

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.

Documents filed electronically via the Internet can be prepared in a variety of formats including WordPerfect, MS

Word, Portable Document Format, Rich Text 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 documents. 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 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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208-3676 or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Miller 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:** 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

suspension period or upon receipt of the motion, whichever is later.

Formal rate change filings (FERC-544) are suspended and set for hearing. When the NGA section 4(e) filing is suspended, the rate becomes the subject of a hearing process and may go into effect subject to refund with interest. All suspended filings that go through the hearing process are considered formal

cases and an investigation is instituted to determine the reasonableness of the rate filing. If the rates and charges are deemed unjust, unreasonable or unduly discriminatory, the appropriate rate, charge or service condition is ascertained. The formal proceeding is terminated by the issuance of a final Commission order.

*Action:* The Commission is requesting reinstatement. Due to an administrative lapse, FERC-544 was allowed to expire. The Commission seeks reinstatement of FERC-544 and a three-year approval of the collection of information.

*Burden Statement:* Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated as:

Number of respondents annually (1)	Number of responses per respondent (2)	Average burden hours per response (3)	Total annual burden hours (1)×(2)×(3)
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The estimated total cost to respondents is \$2,578,841.00. (No. of hours divided by 2,080 hours per year per employee times \$117,041.00 per year per average employee = \$2,578,841.00.) The cost per respondent is \$257.884.

The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide the information including: (1) Reviewing instructions; (2) developing, acquiring, installing, and utilizing technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, verifying, processing, maintaining, disclosing and providing information; (3) adjusting the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; (4) training personnel to respond to a collection of information; (5) searching data sources; (6) completing and reviewing the collection of information; and (7) transmitting, or otherwise disclosing the information.

The estimate of cost for respondents is based upon salaries for professional and clerical support, as well as direct and indirect overhead costs. Direct costs include all costs directly attributable to providing this information, such as administrative costs and the cost for information technology. Indirect or overhead costs are costs incurred by an organization in support of its mission. These costs apply to activities which benefit the whole organization rather than any one particular function or activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3)

ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
*Secretary.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RP99-301-071]

**ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Negotiated Rate Filing**

April 2, 2003.

Take notice that on March 28, 2003, ANR Pipeline Company, (ANR) tendered for filing two negotiated rate agreements between ANR and Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Corporation pursuant to ANR's Rate Schedules ITS and ITS (Liquefiables), a related Lease Dedication Agreement, and the underlying transportation service agreements. ANR tenders these agreements pursuant to its authority to enter into negotiated rate agreements. ANR requests that the Commission accept and approve the agreements to be effective April 1, 2003.

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 Sections 385.314 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions

or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 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 "FERRIS" link. 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 instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link.

*Comment Date:* April 9, 2003.

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
*Secretary.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket Nos. RP00-410-005, and RP01-8-005]

**CenterPoint Energy-Mississippi River Transmission Corporation; Notice of Compliance Filing**

April 1, 2003.

Take notice that on March 27, 2003, CenterPoint Energy-Mississippi River Transmission Corporation (MRT) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1,