

includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is September 28, 2020.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

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Dated: September 8, 2020.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP20-518-000]

#### PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order

Take notice that on August 31, 2020, pursuant to Rule 207(a)(2) of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, Robert Kaiser (Petitioner) hereby submits a petition for declaratory order (Petition) requesting the Commission issue a declaratory order putting a hold on PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC's (PennEast) eminent domain authority until PennEast has received the necessary permits and authorizations to commence construction and requesting an exemption from the filing fee, as more fully explained in the petition.

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, 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 Petitioner.

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 may mail similar pleadings to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. Hand delivered submissions in docketed proceedings should be delivered to Health and Human Services, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

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*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on September 30, 2020.

Dated: September 8, 2020.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC20-25-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (Ferc-717); Comment Request; Extension

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of extension 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 extension to the information collection, FERC-717 (Standards for Business Practices and Communication Protocols for Public Utilities) which will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a review of the information collection requirements.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due November 13, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit a copy of your comments to the Commission (identified by Docket No. IC20-25-000) by one of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's website:* <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>.
- *U.S. Postal Service Mail:* Persons unable to file electronically may mail similar pleadings to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.
- Effective 7/1/2020, delivery of filings other than by eFiling or the U.S.

Postal Service should be delivered to Health and Human Services, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 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](mailto: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:** Ellen Brown may be reached by email at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), telephone at (202) 502-8663.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** FERC-717, Standards for Business Practices and Communication Protocols for Public Utilities.

**OMB Control No.:** 1902-0173.

**Type of Request:** Three-year approval of the FERC-717 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.<sup>1</sup>

**Abstract:** The Commission directs all public utilities that own, control or operate facilities for transmitting energy in interstate commerce to provide certain types of information regarding their transmission operations on an Open Access Same-time Information System (OASIS). The Commission does not believe that open-access

nondiscriminatory transmission services can be completely realized until it removes real-world obstacles that prevent transmission customers from competing effectively with the Transmission Provider. One of the obstacles is unequal access to transmission information. The Commission believes that transmission customers must have simultaneous access to the same information available to the Transmission Provider if truly nondiscriminatory transmission services are to be a reality.

The Commission also established Standards of Conduct requiring that personnel engaged in transmission system operations function independently from personnel engaged in marketing functions. The Standards of Conduct were designed to prevent employees of a public utility (or any of its affiliates) engaged in marketing functions from preferential access to OASIS-related information or from engaging in unduly discriminatory business practices. Companies were required to separate their transmission operations/reliability functions from their marketing/merchant functions and prevent system operators from providing merchant employees and employees of affiliates with transmission-related information not available to all customers at the same time through public posting on the OASIS.

**Type of Respondents:** Transmission Owners and Transmission Operators.

**Estimate of Annual Burden<sup>2</sup>:** The Commission estimates an adjustment in the annual public reporting burden for the FERC-717. The adjustment is due to Transmission Providers being allowed to file responses jointly or individually. The Transmission Provider may delegate this responsibility to a Responsible Party such as another Transmission Provider, an Independent System Operator, a Regional Transmission Group, or a Regional Reliability Council. The number comprise two separate entities: Transmission Owners and Transmission Operators. The responses submitted are our best estimate of the Transmission Operators and remaining individual Transmission Owners. The rationale is that some Transmission Owners have elected to turn over operational control of their collective transmission systems to Transmission Operators, including RTOs/ISOs (as authorized in 18 CFR 37.5). These Transmission Operators offer OASIS access to the collective systems facilitating a single OASIS transmission request serving multiple transmission systems. As a result of these efficiency gains, the lower respondent count is appropriate.

As a result of the efficiency gains, and an overestimate of the respondents in our past requests, we are submitting a more accurate number of respondents. The estimate below reflects the work associated with the current information collection requirements:

**FERC-717, STANDARDS FOR BUSINESS PRACTICES AND COMMUNICATION PROTOCOLS FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES<sup>3</sup>**

| Information collection requirements                              | Number of respondents | Annual number of responses per respondent | Total number of responses | Average burden hours & cost per response <sup>4</sup> | Total annual burden hours & total annual cost |
|--|-----------------------|---|---------------------------|---|---|
|  | (1)                   | (2)                                       | (1) * (2) = (3)           | (4)   | (3) * (4) = (5)                               |
| FERC-717 .....   | 162                   | 1   | 162                       | 30 hrs.; \$2,490 .....                                | 4,860 hrs.; \$403,380.                        |
| FERC-717 (compliance with standards, one-time) <sup>5</sup> .... | 165                   | 1   | 165                       | 10 hrs.; <sup>6</sup> \$830 .....                     | 1,650 hrs.; \$136,950.                        |
| <b>Total</b> .....   | .....                 | .....                                     | 327                       | .....   | 6,510 hrs.; \$540,330.                        |

**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

<sup>1</sup> This collection notice does not address the NOPR for RM05-29 and RM05-30.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> This collection includes the one-time burden (over a 3 year period of time) for the Final Rule

RM05-25,05-26,05-27 [ICR Reference No: 202002-1902-006]

<sup>4</sup> The Commission staff thinks that the average respondent for this collection is similarly situated to the Commission, in terms of salary plus benefits. Based upon FERC's FY 2020 annual average of \$172,329, (for salary plus benefits), the average hourly cost is \$83/hour.

