

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-577, Natural Gas Facilities: Environmental Review and Compliance (formerly Gas Pipeline Certificates: Environmental Impact Statement). The FERC is proposing to change the title of the report to more accurately reflect the nature of the information being collected.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due April 29, 2013.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC13-12-000) by either of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's Web Site:* <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>.

- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Instructions: All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: [http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-](http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp)

[guide.asp](http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp). For user assistance contact FERC Online Support by email at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or by phone at: (866) 208-3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502-8659 for TTY.

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/docs-filing/docs-filing.asp>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen Brown may be reached by email at DataClearance@FERC.gov, telephone at (202) 502-8663, and fax at (202) 273-0873.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Natural Gas Facilities: Environmental Review and Compliance. **OMB Control No.:** 1902-0128.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-577 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

Abstract: Section 102(2)(c) of the of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) ¹ requires that all Federal agencies must include in every recommendation or report on proposals for legislation and other major federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment, a detailed statement on: the environmental impact on the proposed

actions; any adverse environmental effects which cannot be avoided should the proposal be implemented; alternatives to the proposed action; the relationship between local short-term uses of man's environment and the maintenance and enhancement of long term productivity; and any irreversible and irretrievable commitment of resources which would be involved in the proposed action should it be implemented.

The Commission's regulations implementing NEPA in 18 CFR part 380 require applicants seeking authorization for the construction and abandonment of facilities to provide a detailed environmental report with their application that describes the impact the project is likely to have and the measures the applicant will implement to mitigate those impacts. This environmental report normally consists of at least twelve separate reports, each addressing a particular resource area.

Type of Respondents: The respondents include all jurisdictional natural gas companies seeking authorization from the Commission to construct or abandon facilities.

Estimate of Annual Burden: ² The Commission estimates the total Public Reporting Burden for this information collection as:

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Type of respondent	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden hours per response	Estimated total annual burden
	(A)	(B)	(A) × (B) = (C)	(D)	(C) × (D)
Natural Gas Companies	92	16	1,472	193	284,096

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$19,886,720 [284,096 hours * \$70/hour ³ = \$19,886,720].

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: February 21, 2013.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP13-74-000]

Sierrita Gas Pipeline LLC; Notice of Application

Take notice that on February 8, 2013, Sierrita Gas Pipeline LLC (Sierrita), P.O. Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80944, filed in the above referenced docket an application pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) requesting a Presidential Permit and authorization to construct new border crossing pipeline facilities and export of natural gas at the International

¹ Public Law 91-190.

² 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.

³ Average salary (per hour) plus benefits per full-time equivalent employee.

Boundary between the United States and Mexico in Pima County, Arizona, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. Concurrent with this filing, Sierrita filed an application under section 7(c) and Parts 157 and 284 of the NGA in Docket No. CP13-73-000, requesting authorization to construct and operate a new 59 mile, 36-inch interstate natural gas pipeline located between Tucson and Sasabe, Arizona. The filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to Mr. Francisco Tarin, Director, Regulatory Affairs, Sierrita Gas Pipeline LLC, P.O. Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80944, by telephone at (719) 667-7517, by facsimile at (719) 667-7534, or by email at SierritaRegAffairs@kindermorgan.com or Ms. Sheila Tweed, Deputy General Counsel or David K. Dewey, Associate Counsel, Sierrita Gas Pipeline LLC, P.O. Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80944, by telephone at (719) 520-4227, by facsimile at (719) 520-4415, or by email at SierritaLegalFERC@kindermorgan.com.

Pursuant to Section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: Complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding, or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to

obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made in the proceeding with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commentators will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commentators will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commentators will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

Motions to intervene, protests and comments 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 under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

Comment Date: March 15, 2013.

Dated: February 22, 2013.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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