

Internet at the following address: <http://www.id.doe.gov/doiid/PSD/proc-div.html>. The statutory authority for the program is the Federal Non-Nuclear Energy Research and Development Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-577). The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number for this program is 81.086.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Energy Information Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities

**AGENCY:** Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Agency Information Collection Activities: Request for Emergency Review by the Office of Management and Budget.

**SUMMARY:** The Energy Information Administration (EIA) has submitted the energy information collection listed at the end of this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency processing under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) by March 22, 2000. The reason for this emergency clearance request is to obtain data needed for responding to requests from the Secretary of Energy and Congress on the impact of interruptible natural gas contracts, which affected home heating oil supplies in the Northeastern United States during January and February 2000.

The Supplementary Information contains the following: (1) The collection number and title; (2) a summary of the collection of information (includes the sponsor (i.e., the DOE component)), current OMB document number (if applicable), type of request (new, revision, extension, or reinstatement), response obligation (mandatory, voluntary, or required to obtain or retain benefits); (3) a description of the need and proposed use of the information; (4) a description of the likely respondents; and (5) an estimate of the total annual reporting burden (i.e., the estimated number of likely respondents times the proposed frequency of response per year times the average hours per response).

**DATES:** Comments must be filed by March 22, 2000.

**ADDRESS:** Address comments to the Mr. Erik Godwin, Department of Energy Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 726 Jackson Place NW, Washington, DC 20503. (Mr. Godwin may be reached by telephone at (202) 395-3084. Comments should also be addressed to the Statistics and Methods Group at the address immediately below.)

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to Herbert Miller, Statistics and Methods Group, (EI-70), Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585-0670. Mr. Miller may be contacted by telephone at (202) 426-1103, FAX at (202) 426-1081, or e-mail at [Herbert.Miller@eia.doe.gov](mailto:Herbert.Miller@eia.doe.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review was:

1. EIA-903, "Natural Gas Service Interruptions in the Northeast during January and February 2000".

2. The Energy Information Administration plans to collect information in four parts from 34 natural gas companies who deliver natural gas (i.e., have natural gas service arrangements) to consumers in the Northeast.

Part I requests information on interruptions of any firm service arrangements during January and February 2000. Part II requests information on selected characteristics of interruptible service arrangements. Part III requests baseline monthly and weekly information for those categories of service which were interrupted during January and February 2000. Part IV requests information on customers who were interrupted. This is a new survey and a new OMB number is being requested. The response obligation will be mandatory.

3. The data are needed to respond to a request from the Secretary of Energy and Congress to jointly conduct a study on the impact of interruptible contracts on home heating oil supplies in the Northeast, during January and February 2000.

4. Respondents will be 34 natural gas companies who deliver natural gas to consumers.

5. The reporting burden is expected to be 680 hours. (34 respondents  $\times$  1 response  $\times$  20 hours)

*Statutory Authority:* Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-214-000]

#### Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

March 15, 2000.

Take notice that on March 8, 2000, Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company (ESNG) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, certain revised tariff sheets in the above captioned docket, bear a proposed effective date of April 1, 2000.

ESNG states that the purpose of this instant filing is to track rate changes attributable to storage services purchased from Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) under its Rate Schedules GSS and LSS and Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) under its Rate Schedules SST and FSS. The costs of the above referenced storage services comprise the rates and charges payable under ESNG's Rate Schedules GSS, LSS and CFSS. This tracking filing is being made pursuant to Section 3 of ESNG's Rate Schedules GSS, LSS and CFSS.

ESNG states that copies of the filing have been served upon its jurisdictional customers and interested State Commissions.

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 385.214 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. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the