

8. An Alert status category “system report,” was added which shall be filed by the later of 24 hours after the recognition of the incident OR by the end of the next business day. This change aligns with the EOP-004 Reliability Standard. 4:00 p.m. local time will be definition for the end of the business day.

9. The Electric Emergency Incident and Disturbance Report section, lines J, K, L were reorganized into “Cause, Impact, and Action Taken” for clarity and ease of use and additional items were added to align with NERC’s EOP-004 Reliability Standard.

10. The burden per response for completing Form OE-417 is reduced from 2.16 hours to 1.8 hours based on findings from the results from cognitive research conducted by the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

11. The form and instructions were updated to specify maintaining the continuity of the “Bulk Electric System” versus “the electric power system” in the “Criteria for Filing” section Line 8. This change is based on a comment provided during the 60-day comment period.

12. The words “lines 13–17” were replaced with “lines M–Q” under the “Response Due” section, to match updated line labels on the form. This change is based on a comment provided during the 60-day comment period.

13. A section was added to allow respondents to select whether the information provided in the Form is submitted to the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and/or the Electricity Information Sharing and Analysis Center (E-ISAC).

14. EIA amended its data protection policy for information reported on Schedule 2 of Form OE-417. Currently this information is protected from public release to the extent that it satisfies the criteria for exemption under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552, the DOE regulations, 10 CFR 1004.11 implementing FOIA, and the Trade Secrets Act, 18 U.S.C. 1905. EIA will use the Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (CEII) regulations as set forth by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to implement the requirements of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, Pub. L. 114–94, pursuant to section 215A(d) of the Federal Power Act, as amended, to protect information reported on Schedule 2 in addition to continuing to apply FOIA exemptions and using the Trade Secrets Act. This change strengthens DOE’s ability to protect information reported on Schedule 2 of Form OE-417 and provides additional authority for DOE to

withhold company identifiable information from public release.

15. The new data protection provision for Form OE-417 is as follows:

- The information reported on Schedule 1 will be considered “public information” and may be publicly released in company or individually identifiable form.
- Information reported on Schedule 2 of Form OE-417 will not be disclosed to the public to the extent that it satisfies the criteria for exemption under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552, the DOE regulations, 10 CFR 1004.11, implementing the FOIA, the Trade Secrets Act, 18 U.S.C. 1905 and Critical Energy Infrastructure Information regulations as defined by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission pursuant to section 215A(d) of the Federal Power Act, as amended.

In accordance with the Federal Energy Administration Act, DOE provides company-specific protected data to other Federal agencies when requested for official use. The information reported on this form may also be made available, upon request, to another component of DOE; to any Committee of Congress, the U.S. Government Accountability Office, or other Federal agencies authorized by law to receive such information. A court of competent jurisdiction may obtain this information in response to an order. The information may be used for any non-statistical purposes such as administrative, regulatory, law enforcement, or adjudicatory purposes.

(5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents*: 2,395.

(6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses*: 300.

(7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours*: 5,315.

(8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden*: \$391,503.

Statutory Authority: Section 13(b) of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974, Pub. L. 93–275, codified as 15 U.S.C. 772(b) and the DOE Organization Act of 1977, Pub. L. 95–91, codified at 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.* In addition, 15 U.S.C. 772(b); 764(a); 764(b); and 790a, of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (FEA Act), Pub. L. 93–275, as well as the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2601, Pub. L. 93–275.)

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

U.S. Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Extension With Changes

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EIA submitted an information collection request for extension as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection requests a three-year extension of its “Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery” under OMB Control No. 1905–0210. This generic clearance enables EIA to collect customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with our commitment to ensure that our programs are effective, meet our customers’ needs, and receive feedback on improving service delivery to the public.

DATES: EIA must receive all comments on this proposed information collection no later than February 9, 2018. If you anticipate any difficulties in submitting your comments by the deadline, contact the DOE Desk Officer at 202–395–4718.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted to: James Tyree, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 9249, 735 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503, james.n.tyree@omb.eop.gov and to Jacob Bournazian, U.S. Energy Information Administration, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, EI-21, Washington, DC 20585, Email jacob.bournazian@eia.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions, send your request to Jacob Bournazian, U.S. Energy Information Administration, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585, phone: 202–586–5562, or email it to jacob.bournazian@eia.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains

(1) *OMB Number*: 1905–0210.

(2) *Information Collection Request Title*: Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery.

(3) *Type of Request*: *Renewal with changes*; *Purpose*: The proposed information collection activity provides

a means to collect qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with the Administration's commitment to improving service delivery. Qualitative feedback means data that provide useful insights on perceptions and opinions, but are not statistical surveys that yield quantitative results that can be generalized to the population of study. This feedback provides insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences and expectations. It also provides an early warning of issues with service, or focuses attention on areas where communication, training or changes in operations might improve the accuracy of data reported on survey instruments or the delivery of products or services. These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative and actionable communications between the agency and its customers and stakeholders. It will also allow feedback to contribute directly to the improvement of program management. Feedback collected under this generic clearance provides useful information, but it does not yield data that can be generalized to the overall population. This type of generic clearance for qualitative information will not be used for quantitative information collections that are designed to yield reliably actionable results, such as monitoring trends over time or documenting program performance. Such data uses require more rigorous designs that address: the target population to which generalizations will be made, the sampling frame, the sample design (including stratification and clustering), the precision requirements or power calculations that justify the proposed sample size, the expected response rate, methods for assessing potential non-response bias, the protocols for data collection, and any testing procedures that were or will be undertaken prior to fielding the study. Depending on the degree of influence the results are likely to have, such collections may still be eligible for submission for other generic mechanisms that are designed to yield quantitative results.

(4) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents*: 80,600.

(5) *Annual Estimated Number of Responses*: 80,600.

(6) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours*: 8,463.

Comments submitted in response to this notice may be made available to the public through relevant websites. For this reason, please do not include in your comments information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information or proprietary information. If you send an email

comment; your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the internet. Please note that responses to this public comment request containing any routine notice about the confidentiality of the communication will be treated as public comments that may be made available to the public notwithstanding the inclusion of the routine notice.

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 Office of Management and Budget control number.

Statutory Authority: Executive Order (E.O.) 13571, Streamlining Service Delivery and Improving Customer Service.

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Nanda Srinivasan,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP18-35-000]

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C.; Notice of Application

Take notice that on December 20, 2017 Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C. (Tennessee), 1001 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas 77002, filed in Docket No. CP18-35-000, an application pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), to amend its authorization under NGA section 3 and Presidential Permit to allow it to increase the design capacity of its Pemex Border Crossing Facilities located at the International Boundary between the United States and Mexico in Hidalgo County, Texas from 185 million cubic feet per day (MMcf/d) to 468 MMcf/d. Tennessee proposes no construction or modification to its previously-approved facilities, 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, please contact FERC Online Support at

FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Ben J. Carranza, Director, Regulatory, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C., 1001 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas 77002, by phone at (713) 420-5535 or by email at ben_carranza@kindermorgan.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 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 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 below listed comment date, 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 five 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