

facilities shall be located, and, with respect to natural gas that involves the construction of new domestic facilities, the place of entry for imports or exit for exports. DOE approves the importation or exportation of the natural gas commodity.<sup>2</sup> Additionally, pursuant to the DOE Delegation Order and Executive Order Nos. 10485 and 12038,

the Commission has the authority to issue Presidential Permits for natural gas facilities which cross an international border of the United States. Persons seeking Section 3 authorizations or Presidential Permits from the Commission file applications for such requests pursuant to part 153 of the Commission's Regulations.<sup>3</sup>

*Type of Respondents:* The respondents include all jurisdictional natural gas companies seeking authorization from the Commission to import or export natural gas.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*<sup>4</sup> The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden for the information collection as:

FERC-539—GAS PIPELINE CERTIFICATES: IMPORT & EXPORT RELATED APPLICATIONS

Number of respondents (1)	Annual number of responses per respondent (2)	Total number of responses (1) * (2) = (3)	Average burden & cost per response <sup>5</sup> (4)	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost (3) * (4) = (5)	Cost per respondent (\$) (5) ÷ (1)
12 .....	2	24	12 hrs.; \$864 .....	288 hrs.; \$20,736 .....	\$1,728

*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: April 7, 2016.

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**Notice of Commission Staff Attendance**

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) hereby gives notice that members of the Commission's staff may attend the following meeting related to the transmission planning activities of NorthWestern Corporation, Deseret Generation & Transmission Cooperative, Inc., Portland General Electric

Company, Idaho Power Company, and PacifiCorp:

**Northern Tier Transmission Group Quarter 1 Stakeholder Meeting**

April 12, 2016 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. (PDT)

The above-referenced meeting will be held at: Embassy Suites by Hilton Portland Airport, 7900 NE 82nd Ave., Portland, OR 97220.

The above-referenced meeting is open to stakeholders.

Further information may be found at <http://www.nttg.biz/site/>.

The discussions at the meeting described above may address matters at issue in the following proceedings:

Docket No. ER16-778, *MATL*  
Docket No. ER16-970, *MATL*

For more information, contact Natalie Propst, Office of Energy Market Regulation, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at (202) 502-8896 or [natalie.propst@ferc.gov](mailto:natalie.propst@ferc.gov).

Dated: April 7, 2016.

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**Combined Notice of Filings**

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

**Filings Instituting Proceedings**

*Docket Numbers:* RP16-819-000.  
*Applicants:* Rockies Express Pipeline LLC.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: Neg Rate 2016-04-02 CP to be effective 4/2/2016.

*Filed Date:* 4/4/16.  
*Accession Number:* 20160404-5144.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 4/18/16.

*Docket Numbers:* RP16-820-000.  
*Applicants:* Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P.  
*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: 04/04/16 Negotiated Rates—Consolidated Edison Energy Inc. (HUB) 2275-89 to be effective 4/3/2016.

*Filed Date:* 4/4/16.  
*Accession Number:* 20160404-5213.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 4/18/16.

*Docket Numbers:* RP16-821-000.  
*Applicants:* Equitrans, L.P.  
*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: Assignment of PDC Mountaineer Agreements to Mountaineer Keystone to be effective 4/1/2016.

*Filed Date:* 4/5/16.  
*Accession Number:* 20160405-5055.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 4/18/16.

Any person desiring to intervene or protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and § 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

**Filings in Existing Proceedings**

*Docket Numbers:* RP16-451-001.

<sup>2</sup> Secretary of DOE's current delegation of authority to the Commission relating to import and export facilities was renewed by the Secretary's Delegation Order No. 00-004.00A, effective May 16, 2006.

<sup>3</sup> Part 153, subpart B and subpart C.

<sup>4</sup> The Commission defines burden 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.

<sup>5</sup> The estimates for cost per response are derived using the 2015 FERC average salary plus benefits of \$149,489/year (or \$72.00/hour). Commission staff finds that the work done for this information collection is typically done by wage categories similar to those at FERC.