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Secretary.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC19–12–000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–592); Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy.
ACTION: Notice of information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection, FERC–592 (Standards of Conduct for Transmission Provider and Marketing Affiliates of Interstate Pipelines).

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due February 19, 2019.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC19–12–000) by either of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission’s website:* <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.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Standards of Conduct for Transmission Provider and Marketing Affiliates of Interstate Pipelines.

OMB Control No.: 1902–0157.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC–592 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

Abstract: The Commission uses the information maintained and posted by the respondents to monitor the pipeline’s transportation, sales, and storage activities for its marketing affiliate to deter undue discrimination by pipeline companies in favor of their marketing affiliates. Non-affiliated shippers and other entities (e.g. state commissions) also use information to determine whether they have been harmed by affiliate preference and to prepare evidence for proceedings following the filing of a complaint.

18 CFR Part 358 (Standards of Conduct)

Respondents maintain and provide the information required by part 358 on their internet websites. When the Commission requires a pipeline to post information on its website following a disclosure of non-public information to its marketing affiliate, non-affiliated shippers obtain comparable access to the non-public transportation information, which allows them to compete with marketing affiliates on a more equal basis.

18 CFR 250.16, and the FERC–592 Log/Format

This form (log/format) provides the electronic formats for maintaining information on discounted transportation transactions and capacity allocation to support monitoring of activities of interstate pipeline marketing affiliates. Commission staff considers discounts given to shippers in litigated rate cases.

Without this information collection:

- The Commission would be unable to effectively monitor whether pipelines are giving discriminatory preference to their marketing affiliates; and
- non-affiliated shippers and state commissions and others would be unable to determine if they have been harmed by affiliate preference or prepare evidence for proceedings following the filing of a complaint.

Type of Respondents: Natural gas pipelines.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*¹ The Commission estimates the annual reporting burden and cost for the information collection as:

FERC–592—STANDARDS FOR CONDUCT FOR TRANSMISSION PROVIDERS MARKETING AFFILIATES OF INTERSTATE PIPELINES

	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden & cost per response ²	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost	Cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
FERC 592 ³ ...	85	1	85	116.62 hrs.; \$9,212.98	9,913 hrs.; \$783,127	9,212.98

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;

¹ “Burden” is defined 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.

² The estimates for cost per response are derived using the following formula: Average Burden Hours per Response * \$79.00/hour = Average cost/response. The figure is the 2018 FERC average hourly cost (for wages and benefits) of \$79.00 (and an average annual salary of \$164,820/year). Commission staff is using the FERC average salary

because we consider any reporting requirements completed in response to the FERC–592 to be compensated at rates similar to the work of FERC employees.

³ The requirements for this collection are contained in 18 CFR part 358 and 18 CFR part 250.16.

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 Nos. IS18-766-000; IS18-767-000]

Mid-America Pipeline Company, LLC; Seminole Pipeline Company LLC; Notice of Technical Conference

Take notice that a technical conference will be held Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time), in Hearing Room 7, at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington DC 20426.

At the technical conference, the Commission staff and the parties to the proceeding should be prepared to discuss all issues set for technical conference as established in the October 25, 2018 order, *Mid-America Pipeline Company, LLC et al.*, 165 FERC 61,046. All interested persons are permitted to attend.

Commission conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations please send an email to accessibility@ferc.gov or call toll free 1-866-208-3372 (voice) or 202-502-8659 (TTY); or send a fax to 202-208-2106 with the required accommodations.

For more information about this technical conference please contact Matthew Petersen at (202)-502-6845 or matthew.petersen@ferc.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AC19-43-000]

Midcontinent Express Pipeline LLC; Notice of Filing

Take notice that on December 6, 2018, Midcontinent Express Pipeline LLC filed a request for approval to use Account 439, authorized by the Financial Accounting Standards Board.

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, 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 on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on 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 5 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 website that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Comments: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on December 26, 2018.

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[Docket No. AC19-30-000]

Virginia Electric and Power Company; Notice of Filing

Take notice that on November 28, 2018, Virginia Electric and Power Company filed a request for approval to use Account 439, authorized by the Financial Accounting Standards Board.

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, 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 on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

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Comments: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on December 18, 2018.

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