
FERC Form No. 592

MARKETING AFFILIATES OF INTERSTATE PIPELINES

RECORD FORMATS
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GENERAL INFORMATION

I. PURPOSE:

The information required is to support the monitoring of activities of pipeline marketing affiliates (which includes holders of Subpart J of Part 284 blanket sales certificates) so as to deter undue discrimination by pipeline companies in favor of marketing affiliates, and to prevent any harassment of non-affiliates.

II. WHO MUST COMPLY:

An interstate natural gas pipeline that

- transports natural gas for others, as that term is defined in 18 CFR § 161.2, pursuant to Subparts B or G of Part 284 of 18 CFR Chapter I and
- is affiliated, as that term is defined in § 161.2 of this chapter, in any way with a natural gas marketing or brokering entity and
- conducts transportation transactions with its affiliate

must maintain the requisite information for transportation service as specified in the FERC Form 592 and in the manner prescribed herein. The requirements of this part also apply to pipeline sales operating units to the extent provided in § 284.286 of this chapter.

III. HOW TO COMPLY:

An interstate pipeline must maintain the required information for both firm and interruptible transportation service, and for both pipeline affiliates and nonaffiliates, in a computer file(s) conforming to the file formats specified in the FERC Form 592. Pipelines may submit the FERC Form 592 computer file(s) on MS-DOS (or compatible) formatted computer diskette(s), or a compact disc (CD) that conforms to the specifications provided in Appendix A. In addition, the Commission may request that the pipeline provide one paper copy of the information submitted in the computer file(s) so as to assist Commission staff in interpreting the computer file(s)

IV. WHERE TO SUBMIT:

(1) Upon request by the Commission, submissions should be addressed to:

Office of the Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20426

(2) Hand deliveries can be made to:

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Room 1A-21
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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. The notation $f(m,n)$ will be used to denote a numeric string of length "m" including a decimal (".") with "n" digits following the decimal.

2. In preparing the required flat file, the following conventions must be followed:

(A) All volumetric data should be stated in MMBtu's (rounded to the nearest MMBtu), except where noted.

(B) All rates should be stated in cents per MMBtu fixed decimal numbers, format $f(10,2)$. For example, \$1.5264/MMBtu should be stated as 152.64.

(C) Negative values should be reported with a "-" sign preceding the first nonzero digit reported.

(D) Commas must not be included in any numeric field.

(E) All dates should be reported as six digit numerics (month, day, year), unless otherwise indicated.

3. The **sequence number** is the sequential number assigned to a record as it is recorded on a schedule/record. The sequence number is incremented as additional records are added to a schedule/record and will be between 1 and 999,999, inclusive. (Note: the sequence number should be right justified, zero filled.)

4. The **reference number** is the alphanumeric string formed by concatenation of the Schedule ID, sequence number, and beginning character position of the item footnoted. E.g. a respondent's Company ID reported in the Discounted Transportation (Storage) Transaction Record would have reference number "D1000001008" formed by joining (concatenating) the schedule ID "D", the sequence number "000001", and the beginning character position of the item "008".

5. Record any **footnote** relative to any recorded item in the "Footnotes Record", schedule ID 'F'. Each footnote should be cross referenced to the schedule and record (line) it pertains to by the appropriate reference number (see above).

6. Source of Codes

- (A) Pipeline Company ID - Use the code for the pipeline as contained in the Buyer Seller Code List, U.S. Department of Energy's publication DOE/EIA-0176. A code may be obtained by calling EIA at (202)426-1181.
- (B) Contract ID - The respondent's own designation for the contract or agreement covering the transaction being reported. This identifier will either be assigned by the respondent or the party providing a service to the respondent.

7. A **pipeline blanket sales operating unit** is any entity operating under a Subpart J of Part 284 blanket sales certificate, and is considered the functional equivalent of a marketing affiliate.

8. Delivery Point ID The point at which the pipeline company delivers the natural gas to a designated end user, local distribution company, etc. as specified by the transportation service requested. The respondent will provide a unique 20-byte alphanumeric identifier for each delivery point on his pipeline system. This delivery point ID will be the alphanumeric label/name which the respondent uses in conducting his daily business, (or a unique abbreviation thereof if the company identifier is more than 20 characters in length.)
9. Maximum Rate for Transportation Service The maximum rate contained in the respondent's currently effective tariff for the rate schedule under which the transportation service is being conducted.
10. Discounted Rate for Transportation Service A rate that is less than the maximum rate on file with the Commission.

SCHEDULES

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DEFINITIONS OF ITEMS AND FILE LAYOUT FOR THE
MARKETING AFFILIATES OF INTERSTATE PIPELINES
FERC FORM NO. 592

This form will consist of three record formats:

1. Discounted Transportation (Storage) Transaction Record
2. Capacity Allocation Log Record
3. Footnotes Record

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*           Discounted Transportation (Storage) Transaction Record
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Instructions:

This record is maintained for each delivery point actually used during the billing period recorded. Only transportation transactions actually discounted should be recorded.

