

TransColorado states that the tendered pro forma tariff sheets revise its Tariff to conform to the Commission's amended Regulations which standardize business practices and procedures governing transactions between interstate gas pipelines, their customers, and others doing business with the pipelines.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed on or before February 19, 1997. 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 motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. RM95-4-000]

Revisions to Uniform System of Accounts, Forms, Statements, and Reporting Requirements for Natural Gas Companies; Revised Electronic Filing Specifications for Rate Filings Submitted Pursuant to Section 4 of the Natural Gas Act

January 31, 1997.

On September 28, 1995, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) issued Order No. 582, reorganizing, rewriting, and updating its regulations governing the form, composition and filing of rates and charges for the transportation of natural gas in interstate commerce.¹ The changes made by the rule include modifications to the Commission's electronic filing requirements.

Although Order No. 582 revised the electronic filing requirements for all statements filed pursuant to Subpart D of Part 154, and all workpapers in spreadsheet format, it did not include the final electronic filing specifications. The Commission suspended the

¹ Filing and Reporting Requirements for Interstate Natural Gas Companies Rate Schedules and Tariffs, Order No. 582, 60 FR 52960 (October 11, 1995), II FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 19,100-19,183 (1995) (regulatory Text), III FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,025 (1995) (preamble).

electronic filing instructions in effect at the time Order No. 582 was issued until such time as new instructions are placed into effect.

On April 2, 1996,² the Commission authorized the Commission staff to issue further electronic and paper filing specifications related to the forms that were modified by Order Nos. 581 and 582.³ In compliance with the Commission's directive, staff is issuing the instruction manual for filing rate cases electronically.

As has been the case with the electronic filing requirement established by Order No. 581, staff worked with industry representatives to complete the electronic rate case filing instructions. The specifications were discussed at working group meetings held on December 12, 1995, February 8, March 21, and October 10, 1996. As a result of those discussions, staff has finalized the electronic filing specifications. The Instruction Manual for Electronic Filing of the Rate Filings is attached at Attachment A.⁴ To afford the pipelines adequate time to adapt to these filing instructions, the instructions will become effective with filings submitted on or after May 31, 1997. If a pipeline's initial case is submitted prior to May 31, 1997, and, therefore, is not submitted in electronic format, subsequent filings in that docket need not be filed electronically.⁵

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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² Order on Electronic and Paper Filing Specifications for Form No. 11, 75 FERC ¶ 61,009 (1996).

³ Revisions to Uniform System of Accounts, Forms, Statements, and Reporting Requirements for Natural Gas Companies, Order No. 581, 60 Fed. Reg. 53,019 (October 11, 1995), 72 FERC ¶ 61,301 (1995), order on reh'g, Order No. 581, 74 FERC ¶ 61,223 (1996).

⁴ The Attachment is not being published in the Federal Register. The filing formats can be obtained by writing to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, Division of Information Services, Washington, DC 20426, or in person in Room 2A, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC. The instructions are also available on the Commission's bulletin board system. For information about connecting to the bulletin board system, call (202) 208-2474.

⁵ The tariff sheets and the form of notice which are not affected by the moratorium must be filed in electronic format, however.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5681-6]

Privacy Act of 1974; Medical and Research Study Records of Human Volunteers System of Records

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Proposed new Privacy Act system of records.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is publishing a notice for public comment on a system of records subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a. This system is entitled "Medical and Research Study Records of Human Volunteers." Additional information on this system is described in the Supplementary Information section of this notice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This notice shall become effective, without further notice on March 18, 1997, unless comments are received which dictate a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to the Director, Human Studies Division, Office of Research and Development, U.S. EPA Human Studies Facility, 104 Mason Farm Road, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27599-7315.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Hillel S. Koren, Director, Human Studies Division, U.S. EPA Human Studies Facility, 104 Mason Farm Road, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27599-7315. Tel. (919) 966-6200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EPA human research program examines the effects of exposure to environmental pollutants on human subjects. The studies will provide information needed to improve assessments of exposure, biologically relevant doses, and adverse health effects. Thus, the studies are used primarily to support EPA's regulatory process by providing scientific information on the health effects of environmental pollutants. The records will be used to screen volunteers to protect them from unnecessary health risks, to document their medical condition, and to document the specific research activities in which the subjects participated.

