

Providers' Energy Affiliates. This information helps potential customers and the Commission determine whether or not there has been discrimination in pipeline/affiliate/nonaffiliated transactions.

176. The Commission is submitting these posting requirements to OMB for its review and approval under Section 3507(d) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507(d) (2000).

Interested persons may obtain information on the reporting requirements by contacting the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 (Attention: Michael Miller, Office of the Executive Director, 202-502-8415) or from the Office of Management and Budget (Attention: Desk Officer for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, fax: 202-395-7285, e-mail

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Public Reporting Burden

177. The Commission did not receive specific comments concerning its burden estimates and uses the same estimates here in the Final Rule. Comments on the substantive issues raised in the NOPR are addressed elsewhere in the Final Rule.

Data collection	Number of respondents	Number of responses	Hours per response	Total annual hours
	257	1	65	16,705

Total Annual Hours for Collection: (Reporting + Recordkeeping, (if appropriate)) = 16,705.

Information Collection Costs:

178. The Commission sought comments on the costs to comply with these requirements. No comments were received. The Commission is projecting the average annualized cost per respondent to be the following: total hours divided by 2,080 (total work hours in a year) times \$117,041 = \$939,985.53.

Annual Capital/Startup costs	\$0
Annualized Costs (Operations & Maintenance)	939,985
Total Annualized Costs	939,985

Title: FERC-592 and 717.

Action: Revision of Currently Approved Collection of Information.

OMB Control No: 1902-0157 and 1902-173.

Respondents: Business or other for profit.

Frequency of Responses: On occasion.

Necessity of the Information:

179. The information is necessary to ensure that all regulated transmission providers treat all transmission customers in a non-discriminatory basis. By requiring the posting of information regarding transmission, all non-affiliated customers have the ability to acquire information simultaneously with affiliated customers in a pro-competitive environment. The information also permits the market participants and the Commission to monitor the transmission market in a timely and efficient manner.

Internal Review

180. The Commission has reviewed the requirements pertaining to natural gas pipelines and transmitting electric utilities and determined the revisions in the final rule are necessary because of

the evolving energy market. The Commission is consolidating the standards of conduct to govern the relationships between regulated transmission providers and their affiliates that engage in or are involved in transmission transactions or manage or control transmission capacity. Although the current standards of conduct limit a Transmission Provider's ability to make or grant undue preferences to the wholesale merchant function of their businesses (in the electric area) or to their marketing affiliates, they do not cover the Transmission Providers' other non-marketing affiliates.

181. These requirements conform to the Commission's plan for efficient information collection, communication, and management within the gas and electric industries. The Commission has assured itself, by means of internal review, that there is specific, objective support for the burden estimates associated with the information requirements.

182. Interested persons may obtain information on the reporting requirements by contacting: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, Attention: Michael Miller, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Phone: (202) 208-1415, fax: (202) 208-2425, e-mail: Michael.Miller@ferc.gov.

183. Comments on the requirements of the Final Rule may also be sent to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 [Attention: Desk Officer for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission].

IX. Environmental Statement

184. Commission regulations require that an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement be prepared for any Commission action that may have a significant adverse

effect on the human environment.⁸⁶ The Commission has categorically excluded certain actions from these requirements as not having a significant effect on the human environment.⁸⁷ This final rule falls within the categorical exclusions provided in the Commission's regulations.⁸⁸ Therefore, an environmental assessment is unnecessary and has not been prepared in this rulemaking.

X. Document Availability

185. In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission also provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the Internet through the Commission's home page <http://www.ferc.gov> and in the Commission's Public Reference Room during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time) at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426.

186. From the Commission's home page on the Internet, this information is available in the eLibrary. The full text of this document is available on eLibrary in PDF and Word format for viewing, printing, and/or downloading. To access this document in eLibrary, type the docket number excluding the last three digits of this document in the docket number field.

187. User assistance is available for eLibrary and the Commission's web site during normal business hours from FERC Online Support (by phone at (866) 208-3676 (toll free) or for TTY, contact (202) 502-6652, or by e-mail at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY (202) 502-8659.

⁸⁶ Regulations Implementing National Environmental Policy Act, 52 FR 47897 (Dec. 17, 1987); FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶30,783 (1987).

⁸⁷ 18 CFR 380.4 (2003).

⁸⁸ 18 CFR 380.4(a)(2)(ii) and 380.4(a)(5) (2003).