

to provide the requested information. In your opinion, how accurate is this estimate?

E. The agency estimates that the only cost to a respondent is for the time it will take to complete the collection. Will a respondent incur any start-up costs for reporting, or any recurring annual costs for operation, maintenance, and purchase of services associated with the information collection?

F. What additional actions could be taken to minimize the burden of this collection of information? Such actions may involve the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

G. Does any other Federal, State, or local agency collect similar information? If so, specify the agency, the data element(s), and the methods of collection.

As a Potential User of the Information to be Collected

A. What actions could be taken to help ensure and maximize the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of the information disseminated?

B. Is the information useful at the levels of detail to be collected?

C. For what purpose(s) would the information be used? Be specific.

D. Are there alternate sources for the information and are they useful? If so, what are their weaknesses and/or strengths?

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the form. They also will become a matter of public record.

Statutory Authority: Section 3507(h)(1) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request, Correction

AGENCY: Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request, Correction.

Correction—In notice document 03-7924 appearing on page 16008 in the issue of Wednesday, April 2, 2003, make the following correction:

The date in the II. Current Actions section should be 2006, rather than 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC03-544-000, FERC-544]

Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

April 1, 2003.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

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) is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described below.

DATES: Consideration will be given to comments submitted on or before June 4, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained from and written comments may be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Attn: Michael Miller, Office of the Executive Director, ED-30, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments on the proposed collection of information may be filed either in paper format or electronically. Those parties filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. For paper filings, the original and 14 copies of such comments should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426 and should refer to Docket No. IC03-544-000.

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Word, Portable Document Format, Rich Text Format of ASCII format. To file the document, access the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> and click on "Make an E-filing," and then follow the instructions for each screen. First time users will have to establish a user name and password. The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgment to the sender's E-mail address upon receipt of documents. User assistance for electronic filings is available at 202-502-8258 or by E-mail to efiling@ferc.gov. Comments should not be submitted to this e-mail address.

All comments may be viewed, printed or downloaded remotely via the Internet through FERC's homepage using the FERRIS link. For user assistance, contact FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676 or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collected under the requirements of FERC-544 "Gas Pipeline Rates: Rate Change(Format)", is used by the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing the statutory provisions of sections 4, 5, and 16 of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C.717c-717o, Pub. L. 75-688). The Commission implements FERC-544 filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR part 154.

General rate change applications filed under section 4(e) of the Natural Gas Act reflect changes in rates based generally upon changes in the pipeline company's overall costs of providing service. Staff analyses are performed to determine whether the proposed rates and charges are consistent with the Commission's statutory responsibilities, policies, conditions. A preliminary review and report to the Commission of all changes filed under the NGA must be made by staff. Based upon the report, the Commission determines the filing should be accepted or suspended and set for hearing and investigation. 18 CFR 154.301 through 154.313 govern the filing requirements for rate changes and define the statements and schedules pipeline companies must file in support of their proposed rates and charges. 18 CFR 154.205 governs the filing requirements for changes relating to suspended tariffs, executed agreements or parts thereof. 18 CFR 154.206 permits the proposed change in rate, charge, classification or service to go into effect upon motion of the jurisdictional gas pipeline at the expiration of the