

Form EIA-176—Annual Report of Natural and Supplemental Gas Supply and Disposition

Form EIA-176 collects data on natural, synthetic, and other supplemental gas supplies, their disposition, and certain revenues by state. EIA proposes to modify the survey instructions to explicitly include “producers of renewable natural gas or biogas, including landfill collection facilities, agricultural digesters, and wastewater treatment facilities.” EIA seeks to add producers of renewable natural gas and biogas as respondents to Form EIA-176 because these facilities produce and consume gas in electric power generation, vehicle fuel, and other applications and are in scope for the reporting frame.

Form EIA-191—Monthly Underground Natural Gas Storage Report

Form EIA-191 collects data on the operations of all active underground storage facilities. The name of the survey will change from *Monthly Underground Gas Storage Report* to *Monthly Underground Natural Gas Storage Report*.

Form EIA-191L—Monthly Liquefied Natural Gas Storage Report

EIA proposes to add a new survey, Form EIA-191L, *Monthly Liquefied Natural Gas Storage Report* to collect natural gas inventory storage data from approximately 90 operators of liquefied natural gas (LNG) facilities. Form EIA-191L is a shorter version of Form EIA-191 and will collect the same natural gas data as Form EIA-191 except it will not collect information on base gas, working gas, field type, and facility type.

Form EIA-757—Natural Gas Processing Plant Survey

Form EIA-757 collects information on the capacity, status, and operations of natural gas processing plants, and monitors their constraints to natural gas supplies during catastrophic events, such as hurricanes. *Schedule A* of Form EIA-757 collects baseline operating and capacity information from all respondents on a triennial basis. *Schedule B* is used on an emergency standby basis and is activated during natural disasters or other energy disruptive events. *Schedule B* collects data from a sample of respondents in the affected areas. There are no proposed changes to Form EIA-757.

Form EIA-857—Monthly Report of Natural Gas Purchases and Deliveries to Consumers

Form EIA-857 collects data on the quantity and cost of natural gas delivered to distribution systems and the quantity and revenue of natural gas delivered to consumers by end-use sector, on a monthly basis by state. There are no proposed changes to this survey.

Form EIA-910—Monthly Natural Gas Marketer

Form EIA-910 collects information on natural gas sales from marketers in selected states that have active consumer choice programs. EIA proposes to increase the number of respondents to this survey due to the increased number of natural gas market participants.

Form EIA-912—Weekly Natural Gas Storage Report

Form EIA-912 collects information on weekly inventories of natural gas in underground storage facilities. LNG storage capacity increased 28% from 2008 to 2018, driven by growth of LNG activity at marine terminals. EIA proposes to collect aboveground storage stocks from approximately five marine terminals that import or export LNG. The name of the survey will change from *Weekly Underground Natural Gas Storage Report* to *Weekly Natural Gas Storage Report*.

(5) *Annual Estimated Number of Survey Respondents*: 3,645;

Form EIA-176 consists of 2,200 respondents;

Form EIA-191 consists of 145 respondents;

Form EIA-191L consists of 90 respondents;

Form EIA-757 Schedule A consists of 600 respondents

Form EIA-757 Schedule B consists of 20 respondents;

Form EIA-857 consists of 330 respondents;

Form EIA-910 consists of 160 respondents;

Form EIA-912 consists of 100 respondents.

(6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses*: 16,487.

(7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours*: 57,012.

(8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden*: \$4,568,942 (57,012 burden hours times \$80.14 per hour). EIA estimates that respondents will have no additional costs associated with the surveys other than the burden hours and the maintenance of the information during the normal course of business.

Comments are invited on whether or not: (a) The proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions, including whether the information will have a practical utility; (b) EIA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used, is accurate; (c) EIA can improve the quality, utility, and clarity of the information it will collect; and (d) EIA can minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, such as automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Statutory Authority: 15 U.S.C. 772(b) and 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*

Signed in Washington, DC, on April 20th, 2020.

