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Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL17–48–000]

Consumers Energy Company; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order

Take notice that on February 16, 2017, pursuant to Rule 207 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.207(a)(2), Consumers Energy Company (Consumers Energy) filed a petition seeking to terminate a long-standing controversy, and to remove uncertainty, between Consumers Energy and Michigan Electric Transmission Company regarding the ownership of Consumer Energy current transmission assets, as more fully explained in the petition.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest in this proceeding must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. 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 proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Petitioner.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with Internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling

link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the intervention or protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The filings in the above proceeding are accessible in the Commission’s eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also available for review in the Commission’s Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an eSubscription link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on March 20, 2017.

Dated: February 17, 2017.

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Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC17–2–000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–549D & FERC–733); Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Comment request.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is submitting its information collection [FERC–549D (Quarterly Transportation and Storage Report for Interstate Gas and Hinshaw Pipelines) and FERC–733 (Demand Response/Time-Based Rate Programs and Advanced Metering)] to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review of the information collection requirements. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission previously issued a Notice in the **Federal Register** (81 FR 91160, 12/16/2016) requesting public comments. The Commission received no comments on

neither the FERC–549D nor the FERC–733 and is making this notation in its submittal to OMB.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due by March 27, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Comments filed with OMB, identified by the OMB Control No. 1902–0253 (FERC–549D) and 1902–0271 (FERC–733) should be sent via email to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs: oira_submission@omb.gov. Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. The Desk Officer may also be reached via telephone at 202–395–4718.

A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Commission, in Docket No. IC17–2–000, by either of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission’s Web site:* <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>.

- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Instructions: All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp>. For user assistance contact FERC Online Support by email at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or by phone at: (866) 208–3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502–8659 for TTY.

Docket: Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket or in viewing/downloading comments and issuances in this docket may do so at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/docs-filing.asp>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen Brown may be reached by email at DataClearance@FERC.gov, by telephone at (202) 502–8663, and by fax at (202) 273–0873.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the information collection requirements for all collections described below with no changes to the current reporting requirements. Please note that each collection is distinct from the next.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collections of information are 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 estimates of the burden and cost of the collections of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collections; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collections

of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

FERC-549D, [Quarterly Transportation and Storage Report for Interstate Gas and Hinshaw Pipelines]

OMB Control No.: 1902-0253.

Abstract: The reporting requirements under FERC-549D are required to carry out the Commission's policies in accordance with the general authority in Sections 1(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) ¹ and Sections 311 of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA).² This collection promotes transparency by collecting and making available intrastate and Hinshaw pipeline transactional information. The Commission collects the data upon a

standardized form with all requirements outlined in 18 CFR 284.126.

The FERC Form 549D collects the following information:

- Full legal name and identification number of the shipper receiving service;
- Type of service performed for each transaction;
- The rate charged under each transaction;
- The primary receipt and delivery points for the transaction, specifying the rate schedule/name of service and docket were approved;
- The quantity of natural gas the shipper is entitled to transport, store, and deliver for each transaction;
- The term of the transaction, specifying the beginning and ending month and year of current agreement;

- Total volumes transported, stored, injected or withdrawn for the shipper; and

- Annual revenues received for each shipper, excluding revenues from storage services.

Filers submit the Form-549D on a quarterly basis.

Access to the FERC-549D Information Collection Materials: A copy of the current form and related materials can be found at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/forms.asp#549d>, but will not be included in the **Federal Register**. The Commission will not publish these materials in the **Federal Register**.

Type of Respondent: Intrastate natural gas and Hinshaw pipelines.

Estimate of Annual Burden: The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden for the information collection as:

FERC-549D

[Quarterly Transportation and Storage Report for Interstate Natural Gas and Hinshaw Pipelines]

	Number of respondents (1)	Annual number of responses per respondent (2)	Total number of responses (1) * (2) = (3)	Average burden hours & cost per response ³ (4)	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost (3) * (4) = (5)	Cost per respondent (\$) (5) ÷ (1)
PDF filings	76	4	304	12.5 \$1,048	3,800 \$318,516	\$4,191
XML filings	33	4	132	10 \$832	1,320 \$110,642	\$3,352
Total	436	5,120 \$429,158	

FERC-733, [Demand Response/Time-Based Rate Programs and Advanced Metering]

Note: The Commission previously issued a 60-day Notice in the **Federal Register** (81 FR 91160, 12/16/2016) requesting public comments. In that 60-day notice, the burden estimate for FERC-733 information collection was incorrect. The burden estimate below provides the corrected numbers. Footnotes 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 illustrate the previous figures (presented in the 60-day notice) and the corrected figures. FERC did not receive any comments on this or any other issue concerning the FERC-733 information collection.

OMB Control No.: 1902-0271.

