

protestor states it also seeks to be an intervenor.

Interventions

Any person has the option to file a motion to intervene in this proceeding. Only intervenors have the right to request rehearing of Commission orders issued in this proceeding and to subsequently challenge the Commission's orders in the U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal.

To intervene, you must submit a motion to intervene to the Commission in accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure⁴ and the regulations under the NGA⁵ by the intervention deadline for the project, which is March 3, 2025. As described further in Rule 214, your motion to intervene must state, to the extent known, your position regarding the proceeding, as well as your interest in the proceeding. For an individual, this could include your status as a landowner, ratepayer, resident of an impacted community, or recreationist. You do not need to have property directly impacted by the project in order to intervene. For more information about motions to intervene, refer to the FERC website at <https://www.ferc.gov/resources/guides/how-to/intervene.asp>.

All timely, unopposed motions to intervene are automatically granted by operation of Rule 214(c)(1). Motions to intervene that are filed after the intervention deadline are untimely and may be denied. Any late-filed motion to intervene must show good cause for being late and must explain why the time limitation should be waived and provide justification by reference to factors set forth in Rule 214(d) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies (paper or electronic) of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties.

Comments

Any person wishing to comment on the project may do so. The Commission considers all comments received about the project in determining the appropriate action to be taken. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments on or before March 3,

2025. The filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. To become a party, you must intervene in the proceeding.

How To File Protests, Interventions, and Comments

There are two ways to submit protests, motions to intervene, and comments. In both instances, please reference the Project docket number CP25-40-000 in your submission.

(1) You may file your protest, motion to intervene, and comments by using the Commission's eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "eRegister." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making; first select "General" and then select "Protest", "Intervention", or "Comment on a Filing"; or⁶

(2) You can file a paper copy of your submission by mailing it to the address below. Your submission must reference the Project docket number CP25-40-000.

To file via USPS: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.
To file via any other method: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

The Commission encourages electronic filing of submissions (option 1 above) and has eFiling staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov.

Protests and motions to intervene must be served on the applicant either by mail at: Blair Lichtenwalter, Senior Director of Certificates, Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC, 1300 Main Street, Houston, Texas 77002, or at Blair.Lichtenwalter@energytransfer.com. Any subsequent submissions by an intervenor must be served on the applicant and all other parties to the proceeding. Contact information for parties can be downloaded from the service list at the eService link on FERC Online.

⁶ Additionally, you may file your comments electronically by using the eComment feature, which is located on the Commission's website at www.ferc.gov under the link to Documents and Filings. Using eComment is an easy method for interested persons to submit brief, text-only comments on a project.

Tracking the Proceeding

Throughout the proceeding, additional information about the project will be available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208-FERC, or on the FERC website at www.ferc.gov using the "eLibrary" link as described above. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. For more information and to register, go to www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp.

Dated: January 2, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC25-5-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-545); 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, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection, *FERC 545: Gas Pipeline Rates: Rate Change (Non-Formal)*.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due March 10, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit copies of your comments (identified by Docket No. IC25-5-000) by one of the following methods:

⁴ 18 CFR 385.214.

⁵ 18 CFR 157.10.

Electronic filing through <http://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 submitted to FERC as follows:

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

- *All other services (including courier):* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

Instructions: All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <http://www.ferc.gov>. For user assistance, contact FERC Online Support by email at 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>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kayla Williams may be reached by email at DataClearance@FERC.gov, telephone at (202) 502-6468.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC-545: Gas Pipeline Rates: Rate Change (Non-formal)

OMB Control No.: 1902-0154

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-545 information collection requirements with no changes to the reporting requirements.

