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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. IC11-549-001]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-549); Comment Request; Submitted for OMB Review

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review of the information collection requirements. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission issued a Notice in the **Federal Register** (76 FR 46783, 08/3/2011) requesting public comments. FERC received no

comments on the FERC-549 and has made this notation in its submission to OMB.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due by November 28, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Address comments on the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, *Attention:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. Comments to OMB should be filed electronically, *c/o oira_submission@omb.eop.gov* and include OMB Control Number 1902-0086 for reference. The Desk Officer may be reached by telephone at (202) 395-4718.

A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and should refer to Docket No. IC11-549-001. Comments may be filed either electronically or in paper format. Those persons filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. Documents filed electronically via the Internet must be prepared in an acceptable filing format and in compliance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission submission guidelines. Complete filing instructions and acceptable filing formats are available at <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp>. To file the document electronically, access the Commission's Web site and click on Documents & Filing, E-Filing (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>), 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 email address upon receipt of comments.

For paper filings, the comments should be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, and should refer to Docket No. IC11-549-001.

Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in FERC Docket Number IC11-549 may do so through eSubscription at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp>. 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 or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen Brown may be reached by email at DataClearance@FERC.gov, by

telephone at (202) 502-8663, and by fax at (202) 273-0873.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collected under the requirements of *FERC-549*, "*Gas Pipeline Rates: NGPA Title III and NGA Blanket Certificate Transactions*" (OMB Control No. 1902-0086), is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of sections 311 and 312 of the Natural Gas Policy Act (NGPA) and section 7 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA). The Commission implements these statutes in 18 CFR 284.

Semi-Annual Storage Report for Interstate Pipelines¹

18 CFR 284.13(e) requires each interstate pipeline to file with the Commission a report of storage activity. The Commission adopted the existing semi-annual storage reporting requirements for interstate pipelines in their current form in 1992 as part of Order No. 636, and there have been only minor modifications in the semi-annual storage reporting requirements since that date.

Natural gas production is relatively constant throughout the year, while many uses of natural gas, residential space heating for example, are seasonal. Natural gas storage plays a critical role in balancing the seasonal demand with relatively constant supply, and the data collected in the semi-annual storage report provides important information about natural gas pipelines' ability to affect the prices shippers can obtain from consumers.

Improved storage technology and the increased use of natural gas in industry and electric generation have helped transform the storage market since 1992. There has been a sharp increase in demand for natural gas outside of the traditional winter months. Withdrawals and injections, instead of occurring on a uniform annual schedule based on heating needs, now occur dynamically year-round in response to market forces.

Transportation by Interstate Pipelines

In 18 CFR 284.102(e) the Commission requires interstate pipelines to obtain proper certification in order to ship natural gas on behalf of intrastate pipelines and local distribution

¹ On September 15, 2011 the Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in docket no. RM11-4 proposing to delete the semi-annual storage report for interstate and intrastate pipelines. OMB has reviewed the proposal and is withholding final approval until the final rule. Because the FERC-549 collection (including the semi-annual storage report for interstate pipelines) has an expiration date of 12/31/2011 the Commission seeking for renewal of the collection expecting that this collection will likely be modified by a final rule at a later date.

companies (LDC). This certification consists of a letter from the intrastate pipeline or LDC authorizing the intrastate pipeline to ship gas on its behalf. In addition, interstate pipelines must obtain from its shippers certifications including sufficient information to verify that their services qualify under this section.

Rates and Charges for Intrastate Pipelines

18 CFR 284.123(b) provides that intrastate gas pipeline companies file for Commission approval of rates for services performed in the interstate transportation of gas. An intrastate gas pipeline company may elect to use rates contained in one of its then effective transportation rate schedules on file with an appropriate state regulatory agency for intrastate service comparable to the interstate service OR file proposed rates and supporting information showing the rates are cost based and are fair and equitable. 150 days after the application is filed the rate is deemed to be fair and equitable unless the Commission either extends the time for action, institutes a proceeding or issues an order providing for rates it deems to be fair and equitable.

18 CFR 284.123(e) requires that within 30 days of commencement of new service any intrastate pipeline engaging in the transportation of gas in interstate commerce must file a statement that includes the interstate rates and a description of how the pipeline will engage in the transportation services, including operating conditions. If an intrastate gas

pipeline company changes its operations or rates it must amend the statement on file with the Commission. Such amendment is to be filed not later than 30 days after commencement of the change operations or change in rate election.

Code of Conduct ²

The Commission’s regulations at 18 CFR 284.288 and 284.403 provide that applicable sellers of natural gas adhere to a code of conduct when making gas sales in order to protect the integrity of the market. Related to the code of conduct, the Commission imposes a record retention requirement on applicable sellers to “retain, for a period of five years, all data and information upon which it billed the prices it charged for natural gas it sold pursuant to its market based sales certificate or the prices it reported for use in price indices.” FERC uses these records to monitor the jurisdictional transportation activities and unbundled sales activities of interstate natural gas pipelines and blanket marketing certificate holders.

The record retention period of five years is necessary due to the importance of records related to any investigation of possible wrongdoing and related to assuring compliance with the codes of conduct and the integrity of the market. The requirement is necessary to ensure consistency with the rule prohibiting market manipulation (regulations adopted in Order No. 670, implementing the EPAAct 2005 anti-manipulation provisions ³) and the generally applicable five-year statute of limitations where the Commission seeks civil penalties for violations of the anti-

manipulation rules or other rules, regulations, or orders to which the price data may be relevant.