All EPA human studies research protocols are subject to an extensive review and approval process before any research is begun. This includes review and approval by the investigators' peers and supervisors, by an independent Institutional Review Board, and by the EPA Office of Research and Development. Protocols are also reviewed by the Agency Approving

Official to assure that all Federal rules and regulations regarding safety and ethical requirements are met.

Individuals who volunteer for human subject research are required to be fully informed of the nature of the research and the risks involved. EPA will also provide each participant with the Privacy Act notice required by subsection 552a(e)(3) of that Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(3).

Dated: November 12, 1996.

Alvin M. Pesachowitz,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Administration and Resources Management.

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SYSTEM NAME:

Medical and Research Study Records of Human Volunteers—EPA/ORD.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

None.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

U.S. EPA Human Studies Facility, 104 Mason Farm Road, Chapel Hill, N.C. Storage space limitations at this location may result in some records being maintained at the Federal Records Facility in Atlanta, GA. Some records, particularly back-up data, are stored off site in a secure facility maintained by a contractor to the EPA Human Studies Division.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Individuals who volunteer for participation in EPA-sponsored, human studies research, whether or not they are accepted for participation, and individuals who participate in the research.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Names, addresses, telephone numbers of individual volunteers; individual vital statistics; medical histories; psychological profiles; results of laboratory tests; results of participation in specific research studies; and related records pertinent to the human subject research program.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (42 U.S.C. 6981); Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (42 U.S.C. 9660); Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7403); Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j-1); Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1254); Toxic Substances Control Act (15 U.S.C. 2609); Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. 136r).

PURPOSE(S):

The primary purpose of this system of records is to support the EPA regulatory process by providing scientific information on the health effects of environmental pollutants. The records will be used to screen volunteers to protect them from unnecessary health risks, to document their medical condition, and to document the specific research activities in which the subjects participated.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSE OF SUCH USES:

Routine use disclosures of records in this system may be made as follows:

1. To EPA contractors, grantees, and persons working under cooperative agreements who have been engaged to assist EPA in the performance of an activity related to this system of records and who need to access the records in order to perform the activity. This includes, but is not limited to, disclosures to members of the Public Health Service Commissioned Corps and to scientists working under cooperative agreements with EPA to perform research for the Agency.

2. To a Member of Congress or a congressional office in response to an inquiry from that Member or office made at the request of the individual to whom the record pertains.

3. To the Department of Justice to the extent that each disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the record was collected and is relevant and necessary to actual or anticipated litigation in which one of the following is a party or has an interest: (a) EPA or any of its components, (b) an EPA employee in his or her official capacity, (c) an EPA employee in his or her individual capacity where the Department of Justice is representing or considering representation of the employee, or (d) the United States where EPA determines that the litigation is likely to affect the Agency.

4. In a proceeding before a court, or other adjudicative body or grand jury or in an administrative or regulatory proceeding, to the extent that each disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the record was collected and is relevant and necessary to the proceeding in which one of the following is a party or has an interest: (a) EPA or any of its components, (b) an EPA employee in his or her official capacity, (c) an EPA employee in his or her individual capacity where the Department of Justice is representing or considering representation of the employee, or (d) the United States

where EPA determines that the litigation is likely to affect the Agency.

5. To scientists at governmental or private institutions, research centers, and businesses to further EPA's mission in connection with human studies research.

6. To public health authorities in conformity with Federal, state, and local laws when necessary to protect the public health.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, RETAINING AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Records are stored in file folders, index cards, and magnetic media.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Records are indexed and retrieved by the names of individual subjects and by identifying numbers.

SAFEGUARDS:

Access is limited to EPA, Public Health Service, and EPA contractor personnel on a strict need to know basis. Contractors will be required to maintain the records in accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act. All records are maintained in locked file cabinets, in locked rooms at all times in buildings with controlled access. Computer files are further protected by passwords.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

The records are maintained for seventy-five (75) years.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS

Director, Human Studies Division, U.S. EPA Human Studies Facility, 104 Mason Farm Road, Chapel Hill, NC. 27599-7315.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:

Write to the System Manager at the above address. The requester must provide a written statement that he or she is the person he or she claims to be and understands that knowingly and willfully requesting or obtaining a record under false pretenses is a criminal offense subject to a fine of up to \$5,000. The System Manager may require additional information to verify the identities of requesters.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Same as notification procedures. Additionally, requesters should specify the particular records sought.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

Same as notification procedures. Additionally, requesters should specify the information contested, state the corrective action sought, and provide support for the action requested.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Individual subjects and research staff.

