

Internet at the following address: <http://www.id.doe.gov/doiid/PSD/proc-div.html>. The statutory authority for the program is the Federal Non-Nuclear Energy Research and Development Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-577). The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number for this program is 81.086.

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M.L. Adams,

Branch Chief, Contracts and Assistance Branch.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities

AGENCY: Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Agency Information Collection Activities: Request for Emergency Review by the Office of Management and Budget.

SUMMARY: The Energy Information Administration (EIA) has submitted the energy information collection listed at the end of this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency processing under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) by March 22, 2000. The reason for this emergency clearance request is to obtain data needed for responding to requests from the Secretary of Energy and Congress on the impact of interruptible natural gas contracts, which affected home heating oil supplies in the Northeastern United States during January and February 2000.

The Supplementary Information contains the following: (1) The collection number and title; (2) a summary of the collection of information (includes the sponsor (i.e., the DOE component)), current OMB document number (if applicable), type of request (new, revision, extension, or reinstatement), response obligation (mandatory, voluntary, or required to obtain or retain benefits); (3) a description of the need and proposed use of the information; (4) a description of the likely respondents; and (5) an estimate of the total annual reporting burden (i.e., the estimated number of likely respondents times the proposed frequency of response per year times the average hours per response).

DATES: Comments must be filed by March 22, 2000.

ADDRESS: Address comments to the Mr. Erik Godwin, Department of Energy Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 726 Jackson Place NW, Washington, DC 20503. (Mr. Godwin may be reached by telephone at (202) 395-3084. Comments should also be addressed to the Statistics and Methods Group at the address immediately below.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to Herbert Miller, Statistics and Methods Group, (EI-70), Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585-0670. Mr. Miller may be contacted by telephone at (202) 426-1103, FAX at (202) 426-1081, or e-mail at Herbert.Miller@eia.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review was:

1. EIA-903, "Natural Gas Service Interruptions in the Northeast during January and February 2000".

2. The Energy Information Administration plans to collect information in four parts from 34 natural gas companies who deliver natural gas (i.e., have natural gas service arrangements) to consumers in the Northeast.

Part I requests information on interruptions of any firm service arrangements during January and February 2000. Part II requests information on selected characteristics of interruptible service arrangements. Part III requests baseline monthly and weekly information for those categories of service which were interrupted during January and February 2000. Part IV requests information on customers who were interrupted. This is a new survey and a new OMB number is being requested. The response obligation will be mandatory.

3. The data are needed to respond to a request from the Secretary of Energy and Congress to jointly conduct a study on the impact of interruptible contracts on home heating oil supplies in the Northeast, during January and February 2000.

4. Respondents will be 34 natural gas companies who deliver natural gas to consumers.

5. The reporting burden is expected to be 680 hours. (34 respondents $\times$ 1 response $\times$ 20 hours)

Statutory Authority: Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13).

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Jay H. Casselberry,

Agency Clearance Office, Statistics and Methods Group, Energy Information Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-214-000]

Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

March 15, 2000.

Take notice that on March 8, 2000, Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company (ESNG) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, certain revised tariff sheets in the above captioned docket, bear a proposed effective date of April 1, 2000.

ESNG states that the purpose of this instant filing is to track rate changes attributable to storage services purchased from Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) under its Rate Schedules GSS and LSS and Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) under its Rate Schedules SST and FSS. The costs of the above referenced storage services comprise the rates and charges payable under ESNG's Rate Schedules GSS, LSS and CFSS. This tracking filing is being made pursuant to Section 3 of ESNG's Rate Schedules GSS, LSS and CFSS.

ESNG states that copies of the filing have been served upon its jurisdictional customers and interested State Commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the

web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. OR00-2-000]

ExxonMobil Pipeline Company; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order

March 15, 2000.

Take notice that on March 9, 2000, pursuant to Rules 207(a)(2) and 212 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.207, 385.212, ExxonMobil Pipeline Company (EMPCo.) tendered for filing a petition for a declaratory order regarding the proposed rate for transportation service to be provided through a new crude oil pipeline from the Diana and Hoover Fields in the offshore Gulf of Mexico, to onshore facilities at Quintana and Freeport, Texas.

EMPCo. seeks regulatory assurance regarding its initial Hoover Offshore Oil Pipeline System (HOOPS) rate, which it states is based on the Commission's customary oil pipeline ratemaking formula with two narrow variations. First, EMPCo requests authority to use the unit of throughput (UOT) method of depreciation, rather than straight-line or some other form of remaining life depreciation. Second, EMPCo seeks authority to develop its initial rate based on a five-year "levelized" rate approach.

EMPCo. anticipates a June 15, 2000 start-up of operations, and requests that the Commission issue an expedited order declaring (1) that the unit of throughput depreciation approach may be used for HOOPS rates; (2) that the initial HOOPS rate may be based on projected costs and revenues levelized over the first five years of HOOPS operations. EMPCo states that it proposes to charge the initial rate of \$2.104 per barrel set forth in Attachment B-10 to the filing, if its petition is accepted before start-up subject to changes only as permitted or required by the Commission's indexing rules. EMPCo states that absent the grant of its petition before start-up it would be required to charge \$2.35 per barrel, as set forth in Attachment B-6 to the filing.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed on or before March 30, 2000, with replies to any protests due April 10, 2000. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER99-2489-000]

Green Mountain Energy Resources, L.L.C.; Notice of Issuance of Order

March 15, 2000.

Green Mountain Energy Resources, L.L.C. (Green Mountain) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which Green Mountain will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. Green Mountain also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, Green Mountain requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Green Mountain.

On June 2, 1999, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Rate Applications, Office of Electric Power Regulation, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by Green Mountain should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of

Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, Green Mountain is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of Green Mountain's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is March 30, 2000.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. The Order may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-215-000]

Northern Border Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

March 15, 2000.

Take notice that on March 10, 2000, Northern Border Pipeline Company (Northern Border) tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets to become effective April 10, 2000:

Third Revised Sheet Number 159
Second Revised Sheet Number 160

Northern Border proposes to revise section 5.0 and remove section 5.1 under Rate Schedule T-1. The herein proposed changes do not result in a change in Northern Border's total revenue requirement.

Northern Border states that copies of this filing have been sent to all of Northern Border's contracted shippers