

Second Revised Sheet 27 *et al.* to its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume 1, to be effective April 1, 2008.

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*Accession Number:* 20080304-0037.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, March 12, 2008.

*Docket Numbers:* RP08-252-000.

*Applicants:* Viking Gas Transmission Company.

*Description:* Viking Gas Transmission Co submits its Twenty-Second Revised Sheet 5B to its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume 1, to become effective April 1, 2008.

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*Accession Number:* 20080304-0041.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, March 12, 2008.

*Docket Numbers:* RP08-253-000.

*Applicants:* Viking Gas Transmission Company.

*Description:* Viking Gas Transmission Company submits Thirteenth Revised Sheet 5C, to its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume 1, to become effective April 1, 2008.

*Filed Date:* 02/29/2008.

*Accession Number:* 20080304-0031.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, March 12, 2008.

*Docket Numbers:* RP08-254-000.

*Applicants:* National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation.

*Description:* National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation submits 112th Revised Sheet 9 to its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume 1, to become effective March 1, 2008 under RP08-254.

*Filed Date:* 02/29/2008.

*Accession Number:* 20080304-0032.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, March 12, 2008.

*Docket Numbers:* RP08-255-000.

*Applicants:* Arcadia Gas Storage, LLC.

*Description:* Arcadia Gas Storage, LLC submits its advance notification of construction facilities.

*Filed Date:* 03/03/2008.

*Accession Number:* 20080304-0267.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, March 17, 2008.

*Docket Numbers:* RP08-256-000.

*Applicants:* TransColorado Gas Transmission Company LLC.

*Description:* TransColorado Gas Transmission Co, LLC submits First Revised Sheet 1 *et al.* to its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume 1, to become effective April 1, 2008.

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*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, March 17, 2008.

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Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and § 385.214) on or before 5 p.m.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OAR-2008-0153; FRL-8540-5]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Critical Use Exemption From the Phaseout of Methyl Bromide (Applications, Recordkeeping, and Periodic Reporting) (Renewal); EPA ICR No. 2031.03, OMB Control No. 2060-0482

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit a request to renew an existing approved Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This ICR, 2031.02, is scheduled to expire on August 31, 2008. In addition, EPA is also planning to renew and transfer the burden from EPA ICRs 2179.02 and 2179.03 into this ICR. Those ICRs are scheduled to expire on August 31, 2008, and November 30, 2008, respectively. Thus, EPA seeks to create a single comprehensive ICR for the methyl bromide CUE program. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before May 9, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2008-0153 by one of the following methods:

- <http://www.regulations.gov>: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- *E-mail:* [a-and-r-Docket@epa.gov](mailto:a-and-r-Docket@epa.gov).

- *Fax:* 202-566-1741.

- *Mail:* EPA-HQ-OAR-2008-0153, Environmental Protection Agency, Mailcode: 6205J, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

- *Hand Delivery:* EPA-HQ-OAR-2008-0153, Air and Radiation Docket at EPA West, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room B108, Mail Code 6102T, Washington, DC 20460. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

*Instructions:* Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2008-0153. EPA's policy is that all comments

received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through <http://www.regulations.gov> or e-mail. The <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through <http://www.regulations.gov> your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about EPA's public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at: <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Jeremy Arling, Stratospheric Protection Division, Office of Atmospheric Programs, (6205J), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 343-9055; fax number: (202) 343-2338; e-mail address: [arling.jeremy@epa.gov](mailto:arling.jeremy@epa.gov). You may also visit the Ozone Depletion Web site of EPA's Stratospheric Protection Division at: <http://www.epa.gov/ozone/strathome.html> for further information about EPA's Stratospheric Ozone Protection regulations, the science of ozone layer depletion, and related topics.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**How Can I Access the Docket and/or Submit Comments?**

EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2008-0153, which is available for online viewing at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or in person viewing at the Air and Radiation Docket

in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA/DC Public Reading Room is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Reading Room is 202-566-1744, and the telephone number for Air and Radiation Docket is 202-566-1742.