Abstract: FERC-545 is required to implement sections 4, 5, and 16 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (15 U.S.C. 717c, 717d, and 717o). NGA Sections 4, 5, and

16 authorize the Commission to inquire into rate structures and methodologies and to set rates at a just and reasonable level. Specifically, a natural gas company must obtain Commission authorization for all rates and charges made, demanded, or received in connection with the transportation or sale of natural gas in interstate commerce. FERC-545 consists of: (1) Tariff Filings which are filings regarding proposed changes to a pipeline’s tariff and any related compliance filings; (2) Rate Filings which are rate-related filings under NGA sections 4 and 5 and any related compliance filings and settlements; (3) Informational Reports, for example, annual reconciliation reports.; (4) Negotiated Rates and Non-Conforming Agreement Filings; (5) North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) Filings; (6) Market-Based Rates for Storage Filings; and (6) the Labor-Wage Policy which allows jurisdictional entities to include wages consistent with project-area standards in cost-of-service rates filed with the Commission where the record supports that outcome.

Under the NGA, a natural gas company’s rates must be just and reasonable and not unduly discriminatory or preferential. The Commission may act under different sections of the NGA to effect a change in a natural gas company’s rates. When the Commission reviews rate increases that a natural gas company has proposed, it is subject to the requirement of section 4(e) of the NGA. These types of filings are referred to as general section 4 rate cases. In the proceedings, the Commission reviews a pipeline’s rates and services. A pipeline can file a general section 4 rate case anytime it wishes, provided the pipeline

did not agree otherwise in a settlement. A pipeline must demonstrate that the new rates it proposes to charge are just and reasonable. When a rate increase filing is made pursuant to section 4, the application is typically suspended and set for hearing by a Commission Order. On the other hand, when the Commission seeks to impose its own rate determination, it must do so in compliance with section 5(a) of the NGA. Under section 5, the Commission must first establish and demonstrate that a pipeline’s existing rate is no longer just and reasonable.

Section 16 of the NGA states that the Commission “shall have the power to perform any and all acts, and to prescribe, issue, make, amend, and rescind such orders, rules, and regulations as it may find necessary or appropriate to carry out provisions of [the NGA].” In other words, section 16 of the NGA grants the Commission the power to define accounting, technical and trade terms, prescribe forms, statements, declarations or reports and to prescribe rules and regulations.

Pipelines adjust their tariffs to meet market and customer needs. Commission review of these proposed changes is required to ensure rates remain just and reasonable and that services are not provided in an unduly or preferential manner. The Commission’s regulation in 18 CFR part 154 specifies what changes are allowed and the procedures for requesting Commission approval.

Type of Respondents: Jurisdictional natural gas companies.

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

FERC-545: GAS PIPELINE RATES: RATE CHANGE (NON-FORMAL)
[No change]

| | Number of respondents | Average 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) |
| Tariff Filings | 141 | 3 | 423 | 211 hrs.; \$22,999 | 89,253 hrs.; \$9,728,577 | \$68,997 |
| Rate Filings | 19 | 2 | 38 | 354 hrs.; \$38,586 | 13,452 hrs.; \$1,466,268 | 77,172 |
| Informational Reports | 80 | 2 | 160 | 235 hrs.; \$25,615 | 37,600 hrs.; \$4,098,400 | 51,230 |
| Negotiated Rates & Non-Conforming Agreement Filings. | 75 | 8 | 600 | 233 hrs.; \$25,397 | 139,800 hrs.; \$15,238,200 | 203,176 |
| Market-Base Rates for Storage Filings | 2 | 1 | 2 | 230 hrs.; \$25,070 | 460 hrs.; \$50,140 | 25,070 |
| NAESB (version 3.2) one time over 3 years carried over from RM96-1-042 ³ . | 59.33 | 1 | 59.33 | 10 hrs.; \$1,090 | 593.30 hrs.; \$64,669.70 | 1,090 |

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. Refer to 5 CFR 1320.3 for additional information.