Abstract: Section 1252(e)(3) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005,⁴ requires the

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) to prepare and publish an annual report, by appropriate region, that assesses demand response resources, including those available from all consumer classes. Specifically, EPA Act 2005 Section 1252(e)(3) requires that the Commission identify and review:

- (A) saturation and penetration rate of advanced meters and communications technologies, devices and systems;
- (B) existing demand response programs and time-based rate programs;
- (C) the annual resource contribution of demand resources;
- (D) the potential for demand response as a quantifiable, reliable resource for regional planning purposes;

(E) steps taken to ensure that, in regional transmission planning and operations, demand resources are provided equitable treatment as a quantifiable, reliable resource relative to the resource obligations of any load-serving entity, transmission provider, or transmitting party; and

(F) regulatory barriers to improved customer participation in demand response, peak reduction and critical period pricing programs.

Type of Respondent: Persons interested in the above topics.

Estimate of Annual Burden: The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden for the information collection as:

¹ 15 U.S.C. 717-817-w.

² 15 U.S.C. 3301-3432.

³ The hourly wage figure is \$83.82/hour. This cost represents the average cost of four career fields:

Legal (\$129.12/hour), Accountants (\$53.86/hour), Management Analyst (\$60.53/hour), and Computer and Information (\$91.76/hour); this cost also includes benefit costs within the hourly estimates. These figures were compiled using Bureau of Labor

Statistics data that were specific to each occupational category: http://bls.gov/oes/current/naics2_22.htm.

⁴ Public Law 109-58, 1252(e)(3), 119 Stat. 594, 966 (2005) (EPA Act 2005).

Number of respondents (1)	Annual number of responses per respondent (2)	Total number of responses (1) * (2) = (3)	Average burden hours & cost per response ⁵ (4)	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost (3) * (4) = (5)	Cost per respondent (\$) (5) ÷ (1)
3,400	1	3,400	⁶ 3.5 ⁷ \$260.75	⁸ 11,900 ⁹ \$886,550	¹⁰ \$260.75

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Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP17-56-000 and CP17-57-000]

Texas Eastern Transmission, LP; Brazoria Interconnector Gas Pipeline LLC; Notice of Application

Take notice that on February 3, 2017, Texas Eastern Transmission, LP (Texas Eastern) in Docket No. CP17-56-000 and Brazoria Interconnector Gas Pipeline LLC (Brazoria Pipeline) in Docket No. CP17-57-000, 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, Texas 77056, jointly filed an application pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations for the proposed Stratton Ridge Expansion Project (Project) located in Brazoria County, Texas. The Project will create 322,000 Dth/d of firm transportation capacity to deliver natural gas from multiple receipt points on Texas Eastern's interstate pipeline system to a delivery point on Brazoria Pipeline's

intrastate pipeline system at Stratton Ridge in Brazoria County, Texas.

Specifically, the applicants request: (i) A certificate of public convenience and necessity for Texas Eastern to construct, install, own, operate and maintain the Project facilities, as proposed in the application, and acquire, by lease, capacity on the Brazoria Pipeline's non-jurisdictional facilities; (ii) authorization for Texas Eastern to charge the initial incremental recourse rates, an incremental fuel percentage and incremental electric power costs for firm service on the Project; (iii) authorization for Texas Eastern to establish separate initial incremental recourse rates and an applicable fuel percentage for service under Rate Schedules FT-1 and IT-1 applicable to shippers desiring access to the capacity leased on Brazoria Pipeline's facilities; and (iv) a limited jurisdiction certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing Brazoria Pipeline to lease 322,000 Dth/d of pipeline capacity on its non-jurisdictional facilities to Texas Eastern. The Project is part of Texas Eastern's plan to develop firm bi-directional transportation service to connect diverse supply basins with emerging Gulf Coast markets, all as more fully set forth in the application, which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may also be viewed on the Web 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, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Berk Donaldson, General Manager, Rates and Certificates, Texas Eastern Transmission, LP and Brazoria Interconnector Gas Pipeline LLC, P.O. Box 1642, Houston, Texas 77251, or phone by: (713) 627-4488, or fax: (713) 627-5947 or by email: bdonaldson@spectraenergy.com.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: Complete its environmental assessment (EA) and

place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 7 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's

⁵ The estimates for cost per response are derived using the 2016 FERC average salary plus benefits of \$154,647/year (or \$74.50/hour). Commission staff finds that the work done for this information collection is typically done by wage categories similar to those at FERC.

⁶ This figure was incorrectly presented as 260.75 hours in the 60-day notice pertaining to the FERC-733 renewal. It is corrected to 3.5 hours in this notice.

⁷ This figure was incorrectly presented as \$19,426 in the 60-day notice pertaining to the FERC-733 renewal. It is corrected to \$260.75 in this notice.

⁸ This figure was incorrectly presented as 886,550 hours in the 60-day notice pertaining to the FERC-733 renewal. It is corrected to 11,900 hours in this notice.

⁹ This figure was incorrectly presented as \$66,047,975 in the 60-day notice pertaining to the FERC-733 renewal. It is corrected to \$886,550 in this notice.

¹⁰ This figure was incorrectly presented as \$19,436 in the 60-day notice pertaining to the FERC-733 renewal. It is corrected to \$260.75 in this notice.