Item No.	Item	Character Position	Data Type	Comments
1	Schedule ID Enter 'D'	1	character	
2	Sequence Number	2-7	numeric	right justified, zero filled, see general instruction 3
3	Company ID	8-13	numeric	reporting pipeline code, from buyer/seller code list, see general instruction 6(A)
4	Contract ID	14-21	character	see general instruction 6(B)
5	Shipper	22-61	character	name of the shipper receiving service
6	Pipeline Affiliation with Shipper	62	(blank)	The requirement to file information on this item was deleted in Order No. 581. It is here for historical purposes only.
7	Shipper Type	63	(blank)	The requirement to file information on this item was deleted in Order No. 561. It is listed here for historical purposes only.

8	Affiliate Name	64-103	character	name of the pipeline affiliate involved in the transportation/storage service being provided; if more than one affiliate is involved in the service, provide name(s) in a footnote
9	Role of affiliate	104	character	affiliates role in the transportation/storage service is: code = 1, shipper; code = 2, marketer; code = 3, supplier; code = 4, seller; code = 5, buyer; code = 6, agent; code = 7, end user; code = 8, no affiliate involved code = 9, other, (identify role in a footnote)
10	Is Affiliate a Pipeline Blanket Sales Operating Unit of the Respondent?	105	character	code = Y, yes; code = N, no
11	Type of Service	106-107	character	code = FT, firm transportation code = IT, interruptible transportation code = SC, storage capacity code = SI, storage injection code = SW, storage withdrawal
12	Delivery Point ID	108-127	character	See general instruction 8
13	Billing Period Start Date	128 - 133	numeric	(mmddyy) month, day, and year for start of billing period
14	Billing Period End Date	134-139	numeric	(mmddyy) month, day, and year for end of billing period

15	Duration of Discount	140-141	numeric	Number of days in the billing period the discount was provided
16	Maximum Rate for Transportation Service	142-151	numeric	(cents/MMBtu); maximum effective rate/fee currently on file with the Commission for the service provided; format f(10,2); e.g., 35.62 cents is reported as "35.62"; see general instruction 9.
17	Discounted Rate for Transportation Service	152-161	numeric	(cents/MMBtu); actual rate/fee collected for the transportation service rendered; format f(10,2); e.g., 32.15 cents is reported as "32.15"; do not report a negative value; see general instruction 10.
18	Volume Transported	162-172	numeric	(MMBtu); volume of gas transported at the discounted rate
19	Footnote	173	character	code = Y, footnote is provided for this record; code = N, no footnote provided

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Item No.	Item	Character Position	Data Type	Comments
1	Schedule ID Enter 'C'	1	character	
2	Sequence Number	2-7	numeric	right justified, zero filled, see general instruction 3
3	Company ID	8-13	numeric	reporting pipeline code, from buyer/seller code list, see general instruction 6 (A)
4	Contract ID	14-21	character	see general instruction 6(B)
5	Shipper	22-61	character	name of the shipper receiving service
6	Pipeline Affiliation with Shipper	62	character	code = Y, respondent affiliated with shipper; code = N, respondent not affiliated with shipper
7	Shipper Type	63	character	code = 1, LDC/distributor; code = 2, interstate pipeline; code = 3, intrastate pipeline; code = 4, end user; code = 5, producer; code = 6, marketer; code = 7, pipeline sales operating unit; code = 8, other, (specify in footnote)

8	Type of Service	64-65	character	code = FT, firm transportation code = IT, interruptible transportation code = SC, storage capacity code = SI, storage injection code = SW, storage withdrawal
9	Text	66-197	character	enter the applicable dates or other information used to allocate capacity
10	Footnote	198	character	code = Y, footnote is provided of this record; code = N, no footnote provided

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Item No.	Item	Character Position	Data Type	Comments
1	Schedule ID	1	character	Enter 'F'
2	Sequence Number	2-7	numeric	right justified, zero filled, see general instruction 3
3	Company ID	8-13	numeric	R\reporting pipeline code, from buyer/seller code list, see general instruction 6(A)
4	Reference Number	14-33	numeric	reference number for record being footnoted see general instruction 4
5	Footnote Text	24-155	character	

APPENDIX A

CD SPECIFICATIONS

Filing on CD is an option for those respondents who wish to do so. However, all data filed on CD must adhere to the following two constraints:

1. All data submitted must be on CD-Recordable (CD-R) media or traditional CD-ROM media.
2. The file directory structure of the CD must adhere to the ISO 9660 Level One standard.

What is CD-R and how does it differ from traditional CD-ROM media?

CD-R is a technology that allows for creating CD-ROMs on the desktop more inexpensively than traditional CD-ROM media. Traditional CD-ROMs are made by using a laser to "burn" pits in a thin metallic layer, thus, recording the binary data. By comparison, CD-R uses special discs impregnated with an organic dye, which serves the same function as the pits, but at a much lower cost. Both kinds of discs are readable with a traditional CD-ROM drive. Other kinds of discs, magneto optical, or floptical discs, are not readable by the common CD-ROM drive, and require a different system altogether.

What is Level One ISO 9660?

The ISO 9660 standard is for file directory systems on CD-ROMs. It is a non-proprietary standard and can be used on different platforms. It defines naming conventions and directory depth. There are two main levels of ISO 9660: Level One and Level Two. The major difference lies within the naming conventions. Level One ISO 9660 allows for MS-DOS style filenames (eight-character and three-character extensions) . Level Two ISO 9660 allows for 32-character filenames. Because the Commission relies upon MS-DOS compatible personal computers, data submitted on CD-ROMs must be in compliance with Level One ISO 9660.