contested cases, those comments will be subject to the Commission's Off-the-Record Communications rules located in Subpart V of Part 385 of the Commission's regulations, including the public notice requirements and sanctions listed in sections 385.2201(h) and (i).

10. Transcripts of the conference will

be available from Ace Reporting

### **Transcripts**

Company (202–347–3700) for a fee. The transcript also will be available on the Commission's FERRIS system two weeks after the conference.

Additionally, Capitol Connection offers the opportunity for remote listening and viewing of the conference. It is available for a fee, live or over the Internet, via C-Band Satellite. Persons interested in receiving the broadcast, or who need information on making arrangements.

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 <a href="http://www.capitolconnection.gmu.edu">http://www.capitolconnection.gmu.edu</a> and click on "FERC."

11. For additional information, please

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### Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Deputy Secretary.

### Natural Gas Markets Conference

October 25, 2002.

9:00 AM Opening Remarks 9:10 AM Session I—Supply and Demand—Anticipated long term growth issues.

Moderator—William Hederman, Director—Office of Market Oversight and Investigations

### Panel A

Wayne Andrews, Vice President, Equity Research

Raymond James

Vello Kuuskraa, President, Advanced Resources International

### Panel B

Craig Chancellor, Calpine Corporation Mike Warren, Chairman, President & CEO, Energen Corporation

Paul Cicio, Executive Director, Industrial Energy Consumers of America

Fred Fowler, Interstate Natural Gas Association of America

Mike Stice, President, Gas Power, ConocoPhillips

Mark Pinney, Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers

Bruce Schwartz, Director, Corporate & Government Ratings, Standards & Poor 10:15 AM Break

10:30 AM Session II—LNG— Applicability of the Commission open season and open access requirements on LNG import facilities.

Moderator—Ed Murrell, Office of Markets, Tariffs, and Rates

Phil Bainbridge, Vice President, Global LNG, BP Energy Company

Ron P. Billings, Vice President, Global LNG Exxon/Mobile Gas Marketing Company

John Hritcko, Jr., Vice President, Shell NA LNG Inc.

Stephen L. Huntoon, Hackberry LNG Terminal, LLC.

Claude Devillers, Managing Director, Merzbach Group

Richard L Grant, President and CEO, Tractebel LNG, North America

11:30 AM Session III—Offshore
Gathering Policy—The
Commission's definition of offshore
gathering and its impact on the
development of offshore facilities.

Moderator—Robert Christin—Office of the General Counsel

Bill Benham, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs BP Energy Company

Joseph W. Kimmel, Vice President, Marketing and Transportation, Shell Offshore Inc.

James Costan, McGuireWoods LLP David P. Halphen, Shell Gas Transmission

Allen Armstrong, Williams Field Services

W. Jonathan Airey, Independent Petroleum Association of America 12:30 PM Lunch

1:30 PM Session IV—Flexibility in Pipeline Operations—Pipeline infrastructure and its ability to meet the needs of all future customers.

Moderator—Robert Cupina—Office of Energy Projects

### Panel A

Tom Skains, President & Chief Operating Officer, Piedmont Natural Gas

Bert Kalish, Vice President, Government Relations, American Public Gas Association

Dena Wiggins, General Counsel, Process Gas Consumers

Craig Chancellor, Calpine Corporation Harvey Morris, California Public Utility Commission

### Panel B

Paul D. Koonce, Senior Vice President, Portfolio Management, Dominion Resources, Inc.

John Hopper, Falcon Storage Richard Daniel, EnCana Storage Carl Levander, Vice President, Regulatory & Strategic Initiatives, NiSource Pipeline Group Frank Ferrazzi, Interstate Natural Gas Association of America 3:00 PM Open Forum

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### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

## Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

# Regulations Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

October 18, 2002.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(h), 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 a prohibited off-the-record communication relevant to the merits 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 part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become part of the decisional record, the prohibited offthe-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 requests only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication should 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 and prohibited off-the-record communications recently received in the Office of the Secretary. 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 "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For Assistance, call (202)502–8222 or for TTY, (202) 502–8659.

### Exempt

Docket Number	Date filed	Presenter or requester
1. Project No. 1354–000	10–04–02 10–16–02	Don Jack. Gini R. Cooper. Julie Keil (Nan Allen). Nan Allen.

### Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7399-7]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Approval of State Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Programs

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection

Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), this notice announces that EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Approval of State Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Programs, EPA ICR Number 1569.05, OMB Control Number 2040-0153, expiring on April 30, 2003. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before November 25, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to, and copies of the ICR may be obtained without charge from, the Nonpoint Source Control Branch, Assessment and Watershed Protection Division (4503–T), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stacie Craddock at EPA by phone at (202) 566–1204, by fax at (202) 566–1545, by e-mail at

craddock.stacie@epa.gov, or download a copy of the ICR off the Internet at http://www.epa.gov/icr and refer to EPA ICR No. 1569.05.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are 18 coastal States and 3 Territories with conditionally approved Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Programs.

*Title:* Approval of Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Programs, (OMB Control No. 2040–0153; EPA ICR No. 1569.05) expiring April 30, 2003.

Abstract: Under the provisions of national Program Development and Approval Guidance implementing section 6217 of the Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments of 1990 (CZARA) which was jointly developed and published by EPA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), 26 coastal States and 5 coastal Territories with Federally approved Coastal Zone Management Programs have developed and submitted to EPA and NOAA Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Programs. EPA and NOAA have approved 8 States and 2 Territories, and conditionally approved 18 States and 3 Territories. The conditional approvals will require States and Territories to submit additional information in order to obtain final program approval. Recent administrative changes mutually agreed to by States, Territories, EPA and NOAA are expected to expedite the final approval process. CZARA section 6217 requires States and Territories to obtain final approval of their Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Programs in order to retain their full share of funding available to them under section 319 of the Clean Water Act and section 306 of the Coastal Zone Management Act. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR chapter 15.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- (ii) Evaluate 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;
- (iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (iv) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through 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.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 125 hours per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions, develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose information.

Respondents/Affected Entities: 18 States and 3 Territories.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 21.

Frequency of Response: Once.
Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 2,625.