

added to explain the contents of item 43, Natural Gas Manufactured, Purchased or Produced.

All existing definitions relate to purchases or sales of natural gas. The Commission proposes to simplify the reporting of sales and purchase information; therefore, the definitions are removed as no longer necessary.

#### *Identification (Part I) and Revenue Data (Part II)*

Except for the revision to the period reported, Part I is unchanged. The proposed rule replaces Part II, which relates primarily to sales. The Commission proposes to modify Part II to recognize the de-emphasis of sales and the increased emphasis on transportation and storage subsequent to the implementation of Order No. 636. Specifically, Part II is modified to collect information for sales, transportation, gathering, storage and other revenue categories in the same way it is proposed to be collected in the Form No. 2, but in aggregate, rather than in detail.

#### *Income Data (Part III) and Other Selected Data (Part IV)*

Part III is unchanged except for the numbering of the line items and the addition of two items, 37 and 38, which currently appear on Part IV as items 33 and 35. These items were moved to Part III since they are related more closely to revenues than to plant information.

The proposed rule modifies the monthly reporting requirement for Part IV. Instead, the pipeline would report the balances at the end of the reporting period for each of the indicated accounts. The Commission proposes to replace the item "gross additions to construction work in progress (107) for this month being reported" with an aggregate value for major plant additions in excess of \$5,000,000 started during the reporting period. As noted items 33 and 35 will be moved to Part III. Items 34 and 36 are no longer necessary for regulatory purposes and are removed.

#### *Operation and Maintenance Expense (Part V)*

The Commission proposes to consolidate on one line the items previously reported on lines 38, 39, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 52, 68, 69, and 70. These items are related to the costs of manufactured petroleum gas, other manufactured gas, liquefied natural gas, gasified coal and synthetic gas, production and gathering, products extraction, exploration and development, gas purchased from producers, intracompany transfers,

imports, gas purchased from other pipelines, and gas produced by the pipeline along with other gas purchases. The consolidation of these items recognizes the reduced role that sales of natural gas now play for the interstate pipelines. In addition, exchange gas-in and exchange gas-out are consolidated into one line, net exchange gas.

#### *D. Other Revisions*

Section 260.1 requires that major natural gas companies, as defined in part 201 of the Commission's regulations, file with the Commission an annual report, designated as FERC Form No. 2. The Commission proposes to modify section 260.1 to remove references to reporting requirements pre-dating December 30, 1988, and to correct a typographical error that referenced "§ 385.201" instead of "§ 385.2011."

Section 260.2 requires that nonmajor natural gas companies file an annual report, designated as FERC Form No. 2-A. The Commission proposes to modify section 260.1 to remove references to reporting requirements pre-dating December 30, 1988, to correct a typographical error that referenced "§ 385.201" instead of "§ 385.2011," and to conform to the format set forth in section 260.1 governing the FERC Form No. 2.

Section 260.3 requires that natural gas companies file with the Commission a monthly statement—the FERC Form No. 11—containing information concerning selected revenues, income statements, and other items, and details of operation and maintenance expenses. The Commission proposes to modify section 260.3 to remove references to dates that have long since passed, and references to reporting requirements pre-dating November 30, 1988.

Section 260.4 requires that importers and exporters of natural gas file with the Commission an annual report, Form No. 14. Section 260.11 requires natural gas companies operating an underground natural gas storage field to file with the Commission a monthly underground gas storage report, Form No. 8. The Commission is not proposing any substantive changes to these sections in this NOPR. However, the Commission is seeking comments on whether the collection of the information contained in these forms by other governmental or private sources is currently adequate, making the collection of the same information in these Commission forms unnecessary. In addition, the Commission is proposing to modify section 260.4 to remove references to reporting requirements pre-dating December 30, 1988.

Section 260.9 requires every natural gas pipeline company to report to the Commission serious interruptions of service to any wholesale customer involving facilities operated under certificate authorization from the Commission. The Commission proposes to modify sections 260.9(b) and (e) to include facsimile transmission as an optional method for reporting interruptions of service. This recognizes advances in technology and current practice. Further, the Commission proposes to modify sections 260.9(b) and (c) to require that companies send telegrams, facsimile transmissions, or supplemental information to the Director, Division of Environmental and Engineering Review, the successor to the Director, Division of Engineering, Market and Environmental Analysis. A correction to the Commission's zipcode in 260.9(b) is also proposed.

Section 260.13 sets forth the requirements for the filing of the FERC Form No. 549-ST, Form of self-implementing transportation reports. The initial and subsequent reports currently filed by interstate and intrastate pipelines, Hinshaw companies, and local distribution companies undertaking transportation transactions under subparts B, C, or G of part 284 are required to be made on the FERC Form No. 549-ST. Because the Commission is proposing in this NOPR to eliminate the requirements of filing initial and subsequent reports for companies subject to the requirements of subparts B, C, and G of part 284, as further described below, the FERC Form No. 549-ST is no longer necessary. Accordingly, the Commission proposes to remove section 260.13.

Section 260.15 requires that natural gas companies making direct sales in interstate commerce of natural gas to customers consuming such gas file a Report of Alternate Fuel Demand Due to Natural Gas Curtailment, FPC Form No. 69. As noted in the footnote to section 260.15, Form No. 69 was discontinued and replaced with Form No. EIA-50 by order issued June 23, 1978.<sup>32</sup> The EIA Form No. 50 was eliminated in 1984 after the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) rejected the Energy Information Administration's (EIA) request for an extension of OMB approval of the data collection. Thus, it now appears that the footnote to 18 CFR 260.15 references a non-existent EIA form as a replacement for the Form No. 69. Since neither the Commission nor EIA has collected this data since 1984, and there has been no significant

<sup>32</sup> FERC Statutes and Regulations, Regulations Preambles, 1977-1981, ¶30,013 (1978).