

reimbursed for travel expenses and subsistence. (HAVA title II section 215 (e)).

5. The Board may use the United States mails in the same manner and under the same conditions as a department or agency of the Federal government. (HAVA title II, section 215 (c)).

6. The annual cost for operating the Board is estimated at \$100,000 which includes one quarter staff year for support services.

7. The Board may establish such committees of its members as may be necessary subject to the provisions of the law.

8. The Board may, by simple majority vote, adopt resolutions and make recommendations. Such resolutions and recommendations will, however, be only advisory to the EAC and will be restricted to the EAC's activities described in title II, section 212 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002.

9. The EAC will provide liaison services between the Board and the Advisory Panel Secretariat as required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

#### *Duration*

This is a permanent committee as established in title II section 215(f) of the Help America Vote Act of 2002.

Dated: June 14, 2004.

**Gracia M. Hillman,**

*Vice Chair, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.*

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## **ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION**

### **Standards Board: Submission of Charter**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of Standards Board: charter submission.

**SUMMARY:** The Election Assistance Commission announces the submission of the charter for the Standards Board. The purpose of the Board is to provide advice and consultation to the Election Assistance Commission consistent with the requirements of the Help America Vote Act of 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bryan Whitener, U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 1225 New York Avenue, NW., Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20005. Telephone: (202) 566-3100; toll free: 1-(866) 747-1471.

**Gracia M. Hillman,**

*Vice-Chair, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.*

### **Charter of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission Standards Board**

The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) hereby Charters the Standards Board established in title II, section 211 of the Help

America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) (Public Law 107-252) pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

#### *Objectives and Duties*

1. The objective of the Standards Board (the Board) is to advise the EAC through review of the voluntary voting systems guidelines described in title II part 3 of the HAVA; through review of the voluntary guidance described under title III of HAVA; and through the review of the best practices recommendations contained in the report submitted under section 242(b) of title II (HAVA title II, section 212).

2. The Board will function solely as an advisory body and will comply fully with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

#### *Membership*

1. The Board shall consist of 110 members. Fifty-five members shall be State election officials selected by the chief State election official of each State. Fifty-five shall be local election officials selected under a process supervised by the chief election official of the State. The 2 members of the Standards Board who represent the same State may not be members of the same political party. (HAVA title II, section 213(a)). Vacancy appointments shall be made in the same manner as the original appointments.

2. The Board shall select 9 of its members as an Executive Board of whom, not more than 5 may be State election officials; not more than 5 may be local election officials; and not more than 5 may be members of the same political party. Members of the Executive Board shall serve 2 year terms and may not serve more than 3 consecutive terms. Of the initial Executive Board, 3 members shall serve for 1 term; 3 shall serve for 2 consecutive terms; and 3 shall serve for 3 consecutive terms, as determined by lot at the time the members are first appointed (HAVA title II, section 213(c)).

#### *Administrative Provisions*

1. The Board will report to the EAC through the Advisory Committee Management Officer pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. 1, section 8(b). This officer shall be an EAC Commissioner designated by the Chairman of the EAC.

2. The Board will meet a minimum of once a year for purposes of voting on the voluntary voting system guidelines and not less frequently than once every 2 years for purposes of selecting the Executive Board. Additional meetings may be called at such other times as it considers appropriate for the purposes of conducting other business as it considers appropriate consistent with title II of HAVA. (HAVA title II, section 215(a)(2)).

3. The EAC and GAO will provide clerical and other necessary support services to the Board. (HAVA title II, section 215(d)).

4. Members of the Board will not be compensated for their services but will be reimbursed for travel expenses and subsistence. (HAVA title II, section 215(e)).

5. The Board may use the United States mails in the same manner and under the same conditions as a department or agency of the Federal government. (HAVA title II, section 215 (c)).

6. The annual cost for operating the Board is estimated at \$210,000 which includes one quarter staff year for support services.

7. The Board may establish such committees of its members as may be necessary subject to the provisions of the law.

8. The Board may, by simple majority vote, adopt resolutions and make recommendations. Such resolutions and recommendations will, however, be only advisory to the EAC and will be restricted to the EAC's activities described in title II section 212 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002.

