

pipeline loop and related abandonment of a 5.8-mile-long portion of the 23.4-inch-diameter Leidy Line A Pipeline (Hensel Replacement) in Clinton County; modification of existing Compressor Station 605 in Wyoming County; modification of existing Compressor Station 610 in Columbia County; construction of new Compressor Station 607 in Luzerne County; construction of new Compressor Station 620 in Schuylkill County; installation of associated facilities such as mainline valves, communication facilities, and pig<sup>2</sup> launchers and receivers, and other appurtenances.

### Background

On March 5, 2019, the Commission issued a *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed FM100 Project and the Leidy South Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues and Notice of Public Scoping Sessions* (NOI). The NOI was issued during the pre-filing review of the Projects in Docket Nos. PF17-10-000 and PF19-1-000 and was sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. In response to the NOI, the Commission received comments from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation; 1 state senator; 1 state representative; 3 local agencies; 3 special interest groups; 35 landowners; and 130 individuals.

The majority of issues raised by the commentors are related to the Leidy South Project's proposed Compressor Station 620 in Hegins, Pennsylvania, including impacts on air quality, noise, nearby residences, wildlife, prime farmland and organic farming, visual resources, waterbodies, zoning, future expansion of the facility, emergency response, and safety. Additional issues raised on the Projects include impacts on threatened and endangered species; the Hensel Replacement impact on the Tamarack Swamp Natural Area; landowner requests for removal of the to-be-abandoned Line FM100 from their property; and segmentation of projects

under FERC review. All substantive comments will be addressed in the EA.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EA.

### Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to [www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp](http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp).

Additional information about the Projects is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (866) 208-FERC or on the FERC website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)). Using the "eLibrary" link, select "General Search" from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and "Docket Number" excluding the last three digits (i.e., CP19-491 or CP19-494), and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to eLibrary, the helpline can be reached at (866) 208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659, or at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). The eLibrary link on the FERC website also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC19-33-000]

### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-539); Comment Request; Extension

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection, FERC-539 (Gas Pipeline Certificates: Import

and Export Related Applications) and submitting the information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due December 16, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments filed with OMB, identified by the OMB Control No. 1902-0062, should be sent via email to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs: [oir\\_submission@omb.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.gov). Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Office.

A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Commission, in Docket No. IC19-33-000, by either of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's Website:* <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>.

- *Mail:* 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](mailto: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](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), telephone at (202) 502-8663, and fax at (202) 273-0873.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On September 3, 2019 (84 FR 46005), the Commission published a Notice in the *Federal Register* in Docket No. IC19-33-000 requesting public comments. The Commission received no comments and is noting that in the related submittal to OMB.

*Title:* FERC-539 (Gas Pipeline Certificates: Import and Export Related Applications).

*OMB Control No.:* 1902-0062.

*Type of Request:* Three-year extension of the FERC-539 with no changes to the reporting and recordkeeping requirements.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> On 10/29/2019, FERC submitted a request to OMB for an emergency extension. On 10/31/2019, OMB granted a 2-month extension for FERC-539.

<sup>2</sup> A "pig" is a tool that the pipeline company inserts into and pushes through the pipeline for cleaning the pipeline, conducting internal inspections, or other purposes.

*Abstract:* Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (Pub. L. 75–688) (15 U.S.C. 717–717w) provides, in part, that . . . no person shall export any natural gas from the United States to a foreign country or import any natural gas from a foreign country without first having secured an order from the Commission authorizing it to do so. The 1992 amendments to Section 3 of the NGA concern importation or exportation

from/to a nation which has a free trade agreement with the United States, and requires that such importation or exportation: (1) Shall be deemed to be a first sale, *i.e.*, not a sale for a resale, and (2) Shall be deemed to be consistent with the public interest, and applications for such importation or exportation shall be granted without modification or delay.

With the ratification of the North American Free Trade Agreement and the Canadian Free Trade Agreement, the Federal regulatory focus on construction, operation, and siting of import and export facilities increased significantly.

*Estimate of Annual Burden.*<sup>2</sup> The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden and cost<sup>3</sup> for the information collection as:

**FERC–539, GAS PIPELINE CERTIFICATES: IMPORT & EXPORT RELATED APPLICATIONS**

Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden hours & average cost per response (\$)	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost (\$)	Cost per respondent (\$)
(1)	(2)	(1) × (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) × (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1) = (6)
6	2	12	15 hours; \$1,200 .....	180 hours; \$14,400 .....	\$2,400

*Comments:* Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collection of information is 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 collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: November 5, 2019.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[ER–FRL–9047–9]

**Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability**

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information 202–564–5632 or <https://www.epa.gov/nepa/>. Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed 11/04/2019 10 a.m. ET Through 11/11/2019 10 a.m. ET Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

<sup>2</sup> Burden is defined as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a federal agency. See 5 CFR

**Notice**

Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act requires that EPA make public its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies. EPA’s comment letters on EISs are available at: <https://cdxnodengn.epa.gov/cdx-enepa-public/action/eis/search>.

*EIS No. 20190270, Final, NMFS, LA,* Reduce the Incidental Bycatch and Mortality of Sea Turtles in the Southeastern U.S. Shrimp Fisheries, Review Period Ends: 12/16/2019, Contact: Michael Barnette 727–551–5794

*EIS No. 20190271, Final, USACE, CA,* Lower Elkhorn Basin Levee Setback Project, Review Period Ends: 12/16/2019, Contact: Tanis Toland 916–557–6717

*EIS No. 20190272, Draft Supplement, USACE, AL,* Allatoona Lake Water Supply Storage Reallocation Study and Updates to Weiss and Logan Martin Reservoirs Project Water Control Manuals, Comment Period Ends: 12/30/2019, Contact: Jennifer Jacobson 251–690–2724

Dated: November 12, 2019.

**Robert Tomiak,**  
*Director, Office of Federal Activities.*

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1320 for additional information on the definition of information collection burden.

<sup>3</sup> The Commission staff estimates that industry is similarly situated in terms of hourly cost (for wages

**FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM**

**Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies**

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, if any, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The applications will also be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843), and interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in section 4. Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

plus benefits). Based on the Commission’s FY (Fiscal Year) 2019 average cost (for wages plus benefits), \$80.00/hour is used.