

Description

The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review contains:

1. Collection of Information: FERC-525 "Financial Audits."

2. Sponsor: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

3. Control No.: OMB No. 1902-0092. The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no change to the existing collection. There is a decrease in the reporting burden due to the Commission's shift in emphasis from periodic audits that ensure companies' financial records conform to FERC's accounting and reporting requirements to audits that assess and evaluate the regulatory implication of industry practices and standards. These are mandatory information collection requirements.

4. Necessity of Collection of Information: Submission of the information is necessary to enable the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing the provisions of the Federal Power Act (EPA), the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and the Interstate Commerce Act (ICA). These statutes provide the Commission with the authority and responsibility for ensuring compliance by jurisdictional companies with the Acts' requirements. The information gathered under Commission identifier FERC-525 is obtained during financial/compliance audits of jurisdictional companies forming the basis of the audit staff's opinion regarding (1) the reliability of financial data filed with the FERC by companies, (2) the extent of conformance by the companies with the Uniform System of Accounts and other regulations of the FERC, and (3) compliance with the FERC's regulation for open access transportation of natural gas and electric energy including standards of conduct and electronic bulletin board postings of transportation/transmission availability and pricing.

5. Respondent Description: The respondent universe currently comprises on average, 50 companies subject to a Commission audit annually.

6. Estimated Burden: 5,000 total burden hours, 50 respondents, 1 response annually, 100 hours per response (average).

7. Estimated Cost Burden to Respondents: 5,000 hours ÷ 2,080 hours per year × \$117,041 per year = \$281,349 total costs and average cost per respondent = \$5,627.

Authority: Sec. 4(b), 208, 301(b), 302, 307 and 308 of the Federal Power Act, U.S.C. 792-828g; sec. 6, 8(b), 9 and 10 of the Natural

Gas Act, 15 U.S.C. 717-717w; and sec. 19 and 20 of the Interstate Commerce Act, 49 U.S.C. 19-20.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. IC01-546-001, FERC-546]

Information Collection Submitted for Review and Request for Comments

June 28, 2001.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of submission for review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the energy information collection listed in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under the provisions of Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13). Any interested person may file comments on the collection of information directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission did not receive any comments in response to an earlier **Federal Register** notice of December 26, 2000 (65 FR 81517-18) and has made a notation in this submission.

DATES: Comments regarding this collection of information are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before August 6, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Address comments to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer, Room 10202 NEOB, 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: Michael Miller, CI-1, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208-1415, by fax 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-546 "Certificated Rate Filings: Gas Pipeline Rates".

2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

3. *Control No.:* 1902-0155. The Commission is requesting reinstatement, without change, of the previously approved data collection for which approval expired January 31, 2001, and a three-year approval of the collection of data. This is a mandatory information collection requirement.

4. *Necessity of Collection of Information:* Submission of the information is necessary to enable the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of Title IV of the Natural Gas Policy Act (NGPA), 15 U.S.C. 3301-3432, Pub. L. 95-621 and sections 4, 5, and 16, of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (15 U.S.C. 717-717o, Pub. L. 75-688). These statutory provisions require natural gas pipeline companies to obtain Commission authorization for all rates and charges made, demanded, or in connection with the transportation or sale of natural gas in interstate commerce. The Commission is authorized to investigate the rates charged by natural gas pipeline companies subject to its investigation. The data filed in certificated rate filings are used to implement new or revised service proposals for the transportation or sale of natural gas and for compliance with subsequent Commission orders. The distinction between FERC-546 and other rate/tariff data collections is that data collected under FERC-546 involve initial service and tariff revisions due to changes in service rather than changes in existing rates. The Commission implements these filings requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR 154.4; 154.7; 154.202; 154.204-.209; 154.602-.603.

5. *Respondent Description:* The respondent universe currently comprises approximately 77 natural gas pipeline companies.

6. *Estimated Burden:* 12,320 hours, 77 respondents, 308 responses, 40 hours per response. This estimate is a decrease from OMB's previous inventory. The decrease is an adjustment and reflects a reduction in the average number of annual filings from 100 to 77.

Authority: Sect. 4, 5 and 16 of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717-717w) and sect. 403

of the Natural Gas Policy Act (NGPA) (15 U.S. 3393).

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER01-1949-000]

Power Provider LLC; Notice of Issuance of Order

June 28, 2001.

Power Provider LLC (Power Provider), an affiliate of Baltimore Gas & Electric Company and a newly created electric power marketer, filed with the Commission in the above-docketed proceeding, a proposed tariff under which Power Provider will engage in the sale of electric energy and capacity at market-based rates with affiliated and non-affiliated entities. Power Provider's filing also requested certain waivers and authorizations. In particular, Power Provider requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liabilities by Power Provider. On June 27, 2001, the Commission issued an order that accepted the tariff for sales of capacity and energy at market-based rates (Order), in the above-docketed proceeding.

The Commission's June 27, 2001 Order granted Power Provider's request for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the conditions found in Appendix A in Ordering Paragraphs (2), (3), and (5):

(2) Within 30 days of the date of this order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the Commission's blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities by Power Provider 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.

(3) Absent a request to be heard within the period set forth in Ordering Paragraph (2) above, Power Provider is hereby authorized to issue securities and assume obligations and liabilities as

guarantor, indorser, surety or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issue or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of Power Provider, compatible with the public interest, and reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

(5) The Commission reserves the right to modify this order to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued Commission approval of Power Provider's issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is July 27, 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 Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (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 at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER01-2318-000]

San Diego & Electric Co., Errata Notice; Notice of Filing

June 18, 2001.

Take notice that in the above referenced notice (66 FR 33958, pub. June 26, 2001) the caption was inadvertently named Idaho Power Company. The correct name is San Diego Gas & Electric Company.

The following paragraphs replaces the first paragraph issued on the Notice of Filing June 18, 2001:

Take notice that on June 13, 2001, San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) tendered for filing as service agreements to its Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Electric Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 6, two interconnection agreements. Both

agreements related to the interconnection of a new generation plant to be owned by Wildflower Energy, LP (Wildflower). The plant, with a capacity of approximately 92 megawatts, is being constructed on an expedited basis to meet potential shortfalls this summer in the Western states' electricity supplies. It will be located in the City of San Diego, County of San Diego, California and is expected to be in service on or about July 1, 2001.

Service Agreement No. 7 is an Expedited Interconnection Facilities Agreement dated June 13, 2001, between SDG&E and Wildflower, dated June 13, 2001, under which SDG&E will construct, operate, and maintain the proposed interconnection facilities. Service Agreement No. 8, the Interconnection Agreement between SDG&E and Wildflower dated June 13, 2001, establishes interconnection and operating responsibilities and associated communications procedures between the parties. SDG&E states that copies of the filing have been served on Wildflower and on the California Public Utilities Commission.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such filing 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). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before July 9, 2001. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine 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 Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (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 at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbeell.htm>

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Secretary.

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