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Assistant Administrator for Energy Statistics, U.S. Energy Information Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD20-14-000]

Carbon Pricing in FERC-Jurisdictional Organized Regional Wholesale Electric Energy Markets; Notice of Request for Technical Conference or Workshop

Take notice that on April 13, 2020, Advanced Energy Economy, the American Council on Renewable Energy, the American Wind Energy Association, Brookfield Renewable, Calpine Corporation, Competitive Power Ventures, Inc., the Electric Power Supply Association, the Independent Power Producers of New York, Inc., LS Power Associates, L.P., the Natural Gas Supply Association, NextEra Energy, Inc., PJM Power Providers Group, R Street Institute, and Vistra Energy Corp. (together, the Interested Parties), pursuant to Rule 207 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.207 (2019), filed a petition requesting that the Commission hold a technical conference or workshop to discuss integrating state, regional, and national carbon pricing in FERC-jurisdictional organized regional wholesale electric energy markets.

Any person that wishes to comment in this proceeding must file comments in accordance with Rule 211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.211 (2019).

Comments will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken. Comments must be filed on or before the comment date.

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Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on May 21, 2020.

Dated: April 21, 2020.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP18-39-000]

Questar Southern Trails Pipeline Company; Notice of Extension of Time Request

Take notice that on April 17, 2020, Questar Southern Trails Pipeline Company (Questar) requested that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) grant an extension of time, until May 9, 2022, to complete its Southern Trail Pipeline Abandonment Project (Project) authorized in the May 9, 2018 Order Approving Abandonment

(May 2018 Order).¹ The May 2018 Order required Questar to abandon, within two years of the order date, all of its certificated facilities dedicated to providing jurisdictional transportation services (Questar Southern Trails Facilities) located in California, Arizona, Utah, and New Mexico, in part by sale to the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) and in part by abandonment-in-place.

Questar states that Phase 1 of the two-phased implementation plan, filed on May 23, 2019, was completed on June 29, 2019. Questar asserts that in Phase 2 of the Project, Questar will conclude the Asset Purchase Agreement with the NTUA. Upon closing the transaction, Questar will simultaneously abandon by sale the remaining facilities detailed in the application and abandon its NGA Section 7(c) certificate, the Questar FERC Gas Tariff, and all transportation services. Questar affirms that it and the NTUA continue to diligently seek the consents necessary to finalize the transaction; however, all the necessary consents have not yet been obtained, and as a result, Questar is unable to complete abandonment within the 2-year time frame designated in the Order.

This notice establishes a 15-calendar day intervention and comment period deadline. Any person wishing to comment on the extension motion may do so. No reply comments or answers will be considered. If you wish to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this request, you should, on or before the comment date stated below, file a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). However, only motions to intervene from entities that were party to the underlying proceeding will be accepted.

As a matter of practice, the Commission itself generally acts on requests for extensions of time to complete construction for NGA facilities when such requests are contested before order issuance. For those extension requests that are contested,² the Commission acting as a whole will aim to issue an order acting on the request within 45 days.³ The Commission will address all arguments relating to whether the applicant has demonstrated there is good cause to grant the

¹ *Questar Southern Trails Pipeline Company*, 163 FERC 62,086 (2018).

² Contested proceedings are those where an intervenor disputes any material issue of the filing. 18 CFR 385.2201(c)(1) (2019).

³ *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC*, 170 FERC 61,144, at P 40 (2020).

extension. The Commission will not consider arguments that re-litigate the issuance of the certificate order, including whether the Commission properly found the project to be in the public convenience and necessity and whether the Commission's environmental analysis for the certificate complied with the National Environmental Policy Act.⁴ At the time a pipeline requests an extension of time, orders on certificates of public convenience and necessity are final and the Commission will not re-litigate their issuance. The OEP Director, or his or her designee, will act on all of those extension requests that are uncontested.

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The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, 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 three copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on May 7, 2020.

Dated: April 22, 2020.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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⁴ Similarly, the Commission will not re-litigate the issuance of an NGA section 3 authorization, including whether a proposed project is not inconsistent with the public interest and whether the Commission's environmental analysis for the permit order complied with NEPA.