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OMB Control No.: 1902-0187.

Expiration Date: 01/31/2002.

Title: Reporting of Natural Gas Sales to California.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit.

Estimated annual burden: 89

Respondents; 208 hours per response (avg.); 534 responses; 19,847 total hours.

Estimated Annual Reporting and/or Recordkeeping cost: \$2,2334,570.

Frequency of Response: Monthly.

Obligation to Respond: Mandatory.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 25, 2001, (66 FR 40245-81, August 2, 2001) the Commission issued an Order in Docket No. RM01-09-000 imposing reporting requirements for natural gas sales to and in the California market. The reporting requirements are being implemented as a result of comments in response to an earlier order of May 18, 2001 (66 FR29121-24, May 29, 2001) issued after the filing of several complaints with the Commission on the price increases of natural gas in California. The prices in California rose dramatically and exceeded the increases in other markets. FERC-721 is intended to provide the Commission with the necessary information to determine what action if any, it should take within its jurisdiction, with respect to the price of natural gas sold in the California market. The Commission intends to collect information on the volumes, and prices of sales to the California market including transportation rates, the daily operational capacity of pipelines to, and in the California market, and the actual volumes flowing to, and in California, plus gas sales and transportation requirements of local distribution companies.

The information is to assist the Commission in carrying out its regulatory responsibilities. First, it will help the Commission determine what part of the problem, if any, is within the

scope of its jurisdiction. The information proposed to be collected will give the Commission an accurate picture of overall average gas costs being incurred by all purchasers of natural gas moving into the California market. The information to be collected will also enable the Commission to determine the extent to which the cost of interstate transportation, which is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction, affects the price for the gas commodity at the California border.

Accordingly, because the Commission requires the information as soon as possible, the Commission will require submission of the information on a monthly basis, to be submitted 30 days after the end of each month, for the six months commencing August 1, 2001 and ending January 31, 2002. The first report will be due October 1, 2001.

As indicated in both the July 25 order and in its request for emergency processing and OMB approval, the Commission stated that it would undertake a separate action to request OMB approval to extend the reporting period to September 30, 2002, to coincide with the termination of the Commission's June 19, 2001 California electric power mitigation order. In its approval of the Commission's request for emergency processing, OMB stated several conditions that would have to be met before a submission was made to extend the reporting requirements. These conditions have been listed below to inform the public. They are as follows:

Terms of Clearance

The FERC Information Collection Request, titled "Reporting of Natural Gas Sales to the California Market," is approved through 1/31/02. Should FERC decide to resubmit the ICR for renewal, it must address the practical utility and burden issues described below. FERC should include an explicit discussion of the way in which it addresses these issues as part of its supporting statement.

(1) **Practical Utility:** The order requires detailed transaction information on gas sales to California—that is, a daily reporting of price and quantity for each component of gas sold to the California market. Several commenters have reported that they do not maintain the data in a way that allows them to disaggregate price/quantity information in this way. Based on the comments, we are concerned that this data collection would require significant data manipulation by the industry in order to respond to the request. The resulting disaggregation is likely to be artificial—and therefore not

reliable for individual transactions—and respondents are likely to vary in their choice of method for disaggregating transactions * * * Given the potential data quality problems associated with disaggregated reporting and the questionable need for the disaggregated data, we are concerned that such data may have little practical utility. Should FERC decide to resubmit the ICR for renewal, it should justify its decision to continue to require reporting at a disaggregated level.

(2) **Burden:** Commenters also believe FERC has significantly underestimated the burden. In particular, the commenters indicated that they would likely have to hire additional staff in order to respond to the data request because of the significant manipulation required to provide data in the format FERC is requesting. After consulting with respondents, FERC should evaluate its burden estimates for reporting and recordkeeping requirements. FERC should provide a list of the names, affiliations, and phone numbers of the respondents it contacted.

Document Availability

The data templates for FERC-721 are available as Excel spreadsheets on the Commission's website under "Bulk Power Markets", "Order Imposing Reporting Requirements on Natural Gas Sales to California Market, RM01-9, issued 7/25/01", <http://www.ferc.gov/electric/bulkpower.htm>.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP01-460-002]

Canyon Creek Compression Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

September 20, 2001.

Take notice that on September 17, 2001, Canyon Creek Compression Company (Canyon) tendered for filing certain tariff sheets to be part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1 (Tariff), to be effective July 23, 2001.

Canyon states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission's Letter Order in Docket No. RP01-460-001 issued on September 7, 2001.

Canyon requests waiver of the Commission's Regulations to the extent

necessary to permit the tariff sheets submitted to become effective July 23, 2001.

Canyon further states that copies of the filing have been mailed to each of its 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. This filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments, protests and interventions 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 under the "e-Filing" link.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP96-389-031]

Columbia Gulf Transmission Company; Notice of Negotiated Rate Filing

September 20, 2001.

Take notice that on September 14, 2001, Columbia Gulf Transmission Company ("Columbia Gulf") tendered for filing to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("Commission") the following contracts for disclosure of recently negotiated rate transactions:

FTS-1 Service Agreement No. 71031 between Columbia Gulf Transmission Company and EnergyUSA-TPC Corp. dated August 20, 2001 and

FTS-1 Service Agreement No. 71206 between Columbia Gulf Transmission Company and Reliant Energy Services, Inc. dated August 28, 2001

Transportation service is to commence November 1, 2001 under the Agreements.

Columbia Gulf states that copies of the filing are being made available for public inspection during regular business hours in Columbia Gulf's offices in Houston, Texas and Washington, DC, and that it has served copies of the filing on all parties identified on the official service list in Docket No. RP96-389.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or 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. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments, protests and interventions 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 under the "e-Filing" link.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER01-2656-000]

Credit Suisse First Boston International; Notice of Issuance of Order

September 20, 2001.

Credit Suisse First Boston International (Credit Suisse) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which Credit Suisse will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions at market-based rates. Credit Suisse also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, Credit Suisse requested that the Commission grant

blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Credit Suisse.

On September 18, 2001, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Corporate Applications, Office of Markets, Tariffs and Rates, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by Credit Suisse should file a motion to intervene or protest 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).

Absent a request to be heard in opposition within this period, Credit Suisse is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of Credit Suisse and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of Credit Suisse's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is October 18, 2001.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The Order may also be viewed on the on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments, protests and interventions 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 under the "e-Filing" link.

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