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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC22-16-000]

Commission Information Collection Activity (FERC-542); Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission.

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 collections,
FERC-542 (Gas Pipeline Rates: Rate
Tracking).

DATES: Comments on the collections of
information are due August 15, 2022.

ADDRESSES: You may submit your
comments (identified by Docket No.
IC22-16-000) on FERC-542 by one of
the following methods:

Electronic filing through <http://www.ferc.gov> is preferred.

- **Electronic Filing:** Documents must
be filed in acceptable native
applications and print-to-PDF, but not
in scanned or picture format.

- For those unable to file
electronically, comments may be filed
by USPS mail or by hand (including
courier) delivery:

- **Mail via U.S. Postal Service Only:**
Addressed to: Federal Energy
Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the
Commission, 888 First Street NE,
Washington, DC 20426.

- **Hand (Including Courier) Delivery:**
Deliver to: Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue,
Rockville, MD 20852.

Instructions: All submissions must be
formatted and filed in accordance with
submission guidelines at: <http://www.ferc.gov>. For user assistance,
contact FERC Online Support by email
at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or by
phone at (866) 208-3676 (toll-free).

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>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC-542, Gas Pipelines Rates:
Rate Tracking.

OMB Control No.: 1902-0070.

Type of Request: Three-year extension
of the FERC-542 information collection
requirements with no changes to the
current reporting requirements.

Abstract: The Commission uses
FERC-542 filings to verify that costs
which are passed through to pipeline
customers as rate adjustments are

consistent with the Natural Gas Policy
Act (NGPA), 15 U.S.C. 3301-3432, and
sections 4 and 5 of the Natural Gas Act
(NGA), 15 U.S.C. 717c and 717d. These
statutory provisions require FERC to
regulate the transmission and sale of
natural gas for resale in interstate
commerce at just and reasonable rates.
This collection of information is also in
accordance with section 16 of the NGA,
15 U.S.C. 717o, which authorizes FERC
to implement the NGA through its rules
and regulations.

The regulations at 18 CFR part 154
include provisions that allow an
interstate natural gas pipeline to submit
filings seeking to:

- Recover research, development and
demonstration expenditures (18 CFR
154.401);

- Recover annual charges assessed by
the Commission under 18 CFR part 382
(18 CFR 154.402); and

- Pass through, on a periodic basis, a
single cost or revenue item such as fuel
use and unaccounted-for natural gas in
kind (18 CFR 154.403).

FERC-542 filings may be submitted at
any time or on a regularly scheduled
basis in accordance with the pipeline
company's tariff. Filings may be: (1)
accepted; (2) suspended and set for
hearing; (3) minimal suspension; or (4)
suspended for further review, such as
technical conference or some other type
of Commission action. The Commission
implements these filing requirements
under 18 CFR part 154.

Type of Respondents: Jurisdictional
Natural Gas Pipelines.

Estimate of Annual Burden:¹ The
Commission estimates the total burden
and cost for this information collection
as follows:

Type of response	Average annual number of respondents	Average annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden hours & cost per respondent	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost (rounded)	Cost per respondent (rounded)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4) ²	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
Request to Recover Costs from Customers	94	2	188	2 hrs; \$174	324 hrs; \$28,188	\$174

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: June 9, 2022.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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¹ "Burden" is 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.

² The Commission staff estimates that the
industry's hourly cost for wages plus benefits is

similar to the Commission's \$87.00 FY 2021 average
hourly cost for wages and benefits.