9. The EAC will provide liaison services between the Board and the Advisory Panel Secretariat as required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

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**Gracia M. Hillman,**

*Vice Chair, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. IC04-538-001, FERC-538]

### **Commission Information Collection Activities, Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Submitted for OMB Review**

June 8, 2004.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and reinstatement of this information collection requirement. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission received no comments in response to an earlier **Federal Register** notice of March 31, 2004 (69 FR 16907-16908), and has responded to their comments in its submission to OMB.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due by July 6, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Address comments on the collection of information to the Office of

Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. Comments to OMB should be filed electronically, c/o *Pamela\_L.\_Beverly@omb.eop.gov* and include the OMB Control No. as a point of reference. The Desk Officer may be reached by telephone at 202-395-7856. A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Executive Director, ED-30, Attention: Michael Miller, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments may be filed either in paper format or electronically. Those persons filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. For paper filings, 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. IC04-538-001.

Documents filed electronically via the Internet must be prepared in WordPerfect, MS Word, Portable Document Format, or 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 comments. User assistance for electronic filings is available at (202) 502-8258 or by e-mail to [efiling@ferc.gov](mailto:efiling@ferc.gov). Comments should not be submitted to the e-mail address.

All comments are available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site 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, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 502-8415, by fax at (202) 273-0873, and by e-mail at [michael.miller@ferc.gov](mailto:michael.miller@ferc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Description**

The information collection submitted for OMB review contains the following:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC-538 "Gas Pipeline Certificates: Section 7(a) Mandatory Initial Service."

2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

3. *Control No.:* 1902-0061.

The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve and reinstate with a three-year extension of the expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection. The information filed with the Commission is mandatory.

4. *Necessity of the Collection of Information:* Submission of the information is necessary to enable the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing the statutory provisions 7(a), 10(a) and 16 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (Pub. L. 75-688) (15 U.S.C. 717-717w). The reporting requirements contained in this information collection are used by the Commission to determine whether a distributor applicant can economically construct and manage its facilities. Requests are made to the Commission by individuals or entities to have the Commission, by order, direct a natural gas pipeline to extend or improve its transportation facilities, and sell gas to an individual, entity or municipality for the specific purpose indicated in the order, and to extend the pipeline's transportation facilities to communities immediately adjacent to the municipality's facilities or to territories served by the natural gas company. In addition, the Commission reviews the supply data to determine if the pipeline company can provide the service without curtailing certain of its existing customers. The flow data and market data are also used to evaluate existing and future customer requirements on the system to find if sufficient capacity will be available. Likewise, the cost of facilities and the rate data are used to evaluate the financial impact of the cost of the project to both the pipeline company and its customers. The Commission implements the filing requirements in the Code of Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR part 156.

5. *Respondent Description:* The respondent universe currently comprises 1 company (on average per year) subject to the Commission's jurisdiction

6. *Estimated Burden:* 240 total hours, 1 respondent (average per year), 1 response per respondent, and 240 hours per response (average).

7. *Estimated Cost Burden to Respondents:* 240 hours/2080 hours per year × \$107,185 per year = \$12,368.

**Statutory Authority:** Sections 7(a), 10(a) and 16 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), Pub. L. 75-688 (15 U.S.C. 717-717w).

**Linda Mitry,**  
*Acting Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RP96-200-122]

**CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Negotiated Rate**

June 10, 2004.

Take notice that on June 7, 2004, CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company (CEGT) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Sixth Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets to be effective June 7, 2004:

Sheet Nos. 822-825  
Sheet No. 827  
Sheet Nos. 831-832  
Sheet Nos. 836-839  
Sheet Nos. 842-847  
Sheet No. 849  
Sheet Nos. 892-1999

CEGT states that the purpose of this filing is to reflect the termination of negotiated rates with respect to certain transactions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with § 385.214 or § 385.211 of the Commission's rules and regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with § 154.210 of the Commission's regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the eLibrary. 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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the