

operation of 18 CFR 284.402.<sup>2</sup> Any entity fitting one of those descriptions must retain, for a period of five years, all data and information upon which it billed the prices it charged for natural gas it sold pursuant to its market based sales certificate or the prices it reported for use in price indices.

FERC uses these records to monitor the jurisdictional transportation activities and unbundled sales activities of interstate natural gas pipelines and blanket marketing certificate holders.

The record retention period of 5 years is necessary due to the importance of records related to any investigation of

possible wrongdoing and related to assuring compliance with the codes of conduct and the integrity of the market. The requirement is necessary to ensure consistency with 18 CFR 1c.1 (Prohibition of Natural Gas Market Manipulation) and the generally applicable five-year statute of limitations where the Commission seeks civil penalties for violations of the anti-manipulation rules or other rules, regulations, or orders to which the price data may be relevant.

Failure to have this information available would mean the Commission would have difficulty performing its

regulatory functions to monitor and evaluate transactions and operations of interstate pipelines and blanket marketing certificate holders. The Code of Conduct Record Retention burden<sup>3</sup> associated with the FERC-549 includes labor costs.

*Type of Respondents:* Jurisdictional interstate and intrastate natural gas pipelines.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*<sup>4</sup> The Commission estimates the annual burden and labor costs for the information collection as follows:

	Number of respondents (1)	Number of responses per respondent (2)	Total number of responses (1) × (2) = (3)	Average burden hours & average cost <sup>5</sup> per response (\$) (4)	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost (\$) (3) × (4) = (5)	Cost per respondent (\$) (5) ÷ (1) = (6)
Transportation by Interstate Pipelines and Rates and Charges for Intra-state Pipelines <sup>6</sup> .	61	2	122	50 hrs.; \$5,100 .....	6,100 hrs.; \$622,200 .....	\$10,200
MBR—Initial Approval <sup>7</sup> .....	4	1	4	350 hrs.; \$35,700 .....	1,400 hrs.; \$142,800 .....	35,700
MBR—Change in Circumstances <sup>8</sup> .....	4	1	4	75 hrs.; \$7,650 .....	300 hrs.; \$30,600 .....	7,650
Record Retention .....	176	1	176	1 hr.; \$29.36 .....	176 hrs.; \$5,167 .....	29.36
<b>Totals</b> .....	<b>245</b>		<b>306</b>		<b>7,976 hrs.; \$800,767 .....</b>	

*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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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability**

*Responsible Agency:* Office of Federal Activities, General Information 202-993-3272 or <https://www.epa.gov/nepa>. Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements (EIS)

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Through May 18, 2026 10 a.m. EST Pursuant to CEQ Guidance on 42 U.S.C. 4332.

*Notice:* Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act requires that EPA make public its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies. EPA's comment letters on EISs are available at: <https://cdxapps.epa.gov/cdx-enepa-II/public/action/eis/search>.

*EIS No. 20260058, Final Supplement, BLM, CA, Bakersfield Field Office Oil and Gas Leasing and Development,*

*Review Period Ends:* 06/22/2026, *Contact:* John Hodge 661-391-6145.

*EIS No. 20260059, Final Supplement, BLM, CA, Central Coast Field Office Oil and Gas Leasing and Development, Review Period Ends:* 06/22/2026, *Contact:* Zachary Ormsby 661-391-6145.

*EIS No. 20260060, Final Supplement, NNSA, CA, Enhanced Plutonium Facility Utilization at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Review Period Ends:* 06/22/2026, *Contact:* Alan Chen 833-778-0508.

*EIS No. 20260061, Final Supplement, USACE, OR, Willamette Valley System Operations and Maintenance, Review Period Ends:* 06/22/2026, *Contact:* Liz Oliver 503-808-4712.

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<sup>2</sup> The regulation at 18 CFR 284.402(a) provides that any person who is not an interstate pipeline is granted a blanket certificate of public convenience and necessity, pursuant to section 7 of the NGA, that authorizes the certificate holder to make sales for resale of natural gas at negotiated rates in interstate commerce. Section 2(1) of the NGA (15 U.S.C. 717a(1)) defines a "person" to include an individual or corporation.

<sup>3</sup> 18 CFR 284.288(b) and 18 CFR 284.403(b).

<sup>4</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 CFR 1320.3.

<sup>5</sup> FERC estimates that industry costs for salary plus benefits are similar to Commission costs. The cost figure is the FY2026 FERC average annual salary plus benefits (\$213,003 year or \$102/hour). The exception is for the Record Retention line of \$29.36 hourly, which comes from the average cost (wages plus benefits) of a file clerk (Occupation Code 43-4071) as posted on the BLS website ([http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics2\\_22.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics2_22.htm)).

<sup>6</sup> The entities affected by 18 CFR 284.123(b) and (e) are intrastate pipelines. Interstate and intrastate pipelines are affected by 18 CFR 284.102(e). Since 2016, the Commission has not received any filings under 18 CFR 284.102(e).

<sup>7</sup> 18 CFR 284.501 to .505.

<sup>8</sup> 18 CFR 284.501 to .505. This new row was added to account for the differences between initial MBR filings and MBR filings pertaining to a change in circumstances.