

should address a copy of those comments to the commission, as explained below. The Commission received no comments in response to an earlier **Federal Register** notice of September 5, 2000 (65 FR 53709) and made this notation in its submission to OMB.

DATES: Comments regarding this collection are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before January 17, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Address comments to Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Commission Desk Officer, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503. A copy of the comments should also be sent to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attention: Mr. Michael Miller, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Mr. Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208-1415 and by e-mail at mike.miller@ferc.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description

The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review contains:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC-588, "Emergency Natural Gas Transportation, Sale and Exchange Transactions."

2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

3. *Control No.:* 1902-0144. The Commission is requesting reinstatement, with change, of the previously approved data collection for which approval expired July 31, 2000, and a three-year approval of the collection of data. This is a mandatory information collection requirement and the Commission does not consider the information to be confidential.

4. *Necessity of Collection of information:* Submission of the information is necessary to enable the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing provisions of Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (Pub. L. 75-688) and provisions of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA).

Under the NGA, a natural gas company must obtain Commission approval to engage in the transportation, sale or exchange of natural gas in interstate commerce. However, section 7(c) exempts from certificate requirements "temporary acts or operations for which the issuance of a certificate will not be required in the public interest." The NGPA also provides for non-certificated interstate transactions involving intrastate

pipelines and local distribution companies.

A temporary operation, or emergency, is defined as any situation in which an actual or expected shortage of gas supply would require an interstate pipeline company, intrastate pipeline, or local distribution company, or Hinshaw pipeline to curtail deliveries of gas or provide less than the projected level of service to the customer. The natural gas companies file the necessary information with the Commission so that it may determine if the transaction/operation qualifies for exemption. A report within forty-eight hours of the commencement of the transportation, sale or exchange, or a request to extend the sixty-day term of the emergency transportation if needed, and a termination report are required. The data required to be filed for the forty-eight hour report is specified by 18 CFR 284.270.

5. *Respondent Description:* The respondent universe currently comprises approximately 15 natural gas pipeline companies.

6. *Estimated Burden:* 150 total burden hours, 15 respondents, 15 responses annually, 10 hours per response.

Statutory Authority: Section 7(c) of the NGA (15 U.S.C. 717-717w) and provisions of NGPA (15 U.S.C. 3301-3432).

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. RP00-331-000 and RP01-23-000]

Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Technical Conference

December 12, 2000.

On June 15, 2000, Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin) submitted a filing to comply with Order No. 637. Several parties have protested various aspects of Algonquin's filing. Subsequently, on October 2, 2000, Algonquin submitted a filing in Docket No. RP01-23-000 to comply with Order Nos. 587-G and 587-L. The Commission accepted the 587-L filing subject to further consideration in Algonquin's Order No. 637 compliance proceeding.

Take notice that a technical conference to discuss the various issues raised by Algonquin's filings will be

held on Wednesday, January 10, 2001, at 10 a.m. in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Parties protesting aspects of Algonquin's filings should be prepared to discuss alternatives.

All interested persons and Staff are permitted to attend.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP01-23-002]

Algonquin Transmission Corporation; Notice of Compliance Filing

December 12, 2000.

Take notice that on November 27, 2000, Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheets to become effective on November 1, 2000:

Sub First Revised Sheet No. 671

Sub First Revised Sheet No. 672

Algonquin states that the filing is being made in compliance with the Commission's October 27 Order, "Order on Filings to Establish Imbalance Netting and Trading Pursuant to Order Nos. 587-G and 587-L [93 FERC ¶ 61,903 (2000)]."

Algonquin also states that copies of the filing were mailed to all affected customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such 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. 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