

prepared in accordance with the Commission's USofA and related regulations, and provide data that enables the Commission to develop and monitor cost-based rates, analyze costs of different services and classes of assets, and compare costs across lines of business. The use of the USofA permits natural gas companies to account for similar transactions and events in a consistent manner, and to communicate those results to the Commission on a periodic basis. Comparability of data

and financial statement analysis for a particular entity from one period to the next, or between entities, within the same industry, would be difficult to achieve if each company maintained its own accounting records using dissimilar accounting methods and classifications to record similar transactions and events.

In summary, without the information collected in the forms, it would be difficult for the Commission to ensure, as required by the NGA, that a

pipeline's rates remain just and reasonable, respond to Congressional and outside inquiries, and make decisions in a timely manner.

Type of Respondent: Major and Non-Major Natural Gas Companies.

*Estimate of Annual Burden*³: The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden and cost⁴ for the information collection as shown in the following table:

Information collection (FERC Form No.)	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden & cost per response	Total annual burden hours & cost ⁵	Annual cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1)*(2)=(3)	(4)	(3)*(4)=(5)	(5)-(1)
2	100	1	100	1,671.66 hrs.; \$133,733	167,166 hrs.; 13,373,280	133,733
2-A	81	1	81	296 hrs.; \$23,680	23,976 hrs.; 1,918,080	23,680

⁵ Every figure in this column is rounded to the nearest dollar.

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.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD20-3-000]

Review of Cost Submittals by Other Federal Agencies for Administering Part I of the Federal Power Act; Notice Requesting Questions and Comments on Fiscal Year 2019 Other Federal Agency Cost Submissions

In its *Order On Rehearing Consolidating Administrative Annual Charges Bill Appeals And Modifying Annual Charges Billing Procedures*, 109 FERC ¶ 61,040 (2004) (October 8 Order), the Commission set forth an annual process for Other Federal Agencies (OFAs) to submit their costs related to Administering Part I of the Federal Power Act. Pursuant to the established process, the Chief of Financial Operations, Financial Management Division, Office of the Executive Director, on October 4, 2019, issued a letter requesting the OFAs to submit their costs by December 31, 2019 using the OFA Cost Submission Form.

Upon receipt of the agency submissions, the Commission posted the information in eLibrary, and issued, on March 12, 2020, a notice announcing the date for a technical conference to review the submitted costs. On March 26, 2020 the Commission held the technical conference. Technical conference transcripts, submitted cost

forms, and detailed supporting documents are all available for review under Docket No. AD20-3. These documents are accessible on-line 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. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room, due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Interested parties may file specific questions and comments on the FY 2019 OFA cost submissions with the Commission under Docket No. AD20-3, no later than May 8, 2020. Once filed, the Commission will forward the questions and comments to the OFAs for response.

Anyone with questions pertaining to the technical conference or this notice should contact Raven A. Rodriguez at (202) 502-6276 (via email at raven.rodriguez@ferc.gov).

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Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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³ 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 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

⁴ The Commission staff believes the FERC FTE (full-time equivalent) average cost for wages plus

benefits is representative of the corresponding cost for the industry respondents. Based upon the FERC's 2019 average cost for salary plus benefits, the average hourly cost is \$80/hour.