERC-592 "Marketing Affiliates of Interstate Pipelines" (OMB No. 1902-0157) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of sections 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 14, 16, and 20 of the Natural Gas Act (NPA) 15 U.S.C. 717-717w and Title II, section 311 and sections 501 and 504 of the Natural Gas Policy Act (Pub. L. 95-621).

The FERC-592 requirements apply to "Transmission Providers" who are defined as any interstate natural gas pipeline that transports gas for others, subject to the Natural Gas Act (*i.e.*, pursuant to subpart A of part 157 or subparts B or G of part 284). See 18 CFR 358.3(a)(1) and (2). A Transmission Provider *does not* include a natural gas storage provider authorized to charge market-based rates that is not interconnected with the jurisdictional facilities of any affiliated interstate natural gas pipeline, has no exclusive franchise area, no captive ratepayers or no market power, 18 CFR 358.3(a)(3).

Initially, FERC-592 was adopted when the Commission issued the Standards of Conduct in Order No. 497, 53 FR 22161, June 14, 1988. The Commission issued the Standards of Conduct to prevent Transmission Providers from discriminating against non-affiliated shippers or from granting undue preferences to their marketing and energy affiliates. In response to growing competition in the natural gas marketplace and to further ensure that it could monitor transactions for the exercise of market power, the Commission revised its reporting requirements in Order No. 637, 65 FR 10219, on February 25, 2000. The Commission required pipelines to post

more transmission information on their Internet Web sites to improve transparency of transmission information.

With the revisions in Order No. 637, the Commission also eliminated many of the requirements of the original FERC-592s. First the Commission eliminated the requirement to submit the FERC-592 information to the Commission. Second the Commission eliminated many of the items required under the FERC-592 requirements and retained only two requirements: (1) A pipeline must retain information pertaining to discounts (affiliated and non-affiliated) and, (2) if a pipeline relies on contract information or other data to allocate capacity, it must maintain a log of that information for all shippers (affiliated and non-affiliated).

In November 2003, the Commission enhanced and expanded the Standards of Conduct in Order No. 2004 and subsequently in Order Nos. 2004-A, B, C, and D. However, Order No. 2004 did not substantively change the FERC-592 requirements, which applies only to natural gas Transmission Providers.

While there are many different requirements under the Standards of Conduct, the basic requirements are that a Transmission Provider must: (1) Function independently from its Marketing and Energy Affiliates; and (2) must treat all transmission customers, affiliated and non-affiliated, on a non-discriminatory basis and may not operate its transmission system to preferentially benefit its Marketing or Energy Affiliates. See 18 CFR 358.2.

This information is used by the Commission, market participants and state commissions to monitor for undue discrimination by pipeline companies in favor of their marketing affiliates and in some cases, this information is used in formal proceedings following the filing of a complaint.

**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)
85 .....		1	117	9,913

Estimated cost burden to respondents is \$559,136; (9,913 burden hours/2080 work hours per year × \$117,321 annual average salary per employee = \$559,136). The estimated annual cost per respondent is \$6,578.

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; (7) transmitting, or otherwise disclosing the information; and (8) requesting *e.g.* waiver or clarification of requirements.

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. RP06-436-000]

#### Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Columbia Gulf Transmission Company; Crossroads Pipeline Company; Notice Requesting Temporary Waiver of Certain Tariff Provisions and NAESB Standards and Notice of Expedited Comment Period

July 18, 2006.

Take notice that on July 14, 2006, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation, Columbia Gulf Transmission Company and Crossroads Pipeline Company (together referred to as the Pipelines) request temporary waiver of the following because of the relocation of the NiSource mainframe computers:

(1) Sections 2.8 (EBB Access requirements: Operations), 6.2 (Nominations) and 6.3 (Confirmation and Scheduling by Transporter) of the Pipelines' respective FERC Gas Tariffs;

(2) North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) Standards 1.3.2, 1.3.3, 1.3.4, 1.3.8, 1.3.21, 1.3.37, 1.3.45 (nomination related standards), 2.3.6, 2.3.21, 2.3.40, 2.3.41, 2.3.42, 2.3.49 (flowing gas related standards), 5.3.31, 5.3.32, 5.3.33, 5.3.44, 5.3.45 (capacity release related standards); and

(3) Section 284.12 of the Commission's regulations (Standards for Pipeline Business Operations and Communications, 18 CFR 284.12 (2005)).

The Pipelines state that the relocation of its mainframe computers will cause all functions of its Electronic Bulletin Board (Navigator) to be unavailable for periods up to 48 hours beginning around 5 a.m. on the following days: Saturday, July 22, 2006; Saturday, August 12, 2006; Saturday, August 19, 2006 and Saturday and Sunday, September 2-3, 2006.

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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time July 19, 2006.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP06-419-000]

#### Dominion Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Application

July 19, 2006.

Take notice that on July 11, 2006, Dominion Transmission, Inc. (Dominion), 120 Tredegar Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, filed in Docket No. CP06-419-000, an application pursuant to section 7 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to abandon wells EW-203 and EW-313 located at its Ellisburg Storage Field in Potter County, Pennsylvania, 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 also viewed on the Web 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