FERC-545: GAS PIPELINE RATES: RATE CHANGE (NON-FORMAL)—Continued
[No change]

| | Number of respondents | Average 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 (\$) |
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| | (1) | (2) | (1) * (2) = (3) | (4) | (3) * (4) = (5) | (5) ÷ (1) |
| Labor-Wage Policy ⁴ | 11 | 1 | 11 | 15 hrs.; \$1,635 | 165 hrs.; \$17,985 | 1,635 |
| Total (Including Section 4 Rate Cases). | | | 1,293 (rounded) | | 281,323 hrs. (rounded); \$30,664,240. | |

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.

² The estimated hourly cost (salary plus benefits) provided in this section is based on the salary figures for May 2024 posted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the Utilities sector (available at https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics3_221000.htm) and scaled to reflect benefits using the relative importance of employer costs for employee compensation from March 2024 available at <https://www.bls.gov/news.release/ceec.nr0.htm>. The hourly estimates for salary plus benefits are: Computer and Information Systems Manager (Occupation Code: 11-3021), \$115.47; Computer and Information Analysts (Occupation Code: 15-1210), \$80.10; Electrical Engineer (Occupation Code: 17-2071), \$79.31; Legal (Occupation Code: 23-0000), \$162.66. The average hourly cost (salary plus benefits) weighting all of the above skill sets evenly, is \$109.38. We round it to \$109/hour.

³ At the time of this notice for extension request, Docket No. RM96-1-043 was issued by the Commission on November 22, 2024. The Order updated the requirement to reflect the Wholesale Gas Quadrant (WGQ) 4.0 standards. OMB has not yet approved this modification as it has not published in the *Federal Register*, which is required for Information Collection Requests (ICRs) to be submitted. However, to prevent a lapse in the approval of the existing collection's expiration date, the Commission is publishing this Notice with the currently approved burden estimates that involve the NAESB standards (59.33 responses). The updated burden estimates for the NAESB revisions will increase the burden to 64.33 (rounded) responses, which is the average number of responses per annum.

⁴ Project-Area Wage Standards in the Labor Cost Component of Cost-of-Service Rates under Docket No. PL24-1-000 was issued on March 21, 2024, which allows jurisdictional entities to include wages consistent with project-area standards in cost-of-service rates filed with the Commission where the record supports that outcome.

Dated: January 2, 2025.
Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project Nos. 1933-116, 1934-065]

Southern California Edison Company; San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District; Notice of Application of Transfer of Licenses and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

On September 20, 2024, Southern California Edison Company (transferor) and San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (transferee) filed an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) to transfer the licenses for the 6.3-megawatt Santa Ana River 1 & 3 Hydroelectric Project No. 1933 (Santa Ana Project) and the 3.0-megawatt Mill Creek 2/3 Hydroelectric Project No. 1934 (Mill Creek Project). The Santa Ana Project, located on the Santa Ana River, and the Mill Creek Project, located on Mill Creek and its tributary Mountain Home Creek, are both situated in San Bernardino County, California, and occupy federal land within the San Bernardino National Forest.

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 801, the applicants seek Commission approval to transfer the licenses for the Santa Ana Project and the Mill Creek Project from the transferor to the transferee. Upon approval, the transferee will be required by the Commission to comply with all the requirements of the licenses.

Applicants Contacts

For Transferor: Wayne Allen, Principal Manager, Southern California Edison, 2244 Walnut Grove Ave., Rosemead, CA 91770, wayne.allen@sce.com and Jordan von Almen, Principal Manager, Southern California

Edison, 2244 Walnut Grove Ave., Rosemead, CA 91770, jordan.vonalmen@sce.com.
For Transferee: Heather P. Dyer, CEO/General Manager, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, 380 East Vanderbilt Way, San Bernardino, CA 92408, heatherd@sbfmwmd.com.

FERC Contact: Woohee Choi, Phone: (202) 502-6336, Email: Woohee.Choi@ferc.gov

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests: 30 days from the date that the Commission issues this notice. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to, Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to, Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket numbers P-1933-116 and P-1934-065. Comments emailed to Commission staff are not considered part of the Commission record.

The Commission's Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, environmental justice communities, Tribal members and others, access publicly available information and navigate Commission