Use <http://www.regulations.gov> to obtain a copy of the draft collection of information, submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the docket ID number identified in this document.

**What Information Is EPA Particularly Interested in?**

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, EPA specifically solicits comments and information to enable it to:

- (i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (ii) evaluate 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;
- (iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through 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. In particular, EPA is requesting comments from very small businesses (those that employ less than 25) on examples of specific additional efforts that EPA could make to reduce the paperwork burden for very small businesses affected by this collection.

**What Should I Consider When I Prepare My Comments for EPA?**

You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

1. Explain your views as clearly as possible and provide specific examples.
2. Describe any assumptions that you used.
3. Provide copies of any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.

4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate that you provide.

5. Offer alternative ways to improve the collection activity.

6. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline identified under **DATES**.

7. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify the docket ID number assigned to this action in the subject line on the first page of your response. You may also provide the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation.

**What Information Collection Activity or ICR Does This Apply to?**

*Affected entities:* Entities potentially affected by this action are producers, importers, distributors, and custom applicators of methyl bromide, organizations, consortia, and associations of methyl bromide users, as well as individual methyl bromide users.

*Title:* Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Critical Use Exemption from the Phaseout of Methyl Bromide (Applications, Recordkeeping, and Periodic Reporting) (Renewal).

*ICR numbers:* EPA ICR No. 2031.03, OMB Control No. 2060-0482.

*ICR status:* EPA ICR 2031.02 is currently scheduled to expire on August 31, 2008. In addition, EPA ICR 2179.02 and 2179.03 are scheduled to expire on August 31, 2008, and November 30, 2008, respectively. An Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations in title 40 of the CFR, after appearing in the **Federal Register** when approved, are listed in 40 CFR part 9, are displayed either by publication in the **Federal Register** or by other appropriate means, such as on the related collection instrument or form, if applicable. The display of OMB control numbers in certain EPA regulations is consolidated in 40 CFR part 9.

*Abstract:* EPA is seeking to renew EPA ICR 2031.02 which allows EPA to collect CUE applications from regulated entities on an annual basis. EPA is also seeking to renew and transfer the burden from EPA ICR 2179.02 and 2179.03 which require the submission of data from regulated industries to the EPA and require recordkeeping of key documents to ensure compliance with the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (Protocol) and the CAA.

Entities applying for this exemption are asked to submit to EPA applications with necessary data to evaluate the need for a critical use exemption. This information collection is conducted to meet U.S. obligations under Article 2H of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (Protocol). The information collection request is required to obtain a benefit under section 604(d)(6) of the CAA, added by section 764 of the 1999 Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act (Pub. L. 105-277; October 21, 1998).

Since 2002, entities have applied to EPA for a critical use exemption that would allow for the continued production and import of methyl bromide after the phaseout in January 2005. These exemptions are for consumption only in those agricultural sectors that have demonstrated that there are no technically or economically feasible alternatives to methyl bromide. The applications are rigorously assessed and analyzed by EPA staff, including experts from the Office of Pesticide Programs. On an annual basis, EPA uses the data submitted by end users to create a nomination of critical uses which the U.S. Government submits to the Protocol's Ozone Secretariat for review by an international panel of experts and advisory bodies. These advisory bodies include the Methyl Bromide Technical Options Committee (MBTOC) and the Technical and Economic Assessment Panel (TEAP). The uses authorized internationally by the Parties to the Protocol are made available in the U.S. on an annual basis.

The applications will enable EPA to:

1. Maintain consistency with the Protocol by supporting critical use nominations to the Parties to the Protocol, in accordance with paragraph 2 of Decision IX/6 of the Protocol;
2. Ensure that critical use exemptions comply with section 604(d)(6);
3. Provide EPA with necessary data to evaluate the technical and economic feasibility of methyl bromide alternatives in the circumstance of the specific use, as presented in an application for a critical use exemption;

The reported data will enable EPA to:

1. Ensure that critical use exemptions comply with section 604(d)(6);
2. Maintain compliance with the Protocol requirements for annual data submission on the production of ozone depleting substances;
3. Analyze technical use data to ensure that exemptions are used in accordance with requirements included in the annual authorization rulemakings.

