

of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-14746-000.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-14746) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC16-7-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC Form 6-Q); Comment Request; Extension

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

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection, FERC Form 6-Q (Quarterly Financial Report of Oil Pipeline Companies).

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due June 3, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC16-7-000) 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](mailto:ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov), or by phone at: (866) 208-3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502-8659 for TTY.

*Docket:* Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket or in viewing/downloading comments and issuances in this docket may do so at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/docs-filing.asp>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen Brown may be reached by email at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), telephone at (202) 502-8663, and fax at (202) 273-0873.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* FERC Form 6-Q, Quarterly Financial Report of Oil Pipeline Companies.<sup>1</sup>

*OMB Control No.:* 1902-0206.

*Type of Request:* Three-year extension of the FERC Form 6-Q information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

*Abstract:* Under the Interstate Commerce Act (ICA),<sup>2</sup> the Commission is authorized and empowered to make investigations and to collect and record data to the extent FERC may consider to be necessary or useful for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the ICA. FERC must ensure just and reasonable rates for transportation of crude oil and petroleum products by pipelines in interstate commerce.

The Commission uses the information collected by FERC Form 6-Q to carry out its responsibilities in implementing

the statutory provisions of the ICA to include the authority to prescribe rules and regulations concerning accounts, records, and memoranda, as necessary or appropriate. Financial accounting and reporting provides necessary information concerning a company's past performance and its future prospects. Without reliable financial statements prepared in accordance with the Commission's Uniform System of Accounts and related regulations, the Commission would be unable to accurately determine the costs that relate to a particular time period, service, or line of business.

The Commission uses data from the FERC Form 6-Q to assist in:

1. Implementation of its financial audits and programs,
2. continuous review of the financial condition of regulated companies,
3. assessment of energy markets,
4. rate proceedings and economic analyses, and
5. research for use in litigation.

Financial information reported on the quarterly FERC Form 6-Q provides FERC, as well as customers, investors and others, an important tool to help identify emerging trends and issues affecting jurisdictional entities within the energy industry. It also provides timely disclosures of the impacts that new accounting standards, or changes in existing standards, have on jurisdictional entities, as well as the economic effects of significant transactions, events, and circumstances. The reporting of this information by jurisdictional entities assists the Commission in its analysis of profitability, efficiency, risk, and in its overall monitoring.

*Type of Respondents:* Oil pipelines.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*<sup>3</sup> The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden for the information collection as:

<sup>1</sup> The renewal request in this IC docket is for the current FERC Form 6-Q, with no change to the reporting requirements. The FERC Form 6-Q is also part of the Forms Refresh effort (started in Docket No. AD15-11), which is a separate activity.

<sup>2</sup> 49 U.S.C. Part 1, Section 20, 54 Stat. 916.

<sup>3</sup> The Commission defines burden as 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. For further explanation of what is included in the information collection burden, reference 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

## FERC FORM 6-Q—QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT OF OIL COMPANIES

Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden & cost per response <sup>4</sup>	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost	Cost per respondent (\$)
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*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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP15-558-000]

#### **PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC; Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review of the Penneast Pipeline Project**

On September 24, 2015, PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC (PennEast) filed an application in Docket No. CP15-558-000 under section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct, operate, and maintain a new natural gas pipeline system in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The proposed project is known as the PennEast Pipeline Project and will provide approximately 1.0 billion cubic feet per day of year-round transportation natural gas service to

markets in eastern and southeastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

On October 8, 2015, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) issued its Notice of Application for the project. Among other things, that notice alerted other agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on the request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the PennEast Pipeline Project. This instant notice identifies the FERC staff's planned schedule for completion of the final EIS for the project.

#### **Schedule for Environmental Review**

Issuance of Notice of Availability of the final EIS—December 16, 2016.

90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline—March 16, 2017.

If a schedule change becomes necessary, additional notice will be provided so the relevant agencies are kept informed of the project's progress.

#### **Project Description**

The project includes a total of 118.8 miles of pipeline and laterals composed of 115.0 miles of new, 36-inch-diameter pipeline extending from Luzerne County, Pennsylvania to Mercer County, New Jersey. The Project would also have three pipeline laterals: The 2.1-mile Hellertown Lateral consisting of 24-inch-diameter pipeline in Northampton County, Pennsylvania; the 0.1-mile Gilbert Lateral consisting of 12-inch-diameter pipeline in Hunterdon County, Pennsylvania; and the 1.5-mile Lambertville Lateral consisting of 36-inch-diameter pipeline in Hunterdon County, New Jersey.

The proposed aboveground facilities consist of a new, 47,700 horsepower compressor station in Kidder Township, Carbon County, Pennsylvania. The project would also include the construction of 8 meter and regulator stations, 11 mainline valves, and 11 pig launcher/receiver sites.

#### **Background**

On October 10, 2014, the Commission staff granted PennEast's request to use the FERC's Pre-filing environmental review process and assigned the PennEast Pipeline Project Docket No. PF15-1-000. On January 13, 2015, the Commission issued, in that docket, a *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Planned PennEast Pipeline Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Public Scoping Meetings* (NOI). The NOI was sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers.

The primary issues raised by the commenters during scoping included concerns about potential impacts on agricultural farms, ground water resources on Sourland Region, protected conservation lands, threatened and endangered species, archaeological sites, forest (*i.e.*, fragmentation), and impacts on property value. In addition, the added responsibility for emergency response teams; potential for arsenic release into groundwater; safety of local residents in the event of a pipeline incident; long-term impacts of compressor stations on human health and the environment; construction in karst areas; and need for alternatives were also raised.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration are cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EIS.

#### **Additional Information**

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EIS and to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with

<sup>4</sup> The estimates for cost per response are derived using the 2015 FERC average salary plus benefits of \$149,489/year (or \$72.00/hour). Commission staff finds that the work done for this information collection is typically done by wage categories similar to those at FERC.