Failure to have this information available would mean the Commission is unable to perform its regulatory functions and to monitor and evaluate transactions and operations of interstate pipelines and blanket marketing certificate holders.

Market-Based Rates for Storage

In 2006 the Commission amended its regulations to establish criteria for obtaining market-based rates for storage services offered under 18 CFR 284.501–505. First, the Commission modified its market-power analysis to better reflect the competitive alternatives to storage. Second, pursuant to the Energy Policy Act of 2005, the Commission promulgated rules to implement section 4(f) of the Natural Gas Act, to permit underground natural gas storage service providers that are unable to show that they lack market power to negotiate market-based rates in circumstances where market-based rates are in the public interest and necessary to encourage the construction of the storage capacity in the area needing storage services, and where customers are adequately protected. These revisions are intended to facilitate the development of new natural gas storage capacity while protecting customers.

Action: The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the FERC–549 reporting requirements, with no changes.

Burden Statement: The estimated annual public reporting burden is shown in the following table:

FERC–549 requirements & 18 CFR cite	Number of respondents annually (1)	Number of responses per respondent (2)	Average burden hours per response (3)	Total annual burden hours (1) × (2) × (3)
Semi-Annual Storage Reports for Interstates 284.13(e)	4 155	2	5 12	3,720
Transportation by Interstate Pipelines 284.102(e)	6 75	2	7 3	450
Rates and Charges for Intrastate Pipelines 284.123(b), (e)	8 67	1	9 12	804
Code of Conduct ¹⁰ (recordkeeping) 284.288, 403	222	1	1	222
Market-Based Rates ¹¹ 284.501–505	2	1	350	700
Total	5,846

² These code of conduct requirements were approved by OMB originally in FERC–916 (OMB Control No. 224, current expiration date is 9/30/2012) because there was another package related to the FERC–549 under review at the time. These requirements are being moved to the FERC–549 in an effort to decrease the administrative effort involved in renewing data collections.

³ 18 CFR 1c.1 and 1c.2, 71 FR 4,244 (2006).

⁴ The number of pipelines in eTariff that are subject to the Natural Gas Act.

⁵ This figure is based on the burden hours estimated in Docket No. RM09–2 (quarterly transportation and storage reports).

⁶ The number of respondents annually is assumed to be approximately half of the number of interstate pipelines as estimated under the semi-annual storage report category.

⁷ This is an estimate for the amount of time it requires to complete a one page document, which is what is essentially required by this part (one page from the shippers and one page from the intrastate or LDC, equaling an estimated 2 times a year).

⁸ This figure is based on the number of filings under 18 CFR part 284.123 filings over the past three years.

⁹ This figure is based on the assumption that the effort required to make this revision to a tariff is

approximately half of the effort required to make a baseline tariff filing (as computed in the Final Rule in Docket No. RM01–5) .

¹⁰ The estimates for this category come from the Commission’s most recent renewal pertaining to this requirement.

¹¹ The estimates for this category are the same as were submitted to OMB when these requirements were last modified (in the Final Rule in Docket No. RM05–23).

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$339,068 (5,846 hours times \$58/hour¹²).

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.

Dated: October 24, 2011.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PF11-9-000]

Dominion Transmission, Incorporated; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Planned Allegheny Storage Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Public Scoping Meeting

The staff of the Federal Energy
Regulatory Commission (FERC or

FERC PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

Myersville Compressor Station, 7:00 p.m.—Monday, November 7, 2011, Myersville Volunteer Fire Company, 301 Main Street, Myersville, MD 21773.

Mullett Compressor Station, 7:00 p.m.—Tuesday, November 8, 2011, St. John's United Church of Christ, 51736 German Ridge Road, Powhatan Point, OH 43942.

This notice is being sent to the Commission's current environmental mailing list for this project. State and local government representatives are asked to notify their constituents of this planned project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a pipeline company representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the planned facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of

eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings where compensation would be determined in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" is available for viewing on the FERC Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>). This fact sheet addresses a number of typically-asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings.

Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Allegheny Storage Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Dominion Transmission, Incorporated (DTI) in Lewis County, West Virginia; Tioga County, Pennsylvania; Frederick County, Maryland; and Monroe County, Ohio. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues need to be evaluated in the EA. Please note that the scoping period will close on November 23, 2011.

Comments may be submitted in written form or verbally. Further details on how to submit written comments are provided in the Public Participation section of this notice. In lieu of or in addition to sending written comments, the Commission invites you to attend the public scoping meetings scheduled as follows:

Summary of the Planned Project

DTI plans to construct and operate one new compressor station in both Frederick County, Maryland and Monroe County, Ohio. In addition, DTI plans to replace about 3 miles of pipeline in Tioga County, Pennsylvania and install additional hydration at an existing compressor station in Lewis County, West Virginia. According to DTI, the Allegheny Storage Project would provide a total of 125,000 dekatherms per day of both natural gas storage and transportation service to its customers: Baltimore Gas and Electric, TW Philips, and Washington Gas and

¹² The per hour figures were obtained from the Bureau of Labor Statistics National Industry-Specific Occupational and Employment Wage

Estimates (http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics4_221200.htm), and are based on the mean wage statistics for staff in the areas of management,

business and financial, legal and administrative. The mean wage was then increased by 20% to account for benefits/overhead.