

requirements that may be subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act, which requires OMB to review certain federal reporting requirements. 44 USC 3507. In light of the critical condition of the California electricity markets, the Commission has requested emergency processing of this proposed information collection.

The Commission's order eliminates the PX buy-sell requirement, and encourages IOUs to purchase most of the power they need (apart from their own self-supplied power) through long-term contracts. For those purchases still made in the spot market, the order directs a technical conference to be held so that a comprehensive monitoring and mitigation program can be proposed and in place by May 1, 2001, to ensure that prices are just and reasonable. During the interim period before the monitoring plan is in place, sellers bidding at or below \$150 per megawatt hour (MWh) on the PX or Independent System Operator (ISO) spot markets will receive the market clearing prices, but not more than \$150. If sellers bidding above the \$150 breakpoint are selected to clear the market, those sellers will receive their actual bids. However, to allow the Commission to monitor the prices charged on the ISO and PX spot markets, the Commission proposes to require sellers to report any hourly transaction exceeding \$150. See *San Diego Gas & Electric Co. et al. v. Sellers of Energy and Ancillary Services et al.*, slip op. at 31–32.

The Commission will refer to these reports as "California Public Utility Sellers Weekly Reports." Sellers would provide the Public Utility Sellers Weekly Reports on a weekly basis beginning on January 10, 2001 for the week of January 1, 2001. The Reports would contain the following information:

- Generation unit;
- Transaction starting and ending times;
- Price and quantity;
- Heat rate (btu/KWh) and type of fuel (natural gas, oil, coal, and other);
- If not generated, the purchase price and the name of the supplier;
- Total fuel quantity and cost;
- NO_x emissions rate (lbs/MWh) and cost;
- Variable operation and maintenance costs;
- Outage information for all of the seller's individual resources for the transaction period;
- Any unsold MWhs which the individual seller has failed to bid into the spot markets during the transaction period; and
- All bids submitted into the spot markets during the transaction period.

For more information, see *San Diego Gas & Electric Co., et al. v. Sellers of Energy and Ancillary Services et al.*, slip op. at 59–61.

The Commission estimates that 150 sellers could be subject to this reporting requirement, and that during any given week, 10 to 20 of those sellers would likely have to report. Therefore, for the 17 weeks the reporting requirement would be in place, there would be a maximum of 340 reports to be filed. The Commission estimates that it would take each seller 24 hours to develop a system for generating the reports, and no more than 6 hours to generate each individual report. Therefore, the total number of hours it would take to comply with the reporting requirement would be 5,640 hours. The Commission estimates a cost of \$50 per hour, based on salaries for professional and clerical staff, as well as direct and indirect overhead costs. Therefore, the total estimated cost of compliance would be \$282,000.

The Commission has submitted this reporting requirement to OMB for approval. OMB's regulations describe the process that federal agencies must follow in order to obtain OMB approval of reporting requirements. See 5 CFR Part 1320. The standards for emergency processing of information collections appear at 5 CFR 1320.13. If OMB approves a reporting requirement, then it will assign an information collection control number to that requirement. If a request for information subject to OMB review does not display a valid control number, or if the agency has not provided a justification as to why the control number cannot be displayed, then the recipient is not required to respond.

OMB requires federal agencies seeking approval of reporting requirements to allow the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed reporting requirement. 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv). Therefore, the Commission is soliciting comment on:

- (1) Whether the collection of the information is necessary for the proper performance of the Commission's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (2) The accuracy of the Commission's estimate of the burden of the collection of this information, including validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) The quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) How to minimize the burden of the collection of this information on respondents, including the use of appropriate automated electronic,

mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

December 20, 2000.

Take notice that on November 27, 2000, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) tendered its compliance filing with the Commission's Order on Filings to Establish Imbalance Netting and Trading Pursuant to Order Nos. 587–G and 587–L [93 FERC ¶ 61,093 (2000)] issued on October 27, 2000 (October 27 Order).

ANR states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the requirements of the October 27 Order.

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 on or before December 27, 2000. 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 paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

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