

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RM04-7-000]

Market-Based Rates for Public Utilities; Notice of Technical Conference

November 12, 2004.

Take notice that a technical conference will be held concerning issues associated with the rulemaking proceeding on market-based rates. The technical conference will take place on December 7, 2004, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (EST), in the Commission Meeting Room at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC. Members of the Commission will attend the conference. An agenda providing more details of the conference will be issued at a later time.

The topic of the conference will be issues associated with transmission vertical market power and barriers to entry in electric markets, two of the four prongs the Commission currently uses to determine whether to grant market-based rate authority. The conference will address whether the Commission's *pro forma* open access transmission tariff adequately mitigates transmission market power, other proposals to identify and mitigate transmission market power, as well as whether and, if so, to what extent there are other barriers to entry that the Commission should consider.

The conference will be transcribed. Those interested in acquiring the transcript should contact Ace Reporters at 202-347-3700 or 800-336-6646. Transcripts will be placed in the public record ten days after the Commission receives the transcripts. Additionally, Capitol Connection offers the opportunity for remote listening and viewing of the conference. It is available for a fee, live over the Internet, by phone or via satellite. Persons interested in receiving the broadcast, or who need information on making arrangements, should contact David Reininger or Julia Morelli at Capitol Connection (703-993-3100) as soon as possible or visit the Capitol Connection Web site at <http://www.capitolconnection.org> and click on "FERC."

A two-day technical conference will also be held in January 2005, dates to be announced, concerning additional issues associated with the rulemaking proceeding. The topic of this latter conference will be issues associated with affiliate abuse/reciprocal dealing and generation market power.

For more information about the conference, please contact Kelly Perl at 202-502-6421 or kelly.perl@ferc.gov.

A supplemental notice of this conference will be issued later that will provide details of the conference, including the panelists.

Linda Mitry,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket Nos. RP04-565-000 and RP04-565-001]

Northwest Pipeline Corporation; Notice of Technical Conference

November 9, 2004.

In an order issued on September 30, 2004,¹ the Commission directed staff to convene a technical conference to discuss tariff filings associated with Northwest Pipeline Corporation's semi-annual recalculation of its fuel and gas loss factors.

The technical conference will afford parties an opportunity to consider the alternative proposal included in Northwest's September 15, 2004 filing, and provide Northwest an opportunity to provide further information to support its derivation of the fuel factors and respond to all issues raised in the protests.

Take notice that a technical conference will be held on Wednesday, December 1, 2004, beginning at 10 a.m. (EST), in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

All interested parties and staff are permitted to attend. For further information please contact: Frank Karabetsos at (202) 502-8133 or e-mail frank.karabetsos@ferc.gov.

Linda Mitry,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

Records Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

November 5, 2004.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(b), of the receipt of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive an exempt or prohibited off-the-record communication relevant to the merit's of a contested on-the-record proceeding, to deliver a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication, to the Secretary.

Prohibited communications will be included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not a part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become a part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such a request only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication shall serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications will be included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of exempt communications recently received in the Office of the Secretary. The communications listed are grouped by docket numbers. These filings are 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 (FERRIS) link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the

¹ Northwest Pipeline Corporation, 108 FERC ¶ 61,325 (2004).

docket number field to access the document. For Assistance, please

contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll

free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

| Docket No. | Date filed | Presenter or requester |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------------------|
| 1. CP04-366-000 | 11-4-04 | Kyle Stephens. |
| 2. Project No. 12522-000 | 11-2-04 | Hon. Harry Tutunjian. |

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OAR-2004-0086; FRL-7838-8]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements for Importation of Nonroad Engines and Recreational Vehicles (Renewal), EPA ICR Number 1723.04, OMB Control Number 2060-0320

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that an Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. This is a request to renew an existing approved collection (EPA ICR Number 1723.03, OMB Control Number 2060-0320) and combine it with the burden of another ICR (EPA ICR Number 1673.04, OMB Control Number 2060-0294) which will no longer be needed. Also included in this request is a new collection burden for the importation of newly regulated engines. EPA ICR 1723.03 is scheduled to expire on November 30, 2004. Under OMB regulations, the Agency may continue to conduct or sponsor the collection of information while this submission is pending at OMB. This ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its estimated burden and cost.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before January 18, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing docket ID number OAR-2004-0086, to (1) EPA online using EDOCKET (our preferred method), by email to a-and-r-Docket@epa.gov, or by mail to: Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC),

Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center, Mail Code 6102T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, and (2) OMB at: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Lynn Sohacki, Certification and Compliance Division, Vehicle Programs Group, Environmental Protection Agency, 2000 Traverwood Dr., Ann Arbor, MI, 48105; telephone number: (734) 214-4851; fax number: (734) 214-4869; email address: sohacki.lynn@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In this action EPA is renewing ICR OMB Control Number 2060-0320 (EPA ICR Number 1723, originally "Information Requirements for Importation of Nonconforming Marine Engines") and is combining the burden of that ICR with ICR OMB Control Number 2060-0294 (EPA ICR Number 1673) "Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements for Importation of Nonconforming Compression Ignition (CI) and Small Spark Ignition (SI) Engines." The title of the new combined ICR will be Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements for Importation of Nonroad Engines and Recreational Vehicles. It is appropriate at this time to combine the two ICRs because the line between marine and nonroad engines has become less distinct. Engines that were originally manufactured as nonroad engines may be converted to be used as marine engines and marine engines may be used as nonroad engines. EPA is also adding to this ICR the information collection burden for the importation of newly regulated vehicles and engines: locomotives, marine compression ignition vehicles and engines over 37 kW, recreational vehicles (such as off-highway motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, and snowmobiles), and large non-road spark ignition engines (such as forklifts and compressors). In light of this, EPA Form 3520-21, which collects information for importation of nonroad engines, is being updated and now will apply to both nonroad and marine engines and recreational vehicles.

Therefore, it is appropriate at this time to combine the ICRs under which this information is gathered and add the burden for the newly added engines and recreational vehicles.

EPA ICR Number 1673 was just renewed in February, 2004, but EPA ICR Number 1723 expires on November 30, 2004. In this action we include the burden that was just identified and approved in EPA ICR Number 1673 into the renewal of EPA ICR Number 1723. The new combined burden will be identified in EPA ICR Number 1723 and EPA ICR Number 1673 will no longer be needed.

EPA submitted EPA ICR Number 1723 to OMB for review and approval according to the procedures prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.12. On June 30, 2004 (69 FR 39463), EPA sought comments on this ICR pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.8(d). EPA received one comment. The commenter suggested that no imports of nonconforming marine engines should be allowed. However, the Clean Air Act sets forth specific allowances for importing noncomplying marine engines, provided they satisfy provisions that implement the goals of the Clean Air Act. One purpose of this ICR is to collect the information necessary to help EPA insure that such engines comply with those requirements.

EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID No. OAR-2004-0086, which is available for public viewing at the Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center is (202) 566-1742. An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA Dockets (EDOCKET) at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket>. Use EDOCKET to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the public docket, and access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically.