

Description

The information collection submitted for OMB review contains the following:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC-603 "Critical Energy Infrastructure Information."

2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

3. *Control No.:* 1902-0197.

The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve with a three-year extension of the expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection. The information filed with the Commission is mandatory.

4. *Necessity of the Collection of Information:* The information is used by the Commission to implement procedures for gaining access to critical energy infrastructure information (CEII) that would not otherwise be available under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. 552). On February 21, 2003, the Commission issued Order No. 630 (68 FR 9857-9873), and then issued subsequent Order Nos. 630-A (68 FR 46456-60), and 649 (69 FR 48386-91) to address the appropriate treatment of CEII in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and to restrict unrestrained general access due to the ongoing terrorism threat. These steps enable the Commission to keep sensitive infrastructure information out of the public domain, decreasing the likelihood that such information could be used to plan or execute terrorist attacks. The process adopted in these orders is a more efficient alternative for handling request for previously public documents than FOIA.

The Commission has defined CEII to include information about existing or proposed critical infrastructure that (i) relates to the production, generation, transportation, transmission, or distribution of energy; (ii) could be useful to a person planning an attack on critical infrastructure, (iii) is exempt from mandatory disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, and (iv) does not simply give the location of the critical infrastructure. Critical infrastructure means existing and proposed systems and assets, whether physical or virtual, the incapacity or destruction of which would negatively affect security, economic security, public health or safety, or any combination of those matters. A person seeking access to CEII may file a request for that information by providing information about their identity and reason for the need for the information. Through this process, the Commission is able to review the requester's need for the information against the sensitivity of the information. The Commission

implements these requirements in 18 CFR 388.113 of its regulations.

5. *Respondent Description:* The respondent universe currently comprises all entities requesting access to CEII information submitted to or issued by the Commission.

6. *Estimated Burden:* 46 total hours, 182 respondents (average per year), 1 response per respondent, and .25 hours per response (average).

7. *Estimated Cost Burden to respondents:* The estimated total cost to respondents is \$2,392. The cost per respondent = \$13. (46 hours @\$52 hourly rate ÷ 182).

Statutory Authority 15 U.S.C. 717, *et seq.*, 16 U.S.C. 791a, *et seq.*, section 313(b) of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 824l(b) and section 19(b) of the Natural Gas Act, 15 U.S.C. 717r(b).

Linda Mitry,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER05-718-001]

California Independent System Operator Corporation; Notice of Filing

April 29, 2005.

Take notice that on April 22, 2005, the California Independent System Operator Corporation (CAISO) tendered for filing an amendment to the CAISO Tariff, Amendment No. 69, for expedited consideration and acceptance by the Commission. CAISO states that the purpose of Amendment No. 69 is to make certain modifications in order to fully implement the intertie pricing methodology proposed in Amendment No. 66 and approved by the Commission.

The CAISO states that this filing has been served upon the Public Utilities Commission, the California Energy Commission, the California Electricity Oversight Board, all parties with effective Scheduling Coordinator Agreements under the CAISO Tariff, and all parties of record in Docket No. ER05-718-000.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). 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 proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. eastern time on May 6, 2005.

Linda Mitry,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP05-227-00]

El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

April 27, 2005.

Take notice that on April 22, 2005, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1-A, Substitute Fifth Revised Sheet No. 2, with an effective date of April 15, 2005.

El Paso states that the filing is being made in compliance with the Commission's order issued April 7, 2005 at Docket No. RP05-227-000.

El Paso states that it is submitting Substitute Fifth Revised Sheet No. 2 to remove a reference to a precedent