<sup>5</sup> FERC-717 corresponds to OMB Control No. 1902-0173 that identifies the information collection

associated with Standards for Business Practices and Communication Protocols for Public Utilities.

<sup>6</sup> The 30-hour estimate was developed in Docket No. RM05-5-013, when the Commission prepared its estimate of the scope of work involved in transitioning to the NAESB Version 002.1 Business Practice Standards. See Order No. 676-E, 129 FERC 61,162 at P 134. (FERC-717, 165 \* 30 = 4,950 hrs./3 = 1,650 hrs./year)

of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: September 8, 2020.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC20–10–000]

#### Commission Information Collections Activities (Ferc Form Nos. 2 And 2–A); Comment Request; Extension; Errata Notice

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Errata notice for information collections 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 currently approved information collections, FERC Form No. 2 (Annual Report for Major Natural Gas Companies) and FERC Form No. 2–A (Annual Report for Non-Major Natural Gas Companies). This notice corrects and replaces the 30-day notice published on July 20, 2020. The 60-day notice was published on April 30, 2020 and the initial 30-day notice published on July 20, 2020. The initial 30-day notice erroneously omitted the burden associated with a Final rule approved September 9, 2019. In order to correct the previously published notices, FERC is providing the opportunity for an additional 30-day comment period.

**DATES:** Comments on the collections of information are due October 14, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit written comments on FERC Form Nos. 2 and 2–A to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) through [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain), Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. Please identify the OMB control numbers (1902–0028 and 1902–0030) in the subject line. Your comments should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Please submit copies of your comments to the Commission (identified by Docket No. IC20–10–000) by one of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's Website:* <http://www.ferc.gov>.

- *U.S. Postal Service Mail:* Persons unable to file electronically may mail similar pleadings to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

- Effective 7/1/2020, delivery of filings other than by eFiling or the U.S. Postal Service should be delivered to Health and Human Services, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

*Instructions:* All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <https://www.ferc.gov/filing-instructions>. For user assistance, contact FERC Online Support by email at [ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov](mailto: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/docs-filing/docs-filing.asp>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen Brown may be reached by email at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov) and telephone at (202) 502–8663.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* FERC Form No. 2, Annual Report for Major Natural Gas Companies, and FERC Form No. 2–A, Annual Report for Non-Major Natural Gas Companies.

*OMB Control Nos.:* 1902–0028 (FERC Form No. 2), and 1902–0030 (FERC Form No. 2–A)

*Type of Request:* Three-year extension of the FERC Form No. 2 and FERC Form No. 2–A information collections requirements without a change to the current reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

*Abstract:* Pursuant to sections 8, 10 and 14 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), (15 U.S.C. 717g, 717i, and 717m), the Commission is authorized to conduct investigations and collect and record data, and to prescribe rules and regulations concerning accounts, records and memoranda as necessary or appropriate for purposes of administering the NGA. The Commission may prescribe a system of accounts for jurisdictional companies and, after notice and opportunity for hearing, may determine the accounts in which particular outlays and receipts will be entered, charged or credited.

The Commission collects FERC Form Nos. 2 and 2–A information as prescribed in 18 CFR 260.1 and 18 CFR 260.2. These forms provide information concerning a company's current performance, compiled using the Commission's Uniform System of

Accounts (USofA).<sup>1</sup> FERC Form No. 2 is filed by “Major” natural gas companies that have combined natural gas transported or stored for a fee that exceeds 50 million Dekatherms in each of the three previous calendar years. FERC Form No. 2–A is filed by “Non-Major” natural gas companies that do not meet the filing threshold for the FERC Form No. 2, but have total gas sales or volume transactions that exceeds 200,000 Dekatherms in each of the three previous calendar years.<sup>2</sup>

The forms provide information concerning a company's financial and operational information. The forms contain schedules which include a basic set of financial statements: Comparative Balance Sheet, Statement of Income and Retained Earnings, Statement of Cash Flows, and the Statement of Comprehensive Income and Hedging Activities. Supporting schedules containing supplementary information are filed, including revenues and the related quantities of products sold or transported; account balances for various operating and maintenance expenses; selected plant cost data; and other information.

The information collected assists the Commission in the administration of its jurisdictional responsibilities and is used by Commission staff, state regulatory agencies, customers, financial analysts and others in the review of the financial condition of regulated companies. The information is also used in various rate proceedings, industry analyses and in the Commission's audit programs and as appropriate, for the computation of annual charges. The information is made available to the public, interveners and all interested parties to assist in the proceedings before the Commission. For financial information to be useful to the Commission, it must be understandable, relevant, reliable and timely. The Form Nos. 2 and 2–A financial statements are 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

<sup>1</sup> See 18 CFR part 201 (Uniform System of Accounts Prescribed for Natural Gas Companies Subject to the Provisions of the Natural Gas Act).

<sup>2</sup> FERC Form Nos. 2 and 2–A are part of the “Forms Refresh” effort, which is a separate activity and not addressed here. See Revisions to the Filing Process for Commission Forms, 166 FERC ¶ 61,027 (2019) (started in Docket No. AD15–11–000 and ongoing in Docket No. RM19–12–000). OMB issued its decisions on the Forms Refresh Final Rule in Docket No. RM19–12–000 on June 27, 2019.