

curtailment of natural gas in the nation for more than ten years, the Commission proposes to remove section 260.15.

In addition, the Commission proposes to change all references in Part 260 from the "FPC" and the "Federal Power Commission" to the "FERC," and "Federal Energy Regulatory Commission," respectively.

## VI. Part 284

### A. Introduction

Under Part 284, the Commission is proposing revisions to the reporting requirements, and/or certain non-reporting requirements, contained in Subparts A, B, C, E, G, J and L. These subparts set forth general provisions and conditions (Subpart A), and govern the transportation of natural gas by interstate pipelines under section 311(a)(1) of the NGPA (Subpart B), the transportation of natural gas by intrastate pipelines under section 311(a)(2) of the NGPA (Subpart C), the assignment by any intrastate pipeline to any interstate pipeline or local distribution company of contractual rights to receive surplus natural gas under section 312 of the NGPA (Subpart E), the transportation of natural gas by interstate pipelines on behalf of others, and services by local distribution companies, under blanket certificates authorized by section 7(c) of the NGA (Subpart G), (General Provisions and Conditions), as well as the sale of natural gas under section 7(c) blanket certificates by interstate pipelines offering transportation service under subparts B or G (Subpart J), and by non-interstate pipeline sellers (Subpart L).

As further discussed below, many of the simplifying changes being proposed to the reporting requirements of the interstate pipelines are attributable to the fact that the Commission's close regulation of the interstate pipelines has required, in many instances, the reporting of the same information under several different reporting provisions in the regulations.

There are six major categories of proposed changes to the Part 284 provisions: (1) The removal of the initial full report, subsequent reports, annual report, and notification of termination, currently required under subparts B, G, and/or J; (2) the removal of the initial full report, subsequent reports, and notification of termination required under subpart C; (3) the modification of the Commission's discount reporting requirement; (4) the addition of a new reporting requirement under subparts B and G, that the pipelines maintain an electronic index of customers; (5) the elimination as obsolete of certain non-

reporting provisions in subparts A and G, setting forth interim measures related to the implementation of Order Nos. 436 and 636; and (6) other changes that either are grammatical in nature, remove references to deadlines that have long since passed or other outdated requirements, or reflect the use of current, more accurate, terminology. These revisions are discussed more fully below.

### B. Removal of Initial, Subsequent, Annual, and Termination Reports Under Subparts B, G and J

In light of all of the broad changes that are being proposed in this NOPR, and the changes to the industry brought about by Order No. 636, it is no longer necessary to require interstate pipelines to provide the detailed and duplicative reporting set forth under the initial, subsequent, termination, and annual reports in sections 284.106 and 284.223. Most of the information included in these reports will be reported in other ways. For example, the Commission proposes to collect some contract information, including the date the contract terminates, through an Index of Customers, as discussed below. Under changes being proposed in the contemporaneous NOPR being issued in Docket No. RM95-3-000 to section 154.1, contracts will be filed if the contract differs in a significant manner from the form of service agreement in the pipeline's tariff. If it does not, the form of service agreement will provide information relating to the basic terms and conditions of the contract.

Accordingly, the Commission proposes to remove paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) of section 284.106, and paragraph (d) of section 284.223, to delete the requirements that pipelines file the initial full report, subsequent reports, notification of termination, and annual report. However, the Commission proposes to retain the requirement in section 284.106(a)(4) that an interstate pipeline file a statement with the Commission that the pipeline has provided notification of bypass of a local distribution company (LDC) to the LDC and the LDC's regulatory agency.<sup>33</sup> In addition, the Commission proposes to remove sections 284.106(e) and 284.223(b) relating to the fees accompanying the initial full report, and sections 284.106(f) and 284.223(c), prescribing the use of FERC Form No. 549-ST for the initial and subsequent reports, since they would no longer apply due to the

proposed discontinuance of the associated reporting requirements. Because sections 284.106 and 284.223 will require identical reporting requirements, the Commission proposes to remove all of the filing requirements from section 284.223(d), and to substitute a statement that all pipelines transporting gas under section 284.223 of Subpart G must comply with the reporting requirements specified under section 284.106 of Subpart B. There is no reason to require an identical report under section 284.223.

The Commission is also proposing to remove the annual report required under section 284.288 of Subpart J, applicable to pipelines that engage in sales under a blanket certificate and also offer interstate transportation under subparts B and G. Most of the sales information required by this annual report is being reported in the FERC Form No. 2. Removal of this section will eliminate duplicative reporting requirements.

### C. Removal of Initial, Subsequent, and Termination Reports Under Subpart C

The Commission proposes to delete certain of the reporting requirements for intrastate pipelines transporting gas under NGPA section 311 under Subpart C. The Commission proposes to eliminate the initial full report, subsequent reports, and notification of termination currently required under section 284.126. The Commission no longer finds these reports useful for regulatory review. However, the Commission invites parties to comment on our proposed removal of these reports.

The Commission will continue to require intrastate pipelines to file the annual report and semi-annual storage reports required under section 284.126, as well as the notification of bypass requirement currently included in the initial report. However, the Commission is revising the annual report to reflect the fact that the transportation transactions are no longer docketed, and to require the specification of whether the transportation service is firm or interruptible. Until recently, intrastate pipelines only provided interruptible transportation service. Since they are now performing firm transportation service, firm and interruptible transactions must be separately identified for accurate reporting.

Additionally, as a conforming change to reflect the elimination of the initial and subsequent reporting requirements under section 284.126, the Commission proposes to remove section 284.227(d), governing the conversion reports filed by intrastate pipelines transporting

<sup>33</sup> The Commission also proposes to retain the semi-annual storage reports currently required under sections 284.106(g) and 284.223(d)(5).