

ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION**Sunshine Act; Notice of Public Meeting Agenda**

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, October 8, 2009. 1 p.m.–3 p.m. EDT.

PLACE: U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 1225 New York Ave., NW., Suite 150, Washington, DC 20005, (Metro Stop: Metro Center).

AGENDA: The Commission will hold a public meeting to consider administrative matters. The Commission will receive an update regarding the iBeta Lab Assessment Report. The Commission will consider a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Organization of American States (OAS). The Commission will host a panel discussion regarding voting accessibility. Members of the public may observe but not participate in EAC meetings unless this notice provides otherwise. Members of the public may use small electronic audio recording devices to record the proceedings. The use of other recording equipment and cameras requires advance notice to and coordination with the Commission's Communications Office.*

* View EAC Regulations Implementing Government in the Sunshine Act.

This meeting will be open to the public.

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Signed:

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. IC09–592–000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–592); Comment Request; Extension

September 23, 2009.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(2)(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described below.

DATES: Comments in consideration of the collection of information are due November 30, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be filed either electronically or in paper format, and should refer to Docket No. IC09–592–000. Documents must be prepared in an acceptable filing format and in compliance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission submission guidelines at <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp>.

Comments may be filed electronically via the eFiling link on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>. First time users will have to establish a user name and password (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/eregistration.asp>) before eFiling. The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgement to the sender's e-mail address upon receipt of comments through eFiling.

Commenters filing electronically should not make a paper filing. Commenters that are not able to file electronically must send an original and 14 copies of their comments to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket may do so through eSubscription (at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp>). In addition, all comments and FERC issuances may be viewed, printed or downloaded remotely through FERC's Web site using the "eLibrary" link and searching on Docket Number IC09–592. For user assistance, contact FERC Online Support (e-mail at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or call toll-free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FERC–592 ("Marketing Affiliates of Interstate Pipelines, Standards of Conduct for Transmission Providers," OMB No.

1902–0157) includes the reporting, recordkeeping, and posting requirements in:

■ 18 CFR Part 358 (Standards of Conduct),¹

■ 18 CFR 250.16, and

■ FERC Form No. 592 log/format, that is posted at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/eforms.asp#592>.

Hereafter, this Notice will refer to this group of collections of information as "FERC–592."

Under Section 4 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), the Commission has the regulatory responsibility to ensure that pipeline rates are just and reasonable. In order to ensure just and reasonable rates and services, the Commission must achieve two objectives: prevent undue discrimination in natural gas markets, and promote competitive and efficient markets while mitigating market power. In short, the Commission's regulatory policy must seek to reconcile the objectives of fostering an efficient market that provides good alternatives to as many shippers as possible, while at the same time creating a regulatory framework that is fair and protects captive customers without good alternatives.

The "FERC–592" information (that is posted on the Web site, maintained, or provided by the respondents, as required) is used by the Commission to monitor the pipeline's transportation, sales, and storage activities for its marketing affiliate, and to deter undue discrimination by pipeline companies in favor of their affiliates. The information is also used by non-affiliated shippers, customers, and others (such as state commissions) to determine whether they have been harmed by affiliate preference and, in some cases, to prepare evidence for proceedings following the filing of a complaint or that address NGA section 4 rate cases.

Action: The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current reporting requirements, with no change.

Burden Statement: The estimated annual public reporting burden follows.

¹ The requirements in 18 CFR Part 358 (that are related to the natural gas industry) are included in OMB No. 1902–0157 and this Notice. However, the requirements in Part 358 that are related to the electric utility industry are covered by FERC–717 (OMB Control No. 1902–0173) and are not a subject of this Notice.