

of approximately 29,700 hours. Because the proposal is to decrease the size of the frame (not the content of the survey form), the burden reduction is expressed as the change in total annual hours. The frame reduction would result in an estimated 33-percent decrease in the total annual burden for this form, or 9,900 hours (1,100 respondents multiplied by 9 hours per response). The annual burden for the proposed Form EIA-861S, "Annual Electric Power Industry Report (Short Form)," is estimated at 825 hours (1,100 respondents multiplied by 0.75 burden hours per response). The net annual burden reduction between the two forms is estimated at 9,075 hours.

**Form EIA-923:** The total annual burden for the Form EIA-923, "Power Plant Operations Report," is currently estimated at 81,518 hours. This figure is the sum of the burden hours for each survey (monthly, annual, and supplemental), which is calculated by multiplying the total number of responses per survey by the burden hours per survey response. The total annual burden hours under this proposal is estimated at 78,957 hours. This number is the sum of the new burden hours for each survey, which is calculated by multiplying the revised number of responses per survey by the revised burden hours per survey response. The proposed threshold increase for Schedule 2 would result in an estimated 3.1-percent decrease in the total annual burden for the Form EIA-923, calculated as the percentage decrease between the current and revised estimated total annual burden hours.

G. 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?

H. 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.

I. 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. Please comment on the specific proposed changes discussed above:

1. Treatment of the Form EIA-861 as a sample to be supplemented by imputed estimates.

2. Introduction of the Form EIA-861S short form to be completed by relatively small utilities.

3. Increase in the reporting threshold for Schedule 2 of the Form EIA-923 to 200 MW, and limiting the data collection to coal, distillate oil, residual oil, petroleum coke, and natural gas.

4. Elimination of imputation for respondents that do not meet the reporting threshold for Schedule 2 of the Form EIA-923.

B. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency and does the information have practical utility?

C. What actions could be taken to help ensure and maximize the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of the information disseminated?

D. Is the information useful at the levels of detail to be collected? For what purpose(s) would the information be used? Be specific.

E. 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 these proposals. They also will become a matter of public record.

**Statutory Authority:** Section 13(b) of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974, P.L. 93-275, codified at 15 U.S.C. 772(b).

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**Stephanie Brown,**

*Director, Office of Survey Development and Statistical Integration, U. S. Energy Information Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### U.S. Energy Information Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Extension

**AGENCY:** U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice and Request for OMB Review and Comment.

**SUMMARY:** The EIA has submitted an information collection request to the OMB for extension under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection requests a

three-year extension of its Form EIA-914, "Monthly Natural Gas Production Report" OMB Control Number 1910-0205. The proposed collection will collect monthly data on the production of natural gas in seven geographical areas (Texas (including State offshore), Louisiana (including State offshore), Oklahoma, New Mexico, Wyoming, Federal Gulf of Mexico offshore and Other States (defined as all remaining states, except Alaska, in which the operator produced natural gas during the report month)). Data will be used to monitor natural gas supplies. Survey respondents would be a sample of well operators.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before April 16, 2012. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, please advise the DOE Desk Officer at OMB of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at 202-395-4718 or contacted by email at [Chad\\_S\\_Whiteman@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Chad_S_Whiteman@omb.eop.gov).

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to the DOE Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

A copy of comments should also be sent to Jason Worrall. To ensure receipt of the comments by the due date, email ([Jason.worrall@eia.gov](mailto:Jason.worrall@eia.gov)) is recommended. The mailing address is Office of Survey Development and Statistical Integration, (EI-21), Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20585-0670. Mr. Worrall may be contacted by telephone at (202) 586-6075.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to Jason Worrall. To ensure receipt of the comments by the due date, email ([Jason.worrall@eia.gov](mailto:Jason.worrall@eia.gov)) is recommended. The mailing address is Office of Survey Development and Statistical Integration, (EI-21), Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20585-0670. Mr. Worrall may be contacted by telephone at (202) 586-6075.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This information collection request contains:

- (1) OMB No. 1905-0205.
- (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* Form EIA-914, "Monthly Natural Gas Production Report".

(3) *Type of Request*: Three-year extension.

(4) *Purpose*: The purpose of the survey is to collect monthly data on the production of natural gas in seven geographical areas (Texas (including State offshore), Louisiana (including State offshore), Oklahoma, New Mexico, Wyoming, Federal Gulf of Mexico offshore and Other States (defined as all remaining states, except Alaska, in which the operator produced natural gas during the report month)). Data will be used to monitor natural gas supplies. Survey respondents would be a sample of well operators.

(5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents*: 243.

(6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses*: 2,916.

(7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours*: 8,748.

(8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden*: \$0. There are no additional costs to respondents associated with the survey other than the costs associated with the burden hours.

**Statutory Authority**: Section 13(b) of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974, Pub. L. 93–275, codified at 15 U.S.C. 772(b).

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**Renee Miller,**

*Acting Director, Office of Survey Development and Statistical Integration, U.S. Energy Information Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Combined Notice of Filings

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

#### Filings Instituting Proceedings

*Docket Numbers*: RP12–480–000.  
*Applicants*: Kern River Gas Transmission Company.

*Description*: 2012 Period Two Correction to be effective 5/1/2012.

*Filed Date*: 3/8/12.

*Accession Number*: 20120308–5056.

*Comments Due*: 5 p.m. ET 3/20/12.

*Docket Numbers*: RP12–481–000.  
*Applicants*: Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America LLC.

*Description*: Negotiated Rate Amendment—Wisconsin Electric to be effective 4/1/2012.

*Filed Date*: 3/8/12.

*Accession Number*: 20120308–5098.

*Comments Due*: 5 p.m. ET 3/20/12.

Any person desiring to intervene or protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

#### Filings in Existing Proceedings

*Docket Numbers*: RP12–458–001.

*Applicants*: Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company.

*Description*: Amendment of RP12–458 General Terms and Conditions to be effective 4/1/2012.

*Filed Date*: 3/8/12.

*Accession Number*: 20120308–5132.

*Comments Due*: 5 p.m. ET 3/13/12.

Any person desiring to protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rule 211 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211) on or before 5 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the links or querying the docket number.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, and service can be found at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf>. For other information, call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Dated: March 9, 2012.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**

*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

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

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires

Commission decisional employees, who make or receive a prohibited or exempt off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested proceeding, to deliver to the Secretary of the Commission, a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication.

Prohibited communications are 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 are 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 off-the-record communications recently received by the Secretary of the Commission. The communications listed are grouped by docket numbers in ascending order. 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 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 for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659.