EPA informs respondents that they may assert claims of business confidentiality for any of the information they submit. Information claimed confidential will be treated in accordance with the procedures for handling information claimed as confidential under 40 CFR part 2, Subpart b, and will be disclosed only if EPA determines that the information is not entitled to confidential treatment. If no claim of confidentiality is asserted when the information is received by EPA, it may be made available to the public without further notice to the respondents (40 CFR 2.203). Individual reporting data may be claimed as sensitive and will be treated as confidential information in accordance with procedures outlined in 40 CFR part 2.

*Burden Statement:* The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.6 hours per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements which have subsequently changed; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

The annual application, reporting, and recordkeeping burden is as follows: 75 applicants to the critical use exemption program at 2,925 hours per year; 4 producers and importers at a total of 80 hours per year (quarterly reporting); 100 distributors and applicators at 1287.5 hours per year (annual reporting); and 2,000 end users at 625 hours per year (periodic certification of purchases of critical use methyl bromide at the time of each purchase). The total industry burden is therefore 4917.5 hours per year.

The annual public application burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 39 hours per response (2925 hours divided by 75 responses). The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.64 hours per response (1992.5 hours divided by 3,098 responses).

Overall, the total annual public burden (application, reporting, and recordkeeping) for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.6 hours per response (4917.5 hours divided by 3,173 responses).

The total annual labor cost burden associated with information collection request is \$993,622. EPA estimates the costs as follows: Application costs totaling \$295,016 per year, recordkeeping and reporting costs totaling \$631,787 per year, and self certification by producers, importers, distributors, and end users costing \$66,820 per year. EPA estimates the capital costs to be \$0.

#### **Are There Changes in the Estimates From the Last Approval?**

There is a decrease of 82.5 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with that identified in the EPA ICR 2031.02 which is currently approved by OMB. This estimate for total burden hours includes updated burden estimates from the recordkeeping and reporting ICR (EPA ICR 2179.02 and 2179.03) as well as EPA ICR 2031.02.

The reason for the decrease in burden is that the Agency has six years of experience managing the critical use exemption program which has led to efficiency and greater accuracy in estimating future burden. Over the last four years, EPA has received on average 65 applications each year, rather than the 100 estimated in the previous ICR. EPA continues to encourage users with similar circumstances to utilize grower and user organizations to aid in completion of the application, thereby reducing both the burden on applicants (particularly small businesses) and the Agency. The registration of additional alternatives since 2002 in the U.S. may also result in fewer applications received. Furthermore, stakeholders are more familiar with the critical use exemption program and have already organized associations to apply on behalf of multiple growers. Other reasons for burden reduction include the encouragement of electronic submission of applications and other data and very frequent EPA communication with methyl bromide stakeholders.

#### **What Is the Next Step in the Process for This ICR?**

EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12. At that time, EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice

pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv) to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB. If you have any questions about this ICR or the approval process, please contact the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Dated: February 28, 2008.

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Director, Stratospheric Protection Division.  
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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8536-7]

### Energy Policy Act of 2005 Diesel Emissions Reduction Program; State Clean Diesel Grant Program Funding Fiscal Year 2008

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of Funding for the Fiscal Year 2008 State Clean Diesel Grant Program Under the 2005 Energy Policy Act.

**SUMMARY:** The Energy Policy Act of 2005 (H.R. 6) signed into law on August 8, 2005 (Pub. L. 109-58) incorporates provisions to achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions. Section 793 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 authorizes the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to support grant and loan programs administered by States that are designed to achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions. This program authorized in Section 793 is referred to as the State Clean Diesel Grant Program for this Notice. EPA expects to have approximately \$14.8 million available in fiscal year 2008 in the form of assistance agreements to issue under the State Clean Diesel Grant Program.

**DATES:** In order to participate, States must notify EPA of their intent to apply to the State Clean Diesel Grant Program through a *Notice of Intent to Apply* as described in Section 6 of this Notice on or before April 24, 2008 at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time. States must submit applications to EPA as described in Section 6 of this Notice on or before June 23, 2008 at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time. Failure to meet these deadlines could result in ineligibility for fiscal year 2008 funding.

