

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission

[Docket No. RP01-235-000]

National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation;
Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC
Gas Tariff

March 2, 2001.

Take notice that on February 26, 2001, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National Fuel) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1, Third Revised Sheet No. 434 and Fourth Revised Sheet No. 435, with a proposed effective date of March 28, 2001.

National Fuel states that the purpose of the instant filing is to facilitate compliance with Order No. 637 and the revised reporting requirements in Section 161.3(1)(2) of the Commission's Regulations.

National Fuel states that copies of this filing were served upon its 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). Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY

[FRL-6950-3]

Agency Information Collection
Activities: Proposed Collection;
Comment Request; National Oil and
Hazardous Substance Contingency
PlanAGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan, EPA ICR No. 1463.05, OMB No. 2050-0096, expiring on July 3, 2001. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 8, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be submitted to the Community Involvement and Outreach Center, Office of Emergency and Remedial Response, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Ariel Rios Building, Washington, DC 20460, Mail Code: 5204-G, 703-603-8889. Persons interested in obtaining a copy of the ICR without charge may call the telephone number above to request a free copy.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lois Gartner, telephone number: 703-603-8889, facsimile number: 703-603-9100, e-mail address: gartner.lois@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those states and members of the public that voluntarily participate in the remedial phase of the Superfund process and those members of the public that voluntarily participate in community involvement activities during some or all phases of the Superfund process.

Title: National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (OMB Control No. 2050-0096, EPA ICR No. 1463.05) expiring on July 3, 2001.

Abstract: The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA or Superfund; 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*), as amended, establishes broad Federal authority to undertake removal and remedial actions in response to

releases or threats of releases of hazardous substances and certain pollutants and contaminants into the environment. The National Contingency Plan sets forth requirements for carrying out the response authorities established under CERCLA. In addition, the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA) requires EPA to determine and report to Congress on its effectiveness, including community involvement activities.

For states, this ICR addresses the recordkeeping and reporting provisions of the NCP that affect those states that voluntarily participate in the remedial phase of the Superfund program. (Recordkeeping and reporting requirements of the pre-remedial phase—except those tied to community involvement—have been addressed in the ICR prepared for the revisions to the Hazard Ranking System (HRS) (OMB Control No. 2050-0095). Recordkeeping and reporting provisions for the removal program—except, again, those tied to community involvement—also are not included in this ICR because the Federal government has the lead for removal actions.) Remedial responses under the Superfund program fall into the pre-remedial phase (during which the extent of site contamination is assessed) and the remedial phase (during which investigations are conducted to identify and characterize contaminants present and to determine viable remedies for a site, the remedy is chosen and the cleanup or construction is completed). The NCP includes the following reporting and recordkeeping provisions for the remedial phase of the Superfund program:

(1) States that voluntarily take the lead in remedial activities at Superfund sites must conduct the activities in a manner consistent with CERCLA (40 CFR 300.515(a)). Therefore, at a state-lead site, the state must: develop a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS); prepare a Proposed Plan; issue a Record of Decision (ROD); complete community interviews; prepare a Community Involvement Plan (CIP), and provide information to the public; and

(2) States must identify and communicate potential state applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements (ARARs) at all Superfund sites within the state (40 CFR 300.400(g)).

In addition, this ICR addresses the recordkeeping and reporting provisions of the NCP that affect communities voluntarily providing their concerns to the lead agency about the Superfund process. This ICR also addresses the recordkeeping and reporting provisions