

and how to use energy more efficiently. Generation of such maps requires DOE to collect information from electricity providers about data access and sharing services offered to their customers. DOE is requesting a 3-year approval to continue to collect and report this information using an improved collection instrument. This information collection request may be relevant to electric utilities, energy management professionals and residential and commercial electricity customers; (5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents*: 3,261; (6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses*: 3,261; (7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours*: 1087; (8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden*: \$0.

Statutory Authority: Section 13(b) of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (FEA Act), as amended, codified at 15 U.S.C. 772(b) and Section 1301 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA), as amended, codified at 42 U.S.C. 17381.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. RM07-16-000 and RM01-5-000]

Information Collection Activities and Request for Comments

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) invites public comment on a proposed collection of information that the Commission is developing for submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). This collection of information relates to the application to interstate and intrastate natural gas pipelines and interstate oil pipelines of the Commission's revised Company Registration procedures.¹

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before April 15, 2013.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments (identified by Docket Nos. RM07-16-000 and RM01-5-000) by either of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's Web Site:* <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>.
- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:*

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Instructions: All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp>. For user assistance contact FERC Online Support by email at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or by phone at: (866) 208-3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502-8659 for TTY.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen Brown, by email at DataClearance@FERC.gov, telephone at (202) 502-8663, and fax at (202) 273-0873.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This collection of information relates to the application to interstate and intrastate

natural gas pipelines and interstate oil pipelines of the Commission's revised Company Registration procedures.

These procedures will replace the use of random-number generated passwords to authenticate access to a company registration account with a superior method of authentication. Under the revised procedures, a regulated natural gas and oil pipeline will be able to maintain a list of eRegistered agents whom the pipeline has authorized to submit a particular type of filing. Implementation of these changes will provide increased flexibility for regulated entities to manage their company registration accounts and to designate agents to make filings at the Commission. These changes also will reduce the need for pipelines to institute measures to protect password integrity, including the need to request new passwords if existing passwords are compromised.² These revised procedures are expected to go into effect in October 2013.

OMB's regulations³ require approval of certain information collection requirements that impose identical reporting or recordkeeping requirements imposed on ten or more persons. Without consideration of potential cost savings in reduced password management and requests for new passwords, the one-time burden on interstate and intrastate natural gas and oil pipelines to transition to the revised system is estimated to be one hour per respondent at a cost of \$35.99/hour for support staff.⁴

Information Collection Costs: The Commission projects the average annual burden and cost of compliance with these regulations to be the following:

| Data collection | Number of respondents | Hours per response (1 response per respondent) | Total hours | Total cost |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--|-------------|------------|
| FERC-545—NGA Pipelines | 161 | 1 | 161 | \$5,794 |
| FERC-549—NGPA Pipelines | 200 | 1 | 200 | 7,198 |
| FERC-550—Oil Pipelines | 200 | 1 | 200 | 7,198 |

¹ Concurrent with this Notice, the Commission is issuing a separate order on "Revisions to Company Registration and Establishing Technical Conference" with additional details on the requirements.

² A description of the procedures can be found in the Commission's order in *Filing Via the Internet*,

Docket Nos. RM07-16-000 and RM01-5-000, 142 FERC ¶ 61,097 (2013) (<http://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/common/OpenNat.asp?fileID=13174100>).

³ 5 CFR 1320.

⁴ The estimated burden on electric utilities for compliance with this requirement was included in Order No. 770, 77 FR 71,288 (Nov. 30, 2012) and

is incorporated in FERC-920, Electric Quarterly Report, OMB Control No. 1902-0255. Those reporting requirements will be submitted to OMB for review after OMB issues a decision on another pending item under that Control Number. (Only one item per OMB Control Number can be pending at OMB for PRA review at a time.)

We estimate that pipelines will have the initial implementation burden of one hour and may annually review or make revisions to their list of designated agents. The total annual cost for all respondents is: \$20,190.

Title: FERC-545, Gas Pipeline Rates: Rate Change (Non-Formal), OMB Control No. 1902-0154; FERC-549, Gas Pipeline Rates: NGPA Title III Transactions and Part 341, OMB Control No. 1902-0086; and FERC-550, Oil Pipeline Rates: Tariff Filings, OMB Control No. 1902-0089.

Action: Revised company registration information requirements.

Respondents: Interstate and intrastate natural gas pipelines and interstate oil pipelines.

Frequency of Responses: One-time initial implementation and periodic updates as needed.

Need for Information: The changes are being implemented to enhance the security of natural gas and oil pipelines' company registration accounts and to provide pipelines with an enhanced ability to manage filing permissions.

Internal Review: We have reviewed the changes and determined that the changes are necessary, conforming to the Commission's need for efficient information collection, communication, and management within the energy industry. We have assured ourselves, by means of internal review, that there is specific, objective support for the burden estimates associated with the information collection requirements.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the 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 and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: February 8, 2013.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14483-000]

Westfield Water Resources Department; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, Protests, Recommendations, and Terms and Conditions

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* Conduit Exemption.

b. *Project No.:* 14483-000.

c. *Date filed:* January 22, 2013.

d. *Applicant:* Westfield Water Resources Department.

e. *Name of Project:* Sackett Filtration Plant Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The proposed Sackett Filtration Plant Hydroelectric Project would be located on a water supply pipeline entering the Sackett Filtration Plant in Hampden County, Massachusetts. The land on which all the project structures are located is owned by the applicant.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791a-825r

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Charles Darling, Water Systems Engineer, Westfield Water Resources Department, 28 Sackett Street, Westfield, MA 01085; phone (413) 572-6243.

i. *FERC Contact:* Robert Bell, (202) 502-6062, robert.bell@ferc.gov.

j. *Status of Environmental Analysis:*

This application is ready for environmental analysis at this time, and the Commission is requesting comments, reply comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions.

k. *Deadline for filing responsive documents:* Due to the small size of the proposed project, as well as the resource agency consultation letters filed with the application, the 60-day timeframe specified in 18 CFR 4.34(b) for filing all comments, motions to intervene, protests, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions is shortened to 30 days from the issuance date of this notice. All reply comments filed in response to comments submitted by any resource agency, Indian tribe, or person, must be filed with the Commission within 45 days from the issuance date of this notice.

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.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

l. *Description of the project:* The proposed Sackett Filtration Plant Hydroelectric Project would consist of: (1) A proposed 16.19-foot-long, 12-inch-diameter intake pipe; (2) a proposed powerhouse containing one proposed generating unit with an installed capacity of 80 kilowatts; (3) a proposed 9.42-foot-long, 12-inch-diameter exit pipe; and (4) appurtenant facilities. The applicant estimates the project would have an average annual generation of 0.4745 gigawatt-hours.

m. This filing is available for review and reproduction at the Commission in the Public Reference Room, Room 2A, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. The filing may also be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, P-14483, in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3676 or email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. For TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for review and reproduction at the address in item h above.

n. *Development Application*—Any qualified applicant desiring to file a competing application must submit to the Commission, on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application, a competing development application, or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing development application no later than 120 days after the specified deadline date for the particular application. Applications for preliminary permits will not be accepted in response to this notice.

o. *Protests or Motions to Intervene*—Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, and 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests filed, but only those who file a motion