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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC01-542-001, FERC-542]

Information Collection Submitted for Review and Request for Comments

June 4, 2001.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of submission for review of 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 comments in response to an earlier **Federal Register** notice of January 24, 2001 (66 FR 7634) and has made a notation in this submission.

DATES: Comments regarding this collection are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before July 9, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Address comments to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer, 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: Mr. Michael Miller, CI-1, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Mr. Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208-1415, by fax at (202) 208-

2425, and by e-mail at mike.miller@ferc.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description

The energy information submitted to OMB for review contains:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC-542 "Gas Pipeline Rates: Rate Tracking"
2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

3. *Control No:* 1902-0070. The Commission is requesting reinstatement, without change, of the previously approved data collection for which approval expired December 31, 2000, 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 carry out its responsibilities in implementing provisions of Sections 4, 5, and 16 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Title IV of the Natural Gas Policy Act (NGPA), 15 U.S.C. 3301-3432. These statutes empower the Commission to collect natural gas transmission cost information from interstate natural gas transporters for the purposes of verifying that these costs, which are passed on to pipeline companies, are just and reasonable. The Commission implements these requirements in 18 CFR 154.4; 154.7; 154.101; 154.107; 154.201; 154.207-.209 and 154.401-.403. Interstate natural gas pipelines are required by the Commission to track their transportation associated costs to allow for the Commission's review and where appropriate, approval of the through of these costs to pipeline customers. Most of the FERC-542 tracking filings are scheduled accountings of the cost of fuel or electric power necessary to operate compressor stations. Other track the costs of Gas Research Institute fees, the Commission's annual charge adjustment assessments, and various cost reimbursements.

Tracking filings may be submitted to any time or on a regularly scheduled basis in accordance with the pipeline company's tariff. Filings may be either: (1) Accepted; (2) suspended and set for hearing; (3) suspended, but not set for hearing; or (4) suspended for further review, such as technical conference or some other type of Commission action.

5. *Respondent Description:* The respondent universe currently comprises approximately 55 natural gas pipeline companies.

6. *Estimated Burden:* 23,100 total burden hours, 55 respondents, 165

responses annually, 140 hours per response.

Authority: Sections 4, 5 and 16 of the NGA (15 U.S.C. 717-717w) and Title IV of the Natural Gas Policy Act (NGPA), 15 U.S.C. 3301-3432.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP01-376-000]

Intermountain Municipal Gas Agency and Questar Gas Company; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order

June 4, 2001.

On May 25, 2001, the Intermountain Municipal Gas Agency (IMGA)¹ and Questar Gas Company (Questar Gas), formerly Mountain Fuel Supply Company, filed a joint petition for a declaratory order by the Commission addressing jurisdictional issues raised by an agreement under which Questar Gas is to undertake natural gas transportation services for municipalities in Utah and Arizona for operation of their retain natural gas utilities.²

Questar Gas has agreed to provide transportation service to municipalities in Utah pursuant to a settlement agreement approved by the Public Service Commission of Utah (Utah PSC). The petitioners' joint filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Questar Gas' northern Utah distribution system, which is a designated service area pursuant to section 7(f) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA),³ includes Questar Gas' southern Idaho and northern Utah distribution facilities. Questar Gas' southern distribution system operates as an exempt Hinshaw system pursuant to NGA section 1(c). Questar Gas' northern

¹ IMGA is a group of Utah municipalities organized pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Title 11 Chapter 13 of the Utah Code, which allows Utah municipalities to organize a cooperative legal entity having the same powers as a municipality including those given by the statute.

² Although the municipalities presently have requested only transportation service, Questar Gas believes the same issues will arise if it is requested in the future to make sales of natural gas for resale by the municipalities.

³ 82 FERC ¶16,057 (1998).