



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC26-3-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-574) 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, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, FERC-574 (Gas Pipeline Certificates: Hinshaw Exemption), which will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review. There are no proposed changes to the reporting requirements.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Send written comments on FERC-574 to OMB through https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRA/icrPublicCommentRequest?ref_nbr=202601-1902-002. You can also visit <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain> and use the drop-down under “Currently under Review” to select the “Federal Energy Regulatory Commission” where you can see the open opportunities to provide comments. Comments should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice.

Please submit a copy of your comments to the Commission via email to DataClearance@FERC.gov. You must specify the Docket No. (IC26-3-000) and the FERC Information Collection number (FERC-574) in your email. If you are unable to file electronically, comments may be filed by USPS mail or by hand (including courier) delivery:

- Mail via U.S. Postal Service Only: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426.
- All other delivery methods: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

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<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/search>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kayla Williams, (202) 502-6468.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC-574 (Gas Pipeline Certificates: Hinshaw Exemption)

OMB Control No.: 1902-0116

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-574 with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

Abstract: The Commission uses the information collected under the requirements of FERC-574 to implement the statutory provisions of Sections 1(c), 4, and 7 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA). Natural gas pipeline companies apply for an exemption under the provisions of section 1(c). If the Commission grants an exemption, the natural gas pipeline company is not required to file certificate applications, rate schedules, or any other applications or forms prescribed by the Commission.

The exemption applies to companies engaged in the transportation, sale, or resale of natural gas in interstate commerce if: (a) they receive gas at or within the boundaries of the state from another person at or within the boundaries of that state; (b) such gas is ultimately consumed in such state; (c) the rates, service and facilities of such company are subject to regulation by a State Commission; and (d) that such State Commission is

exercising that jurisdiction. 18 CFR Part 152 specifies the data required to be filed by pipeline companies for an exemption.

Type of Respondents: Jurisdictional Pipeline companies.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*¹ The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden and cost² for the information collection as:

Number of Respondents (1)	Number of Responses Per Respondent (2)	Total Number of Responses (1) * (2) = (3)	Average Burden Hours & Average Cost (\$) per Response (4)	Total Annual Burden Hours & Total Annual Cost (\$) (3) * (4) = (5)	Cost (\$) per Respondent (5) ÷ (1) = (6)
2	1	2	60 hours; \$6,180	120 hours; \$12,360	\$6,180

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 estimate 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.

¹ “Burden” is 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 1320 for additional information on the definition of information collection burden.

² Commission staff estimates that the industry’s skill set and cost (for wages and benefits) for FERC-574 are approximately the same as the Commission’s average cost. The FERC 2025 average salary plus benefits for one FERC full-time equivalent (FTE) is \$214,093/year (or \$103/hour).

Dated: February 19, 2026.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Secretary.

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