

The following shows the annual cost burden for each group, based on the burden hours in the table above:

- Year 1: \$8,431,860 (Onetime)
- Years 2 and 3: \$491,903 (Ongoing)

The paperwork burden estimate includes costs associated with the initial development of a policy to address requirements relating to: (1) clarifying the obligations pertaining to electronic access control for low impact BES Cyber Systems; (2) adopting mandatory security controls for transient electronic devices (e.g., thumb drives, laptop computers, and other portable devices frequently connected to and disconnected from systems) used at low impact BES Cyber Systems; and (3) requiring responsible entities to have a policy for declaring and responding to CIP Exceptional Circumstances related to low impact BES Cyber Systems. Further, the estimate reflects the assumption that costs incurred in year 1 will pertain to policy development, while costs in years 2 and 3 will reflect the burden associated with maintaining logs and other records to demonstrate ongoing compliance.

*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: March 24, 2023.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC23-4-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-73) 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 Form No. 73, (Oil Pipeline Service Life Data), which will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review. No Comments were received on the 60-day notice published on January 19, 2023.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due May 1, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments on FERC-73 to OMB through [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. Please identify the OMB Control Number (1902-0019) in the subject line of your comments. Comments should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain).

Please submit copies of your comments to the Commission. You may submit copies of your comments (identified by Docket No. IC23-4-000) by one of the following methods: Electronic filing through <https://www.ferc.gov>, is preferred.

- *Electronic Filing:* Documents must be filed in acceptable native applications and print-to-PDF, but not in scanned or picture format.

- For those unable to file electronically, comments may be filed by USPS mail or by hand (including courier) delivery.

- *Mail via U.S. Postal Service Only:* Addressed to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

- *Hand (including courier) delivery:* Deliver to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

*Instructions:* OMB submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Using the search function under the "Currently Under Review" field, select Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; click "submit," and select "comment" to the right of the subject collection. *FERC submissions* must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission

guidelines at: <https://www.ferc.gov>. 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 <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview>.

**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. 73, Oil Pipeline Service Life Data.

*OMB Control No.:* 1902-0019.

*Type of Request:* Three-year extension of the FERC Form No. 73 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

*Abstract:* The Commission collects FERC Form No. 73 information as part of its authority under the Interstate Commerce Act, 49 U.S.C. 60501, *et al.* FERC Form No. 73 contains necessary information for the review of oil pipeline companies' proposed depreciation rates, as regulated entities are required to provide service life data illustrating the remaining physical life of an oil pipeline's properties. This is used to calculate the company's cost of service and its transportation rates to access customers. The Commission implements these filing reviews under the purview of 18 CFR part 357.3, *FERC Form No. 73, Oil Pipeline Data for Depreciation Analysis*, and 18 CFR part 347. Parts 357.3 and 347 require an oil pipeline company to submit information under FERC Form No. 73 when: (1) requesting approval for new or changed depreciation rates of an oil pipeline; or (2) being directed by the Commission to file the service life data during an investigation of its book depreciation rates.

*Type of Respondent:* Oil pipeline companies.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*<sup>1</sup>

The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden for the information collection as below:

<sup>1</sup> "Burden" is 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 CFR 1320.3.

## FERC FORM NO. 73, OIL PIPELINE SERVICE LIFE DATA

	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden & cost per response <sup>2</sup>	Total annual burden & total annual cost	Cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
Oil Pipeline Depreciation Analysis.	22	1	22	40 hrs.; \$3,640 .....	880 hrs.; \$80,080 ..	\$3,640

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP22-501-000]

#### Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Southeast Energy Connector Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Southeast Energy Connector Project (Project), proposed by Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco) in the above-referenced docket. Transco requests authorization to modify an existing compressor station and construct 1.9 miles of pipeline in Coosa and Chilton counties, Alabama to provide 150,000 dekatherms per day of natural gas transportation service to an existing electric power generator in Shelby County, Alabama.

<sup>2</sup> The Commission staff estimates the average cost in salary and benefits for the average respondent based on the Commission's 2022 average cost for salary plus benefits at \$91/hour.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed Project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers participated as a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EA. Cooperating agencies have jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to resources potentially affected by the proposal and participate in the NEPA analysis. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is considering adopting the EA to fulfill its NEPA obligations.

The proposed Project includes the following facilities:

- installation of a 11,110 horsepower Solar Taurus 70 gas-fired turbine (Compressor Unit 5) in a new building with associated appurtenant facilities at Transco's existing Compressor Station 105 site in Coosa County, Alabama;
- modification of Compressor Units 1-3 at Compressor Station 105;
- construction of 1.9 miles of new 42-inch-diameter E mainline loop<sup>1</sup> pipeline (Chilton Loop) from mileposts (MP) 909.63 to 911.53 in Chilton and Coosa counties, Alabama; and
- removal of the existing pigging<sup>2</sup> traps at MPs 909.63 and 911.53 on Transco's existing E mainline and tie-in the Chilton Loop.

The Commission mailed a copy of the *Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Southeast Energy Connector Project* to federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; potentially affected landowners and other interested individuals and groups; and newspapers and libraries in the

<sup>1</sup> A pipeline loop is a segment of pipe constructed parallel to an existing pipeline to increase capacity.

<sup>2</sup> A "pig" is a tool that the pipeline company inserts into and pushes through the pipeline for cleaning the pipeline, conducting internal inspections, or other purposes.

project area. The EA is only available in electronic format. It may be viewed and downloaded from the FERC's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)), on the natural gas environmental documents page (<https://www.ferc.gov/industries-data/natural-gas/environment/environmental-documents>). In addition, the EA may be accessed by using the eLibrary link on the FERC's website. Click on the eLibrary link (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/search>), select "General Search" and enter the docket number in the "Docket Number" field, excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, CP22-501). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

The EA is not a decision document. It presents Commission staff's independent analysis of the environmental issues for the Commission to consider when addressing the merits of all issues in this proceeding. Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Your comments should focus on the EA's disclosure and discussion of potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that the Commission has the opportunity to consider your comments prior to making its decision on this project, it is important that we receive your comments in Washington, DC on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on April 24, 2023.

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to file your comments to the Commission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has staff available to assist you at (866) 208-3676 or [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded.

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the *eComment* feature on the Commission's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to *FERC*