

intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214). Motions to intervene are more fully described at <https://www.ferc.gov/resources/guides/how-to/intervene.asp>. Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing or judicial review of the Commission's decision. The Commission may grant affected landowners and others with environmental concerns intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which no other party can adequately represent. Simply filing environmental comments will not give you intervenor status, but you do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Additional information about the Amendment is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208-FERC, or on the FERC website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) using the eLibrary link. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

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Dated: April 24, 2020.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC20-10-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC Form Nos. 2 and 2-A; Comment Request; Extension

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

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

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently

approved information collection, FERC Form No. 2 (Annual Report for Major Natural Gas Companies) and FERC Form No. 2-A (Annual Report for Non-Major Natural Gas Companies).<sup>1</sup>

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due June 29, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC20-10-000) 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, at Health and Human Services, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

*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).

*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.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* FERC Form No. 2, Annual Report for Major Natural Gas Companies; OMB Control No. 1902-0028.

FERC Form No. 2-A, Annual Report for Non-Major Natural Gas Companies; OMB Control No. 1902-0030.

*OMB Control No.:* 1902-0028, 1902-0030.

*Type of Request:* Three-year extension of the FERC Form No. 2 and FERC Form No. 2-A information collection requirements without a change to the current reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

*Abstract:* Pursuant to sections 8, 10 and 14 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), (15 U.S.C. 717g-717m), the Commission is authorized to conduct investigations and collect and record data, and to prescribe rules and regulations concerning accounts, records and memoranda as necessary or appropriate

<sup>1</sup> FERC Form Nos. 2 and 2-A are part of the "Forms Refresh" effort, which is a separate activity and not addressed here. See *Revisions to the Filing Process for Commission Forms*, 166 FERC ¶ 61,027 (2019) (started in Docket No. AD15-11-000 and ongoing in Docket No. RM19-12-000). OMB issued its decisions on the proposed changes in the Forms Refresh Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in Docket RM19-12-000 on March 14, 2019.

for purposes of administering the NGA. The Commission may prescribe a system of accounts for jurisdictional companies and, after notice and opportunity for hearing, may determine the accounts in which particular outlays and receipts will be entered, charged or credited.

The Commission collects FERC Form Nos. 2 and 2-A information as prescribed in 18 CFR 260.1 and 18 CFR 260.2. These forms provide information concerning a company's current performance, compiled using the Commission's Uniform System of Account (USoA).<sup>2</sup> FERC Form No. 2 is filed by "Major" natural gas companies that have combined natural gas transported or stored for a fee that exceeds 50 million Dekatherms in each of the three previous calendar years. FERC Form No. 2-A is filed by "Non-Major" natural gas companies that do not meet the filing threshold for the FERC Form No. 2, but have total gas sales or volume transactions that exceeds 200,000 Dekatherms in each of the three previous calendar years.

The forms provide information concerning a company's financial and operational information. The forms contain schedules which include a basic set of financial statements: Comparative Balance Sheet, Statement of Income and Retained Earnings, Statement of Cash Flows, and the Statement of Comprehensive Income and Hedging Activities. Supporting schedules containing supplementary information are filed, including revenues and the related quantities of products sold or transported; account balances for various operating and maintenance expenses; selected plant cost data; and other information.

The information collected assists the Commission in the administration of its jurisdictional responsibilities and is used by Commission staff, state regulatory agencies, customers, financial analysts and others in the review of the financial condition of regulated companies. The information is also used in various rate proceedings, industry analyses and in the Commission's audit programs and as appropriate, for the computation of annual charges. The information is made available to the public, intervenors and all interested parties to assist in the proceedings before the Commission. For financial information to be useful to the Commission, it must be understandable, relevant, reliable and timely. The Form Nos. 2 and 2-A financial statements are

<sup>2</sup> See 18 CFR part 201 (Uniform System of Accounts Prescribed for Natural Gas Companies Subject to the Provisions of the Natural Gas Act).

prepared in accordance with the Commission's USofA and related regulations, and provide data that enables the Commission to develop and monitor cost-based rates, analyze costs of different services and classes of assets, and compare costs across lines of business. The use of the USofA permits natural gas companies to account for similar transactions and events in a consistent manner, and to communicate those results to the Commission on a periodic basis. Comparability of data

and financial statement analysis for a particular entity from one period to the next, or between entities, within the same industry, would be difficult to achieve if each company maintained its own accounting records using dissimilar accounting methods and classifications to record similar transactions and events.

In summary, without the information collected in the forms, it would be difficult for the Commission to ensure, as required by the NGA, that a

pipeline's rates remain just and reasonable, respond to Congressional and outside inquires, and make decisions in a timely manner.

*Type of Respondent:* Major and Non-Major Natural Gas Companies.

*Estimate of Annual Burden*<sup>3</sup>: The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden and cost<sup>4</sup> for the information collection as shown in the following table:

Information collection (FERC Form No.)	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden & cost per response	Total annual burden hours & cost <sup>5</sup>	Annual cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1)*(2)=(3)	(4)	(3)*(4)=(5)	(5)÷(1)
2 .....	100	1	100	1,671.66 hrs.; \$133,733 .....	167,166 hrs.; 13,373,280 .....	133,733
2-A .....	81	1	81	296 hrs.; \$23,680 .....	23,976 hrs.; 1,918,080 .....	23,680

<sup>5</sup> Every figure in this column is rounded to the nearest dollar.

*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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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. AD20-3-000]

**Review of Cost Submittals by Other Federal Agencies for Administering Part I of the Federal Power Act; Notice Requesting Questions and Comments on Fiscal Year 2019 Other Federal Agency Cost Submissions**

In its *Order On Rehearing Consolidating Administrative Annual Charges Bill Appeals And Modifying Annual Charges Billing Procedures*, 109 FERC ¶ 61,040 (2004) (October 8 Order), the Commission set forth an annual process for Other Federal Agencies (OFAs) to submit their costs related to Administering Part I of the Federal Power Act. Pursuant to the established process, the Chief of Financial Operations, Financial Management Division, Office of the Executive Director, on October 4, 2019, issued a letter requesting the OFAs to submit their costs by December 31, 2019 using the OFA Cost Submission Form.

Upon receipt of the agency submissions, the Commission posted the information in eLibrary, and issued, on March 12, 2020, a notice announcing the date for a technical conference to review the submitted costs. On March 26, 2020 the Commission held the technical conference. Technical conference transcripts, submitted cost

forms, and detailed supporting documents are all available for review under Docket No. AD20-3. These documents are accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room, due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Interested parties may file specific questions and comments on the FY 2019 OFA cost submissions with the Commission under Docket No. AD20-3, no later than May 8, 2020. Once filed, the Commission will forward the questions and comments to the OFAs for response.

Anyone with questions pertaining to the technical conference or this notice should contact Raven A. Rodriguez at (202) 502-6276 (via email at [raven.rodriguez@ferc.gov](mailto:raven.rodriguez@ferc.gov)).

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**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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<sup>3</sup> 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, refer to 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

<sup>4</sup> The Commission staff believes the FERC FTE (full-time equivalent) average cost for wages plus

benefits is representative of the corresponding cost for the industry respondents. Based upon the FERC's 2019 average cost for salary plus benefits, the average hourly cost is \$80/hour.