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FERC proposes revisions to filing and reporting requirements for interstate natural gas company rate schedules and tariffs

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) today issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) seeking comment on potential changes to how Natural Gas Act (NGA) section 4 rate case filings submitted by interstate natural gas pipelines are filed. An NGA section 4 rate case filing is submitted by a pipeline when it seeks the Commission's approval to change its rates. The proposed rule seeks to make such filings more accessible, comprehensive and consistent.

FERC's NOPR would ensure that all parties in a general NGA section 4 rate case have immediate access to all information needed by FERC staff and the public to conduct rate reviews and analyses of pipelines' rate case filings.

The NOPR would revise and update the Commission's policies and would require natural gas pipelines to submit all supporting statements, schedules and workpapers in a "native format," (e.g. Excel) with all links and formulas intact. Currently, pipelines filing NGA section 4 rate cases are required to submit spreadsheets in native format for Statements I, J, and a portion of H, including intact formulas; for other statements, schedules and workpapers, native format is preferred but not required.

Comments on the NOPR are due within 30 days after the NOPR's date of publication in *The Federal Register*. All comments should cite Docket No. RM21-18-000 and may be submitted either electronically, using the eFiling link on FERC's website at www.ferc.gov, or via U.S. Postal Service (USPS) to FERC, Office of the Secretary, 888 First Street, NE; Washington, DC 20426. Submission of filings other than by USPS should be delivered to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

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