**Contact Information:** States must e-mail the *Notice of Intent to Apply* to EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality (OTAQ) at [cleandiesel@epa.gov](mailto:cleandiesel@epa.gov) and include in the subject line "Intent

to Apply: State Clean Diesel Grant Program—[NAME OF STATE]." States must then submit applications to the appropriate Regional Clean Diesel contact listed in this notice under Section 11.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Jennifer Keller, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460, Mail-Stop: 6405-J. Phone (202) 343-9541, Fax (202) 343-2803, [keller.jennifer@epa.gov](mailto:keller.jennifer@epa.gov). You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the "**Federal Register**" listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>. This document will also be available at the EPA National Clean Diesel Campaign Web site, <http://www.epa.gov/cleandiesel>. Please note that due to differences between the software used to develop the documents and the software into which the documents may be downloaded, changes in format, page length, etc., may occur.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**(1) General Information**

*a. What Is the Statutory Authority for the State Clean Diesel Grant Program?*

The 2005 Energy Policy Act (EPAct of 2005), Public Law 109-58, signed into law August 8, 2005, authorized an annual appropriation of up to \$200,000,000 under the Diesel Emissions Reduction portion of the legislation (Subtitle G—Diesel Emissions Reduction or "DERA") for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to remain available until expended. In December 2007, Congress appropriated \$49.2 million under EPAct of 2005 to help reduce harmful emissions from heavy-duty diesel engines. Section 793 of EPAct of 2005 outlines provisions for the State Clean Diesel Grant Program which includes that, "the Administrator shall provide to States guidance for use in applying for grant or loan funds under this section." Per statutory requirements, thirty percent of the \$49.2 million (\$14.8M for FY08), is available through the State Clean Diesel Grant Program.

*b. What Is the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFA) Number for the Diesel Emission Reduction Grants?*

The number assigned to the State Clean Diesel Grant Program is Program Code 66.040.

**(2) Background Information**

Reducing emissions from diesel engines is one of the most important air quality challenges facing the country. Even with EPA's more stringent heavy-duty highway and non-road engine

standards taking effect over the next decade, millions of diesel engines already in use will continue to emit large amounts of nitrogen oxides, particulate matter and air toxics, which contribute to serious public health problems. These emissions are linked to premature deaths, asthma attacks, lost work days, and other health impacts every year.

EPA created the National Clean Diesel Campaign (NCDC) to build on the success of its regulatory and voluntary efforts to reduce emissions from diesel engines. Through this effort, EPA is working to reduce the pollution emitted from the existing fleet by promoting a variety of cost-effective and innovative emission reduction strategies.

To date more than \$50 million has been awarded to over 200 organizations to establish new clean diesel programs. Through NCDC, EPA will continue to award grants and loans to assist its eligible partners in building diesel emission reduction programs across the country to achieve public health goals. The programs outlined in EPAct of 2005 are part of NCDC's Clean Diesel Programs. Information regarding the Clean Diesel Programs can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/cleandiesel>.

There are several programs outlined in EPAct of 2005 as part of the National Clean Diesel Campaign. There are two main components of the program: A National component and a State component. A brief description is provided below.

Within the National component, 70 percent of the funds (\$34.4 million FY08) are made available on a competitive basis to provide grants and low-cost revolving loans to eligible entities for the deployment of verified and certified technologies to reduce diesel emissions. This program has three separate competitions: (1) National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program: A competitive grant program for the deployment of EPA and/or California Air Resources Board (CARB) certified and/or verified clean diesel technologies and verified idle reduction technologies, (2) National Clean Diesel Finance Program: A competitive grant program for innovative finance mechanisms such as national low-cost revolving loans, and (3) Clean Diesel Emerging Technologies Program: A competitive grant program to deploy emerging technologies not yet verified but for which an approvable application for verification and test plan are received by EPA. States, as eligible entities, may apply to all three of the competitions above, in addition to the State Clean Diesel Grant Program.