SYSTEMS EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:

None.

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Notice of Proposed Assessment of Clean Water Act Class I Administrative Penalty to Black Mesa Pipeline, Inc. and Opportunity To Comment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed administrative penalty and opportunity to comment.

SUMMARY: EPA is providing notice of a proposed administrative penalty assessment for alleged violations of the Clean Water Act. EPA is also providing notice of opportunity to comment on the proposed assessment.

Pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1319(g), EPA is authorized to issue orders assessing civil penalties for various violations of the Act. EPA may issue such orders after the commencement of either a Class I or Class II penalty proceeding. EPA provides public notice of the proposed assessment pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1319(g)(4)(a).

Class I proceedings under section 309(g) are conducted in accordance with the proposed "Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Class I Civil Penalties Under the Clean Water Act" ("Part 28"), published at 56 FR 29,996 (July 1, 1991). The procedures through which the public may submit written comment on a proposed Class I order or participate in a Class I proceeding, and the procedures by which a Respondent may request a hearing, are set forth in the proposed Consolidated Rules. The deadline for submitting public comment on a proposed Class I order is thirty days after publication of this notice.

On the date identified below, EPA commenced the following Class I proceeding for the assessment of penalties:

In the Matter of Black Mesa Pipeline, Inc., Tulsa, OK, Docket No. CWA-309-IX-FY96-16; filed on January 24, 1996 with Mr. Steven Armsey, Regional Hearing Clerk, U.S. EPA, Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California 94105, (415) 744-1389; proposed penalty of \$11,600, for discharges of pollutants from the Black Mesa Coal Slurry Pipeline to waters of the U.S. in Mohave County, Arizona without authorization of a valid NPDES permit. EPA and Black Mesa

Pipeline, Inc. have agreed to a proposed Consent Agreement in which Black Mesa Pipeline, Inc. shall pay the civil penalty of \$11,600.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Persons wishing to receive a copy of EPA's proposed Consolidated Rules, review the complaint or other documents filed in this proceeding, comment upon the proposed assessment, or otherwise participate in the proceeding should contact the Regional Hearing Clerk identified above. The administrative record for this proceeding is located in the EPA Regional Office identified above, and the file will be open for public inspection during normal business hours. All information submitted by the respondent is available as part of the administrative record, subject to provisions of law restricting public disclosure of confidential information. In order to provide opportunity for public comment, EPA will issue no final order assessing a penalty in these proceedings prior to thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: January 28, 1997.

Karen Schwinn,

Acting Director, Water Division.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Network Reliability and Interoperability Council Meeting

January 31, 1997.

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended, this notice advises interested persons of a meeting of the Network Reliability and Interoperability Council ("Council") to be held at the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D.C.

DATES: Tuesday, February 25, 1997 at 1:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Room 856, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Keegan, Federal Officer, at (202) 418-2323.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council was established by the Federal Communications Commission to bring together leaders of the telecommunications industry and telecommunications experts from

consumer and other organizations to explore and recommend measures that will assure optimal reliability and interoperability of, and accessibility and interconnectivity to, the public telecommunications networks.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows: the Council will hear reports of focus groups 1 and 2 on their progress to date in addressing the issues assigned to them by the Council at the Council's last meeting. The Council also will hear a report on network reliability from the Network Reliability Steering Committee, and will hear the status of implementation of the Network Reliability Council's recommendations for interoperability testing. The Council may discuss other matters brought to its attention.

Members of the general public may attend the meeting. The Federal Communications Commission will attempt to accommodate as many people as possible. However, admittance will be limited to the seating available. Members of the public may submit written comments to the Council's designated Federal Officer before the meeting.

Federal Communications Commission

William F. Caton,

Acting Secretary.

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Annual Assessment of the Status of Competition in the Market for the Delivery of Video Programming

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice; Third annual report to Congress.

SUMMARY: Section 628(g) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 548(g), requires the Commission to report annually to Congress on the status of competition in markets for the delivery of video programming. On January 2, 1997, the Commission released its third such annual report ("1996 Report"). The 1996 Report contains data and information that summarize the status of competition in markets for the delivery of video programming and updates the Commission's two prior reports. The 1996 Report is based on publicly available data, filings in various Commission rulemaking proceedings, and information submitted by commenters in response to a *Notice of Inquiry* in this docket, summarized at 61 FR 34409 (July 2, 1996).