

to be submitted to the Commission is a mandatory requirement in the format of a written declaration of intention to develop a project at sites where Commission jurisdiction may be in question. These sites are generally on streams other than those defined as U.S. navigation waters, and over which Congress has jurisdiction under its authority to regulate foreign and

interstate commerce. The information collected is used by the Commission's staff to research the jurisdictional aspects. This research consists of examining maps and land ownership records to establish whether there is Federal jurisdiction over the lands and waters affected by the proposed project. The Commission implements these filing requirements in the Code of

Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR Part 24.1.

*Action:* The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection of data.

*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)
10	1	80	800

*Estimated cost burden to respondents:* 800 hours/2,087 hours per year × \$110,000 per year = \$42,166. The cost per respondent is equal to \$4,217.

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.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[FERC-577]

**Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments**

August 15, 1997.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**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:** Comments are due October 20, 1997.

**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, Information Services Division, ED-12.4, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208-1415, by fax at

(202) 273-0873, and by e-mail at mmiller@ferc.fed.us.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The information collected under the requirements of FERC-577 "Gas Pipeline Certificates: Environmental Impact Statement" (OMB No. 1902-0128) is a filing requirement pertaining to environmental assessment of pipeline and Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facility construction projects. The filing collects data from all Natural Gas Act (NGA) jurisdictional pipeline companies as well as companies whose Natural Gas Policy Act projects are reviewed by the Commission. The Commission implements these filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR Parts 2; 157; 284; 375 and 380. The information collected under the requirements of FERC-577 is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (Pub. L. 91-190) (1969). NEPA requires that all Federal agencies must include in every recommendation or report on proposals for legislation and other major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of human environment, a detail statement on: the environmental impact of the proposed actions; any adverse environmental effects which cannot be avoided should the proposal be implemented; alternatives to the proposed action; the relationship between local short-term uses of man's environment and the maintenance and enhancement of long term productivity; and any irreversible and irretrievable commitment of resources which would be involved in the proposed action should it be implemented. The Commission uses the pipeline's data to evaluate the environmental aspects of construction proposals and may be used in the Commission staff's independent preparation of Environmental Assessments or Environmental Impact

Statements. The staff examines and projects potential effects on soils, geology, water resources, land use, recreation, aesthetics, air and noise quality, vegetation, wildlife, cultural

resources and pipeline and liquefied natural gas (LNG) safety.

*Action:* The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date.

*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)
70	16.9	154	182,182

*Estimated cost burden to respondents:* 182,182 hours divided by 2,087 hours per year times \$110,000 per year equals \$9,602,310. The cost per respondent is equal to \$137,176.

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.

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*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-139-006]

#### Caprock Pipeline Company; Notice of Tariff Filing

August 15, 1997.

Take notice that on August 12, 1997, Caprock Pipeline Company (Caprock), tendered for filing the following revised sheets, to be effective June 1, 1997:

First Revised Volume No. 1  
Second Revised Sheet No. 37  
First Revised Sheet No. 38

In addition, Caprock tendered for filing the following revised tariff sheets, to be effective August 1, 1997:

First Revised Volume No. 1  
Second Revised Sheet No. 29A  
Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 29A

Caprock states that these tariff sheets are being filed to comply with the Commission's order in Docket Nos. RP97-139-003, 004 and 005 issued July 29, 1997, directing Caprock to submit revised pagination for tariff sheets related to Order No. 587.

Caprock states that copies of the filing were served upon Caprock's jurisdictional customers, interested public bodies, and all parties to the proceedings.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All such protests must be filed as provided in 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 the protestants parties to the proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1417; Project No. 1835]

#### Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District; Nebraska Public Power District; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

August 15, 1997.

An informal settlement conference will be convened on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 23 and 24, 1997, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC, 20426. Subsequent meetings will be scheduled as necessary. The purpose of these off-the-record meetings is to explore which issues remain contested and to work toward achieving settlement on any contested issues. Discussion will cover any proposals for settlement that may be presented. Any person appearing at the conference in a representative capacity must be authorized to negotiate and, to the extent authorized by law, settle matters addressed at the conference.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), is invited to send a representative to the conference. Any party wishing to make a presentation or needing additional information should contact Merrill F. Hathaway at (202) 208-0825, or John A. Schnagl at (202)