

burden hours to the depreciation studies line item now being added.

In another adjustment, the number of hours for Oil Rates and Tariff Filings will decrease from 7.8 hours to 7 hours per respondent due to the hour allocation going to the second line

(Depreciation Studies) in the table below. Additionally, since the previous renewal, the number of respondents to Oil Rates and Tariff filings also increased from 219 to 258 based on the number of filings received by the Commission. The overall revised burden

estimates result to an increase to 280 (+61) respondents, 796 (+86) responses, and 6,298 hours (+760).

The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden and cost³ for the FERC-550 information collection as follows:

FERC-550: OIL PIPELINE RATES—TARIFF FILINGS AND DEPRECIATION STUDIES

| | Number of respondents | Annual number of responses per respondent | Total number of responses ⁴ | Average burden hrs. & cost (\$) per response | Total annual burden hours & total annual cost (\$) | Cost per respondent (\$) |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|---|--|---|--|--------------------------|
| | (1) | (2) | (1) * (2) = (3) | (4) | (3) * (4) = (5) | (5) ÷ (1) |
| Oil Rates and Tariff Filings. | 258 | 3 | 774 | 7 hrs.; \$637 | 5,418 hrs.; \$493,038 | \$1,911 |
| Depreciation ⁵ Studies. | 22 | 1 | 22 | 40 hrs.; \$3,640 | 880 hrs.; \$80,080 | \$3,640 |
| Total | 280 | | 796 | | 6,298 hrs.; \$573,118 | |

⁴ This figure is rounded.

⁵ Depreciation Studies previously was included under Oil Rates and Tariff Filings in the OMB inventory under OMB Control No. 1902-0089. However, for a more accurate estimate of burden a new row was added for Depreciation Studies (18 CFR 347.1). This new row will properly account for the differences in burden hours and type of filing with the Oil Rates and Tariff filings (18 CFR parts 341 through 348).

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 of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: August 31, 2022.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Empire District Electric Company; Notice of Waiver Period for Water Quality Certification Application

On August 26, 2022, Empire District Electric Company submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) a copy of its application for a Clean Water Act section 401(a)(1)

water quality certification filed with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (Missouri DNR), in conjunction with the above captioned project. Pursuant to 40 CFR 121.6 and section [4.34(b)(5), 5.23(b), 153.4, or 157.22] of the Commission's regulations,¹ we hereby notify the Missouri DNR of the following:

Date of Receipt of the Certification Request: July 28, 2022

Reasonable Period of Time to Act on the Certification Request: One year (July 28, 2023).

If Missouri DNR fails or refuses to act on the water quality certification request on or before the above date, then the agency certifying authority is deemed waived pursuant to section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1341(a)(1).

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Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

Records Governing Off-the-Record Communications

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(b), of the receipt of prohibited and exempt off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive a prohibited or exempt off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested proceeding, to deliver to the Secretary of the Commission, a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication.

Prohibited communications are included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not a part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become a part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record

³ The Commission staff thinks that the hourly cost (for wages and benefits) for industry staff completing the FERC-550 is similar to the cost of

FERC employees. FERC staff estimates that industry costs for salary plus benefits are similar to Commission costs. The cost figure is the FY2022

FERC average annual salary plus benefits (\$188,992/year or \$91/hour).

¹ 18 CFR [4.34(b)(5)/5.23(b)/153.4/157.22].

communication and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such a request only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication shall serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications are included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of off-the-record communications recently received by the Secretary of the Commission. The communications listed are grouped by docket numbers in ascending order. These filings are

available for electronic review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the eLibrary link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits, in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

| Docket Nos. | File date | Presenter or requester |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| Prohibited: 1. CP21-57-000 | 8/26/2022 | FERC Staff. ¹ |
| Exempt: 1. CP16-116-000 | 8/23/2022 | U.S. Congress. ² |
| CP16-454-000 | | |
| CP16-455-000 | | |

¹ Emailed comments dated 8/25/2022 from Cory Alperstein.

² Congressmen Dan Crenshaw and Michael C. Burgess.

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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

Filings Instituting Proceedings

Docket Numbers: PR22-59-000.

Applicants: EasTrans, LLC.

Description: § 284.123(g) Rate Filing: EasTrans SOC 6.0.0 to be effective 9/1/2022.

Filed Date: 8/30/22.

Accession Number: 20220830-5055.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/20/22.

284.123(g) Protests Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/31/22.

Docket Numbers: PR22-60-000.

Applicants: DCP Guadalupe Pipeline, LLC.

Description: § 284.123(g) Rate Filing: DCP Guadalupe SOC 8.0.0 to be effective 9/1/2022.

Filed Date: 8/30/22.

Accession Number: 20220830-5056.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/20/22.

284.123(g) Protests Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/31/22.

Docket Numbers: RP22-1160-000.

Applicants: Northwest Pipeline LLC.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: 2022 Winter Fuel Filing to be effective 10/1/2022.

Filed Date: 8/30/22.

Accession Number: 20220830-5041.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/12/22.

Docket Numbers: RP22-1161-000.

Applicants: LA Storage, LLC.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: LA Storage, LLC—Tariff Updates and Houskeeping Revisions to be effective 10/1/2022.

Filed Date: 8/30/22.

Accession Number: 20220830-5060.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/12/22.

Docket Numbers: RP22-1162-000.

Applicants: Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America LLC.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rate Agreement Filing—Mercuria Energy America, LLC to be effective 9/1/2022.

Filed Date: 8/30/22.

Accession Number: 20220830-5084.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/12/22.

Docket Numbers: RP22-1163-000.

Applicants: Algonquin Gas

Transmission, LLC.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rates—Con Ed to NE 809165 to be effective 9/1/2022.

Filed Date: 8/30/22.

Accession Number: 20220830-5092.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/12/22.

Docket Numbers: RP22-1164-000.

Applicants: Texas Eastern Transmission, LP.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rates—Con Ed to Direct En 8978154 to be effective 9/1/2022.

Filed Date: 8/30/22.

Accession Number: 20220830-5112.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/12/22.

Docket Numbers: RP22-1165-000.

Applicants: Adelphia Gateway, LLC.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing:

Adelphia Non-Conforming and NRA

filing August 30, 2022 to be effective 9/1/2022.

Filed Date: 8/30/22.

Accession Number: 20220830-5122.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/12/22.

Docket Numbers: RP22-1166-000.

Applicants: Alliance Pipeline L.P.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rates—Various Sept 1 2022 Releases to be effective 9/1/2022.

Filed Date: 8/31/22.

Accession Number: 20220831-5014.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/12/22.

Docket Numbers: RP22-1167-000.

Applicants: Eastern Gas Transmission and Storage, Inc.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: EGTS—August 31, 2022 Negotiated Rate Agreements to be effective 10/1/2022.

Filed Date: 8/31/22.

Accession Number: 20220831-5015.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/12/22.

Docket Numbers: RP22-1168-000.

Applicants: Equitrans, L.P.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Non-Conforming Negotiated Rate Agreements—10/1/2022 to be effective 10/1/2022.

Filed Date: 8/31/22.

Accession Number: 20220831-5016.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/12/22.

Docket Numbers: RP22-1169-000.

Applicants: MoGas Pipeline LLC.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: MoGas Pipeline Annual Fuel Tracker Filing to be effective 10/1/2022.

Filed Date: 8/31/22.

Accession Number: 20220831-5017.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/12/22.

Docket Numbers: RP22-1170-000.

Applicants: MountainWest Pipeline, LLC.