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FERC Asked to Make Small, Important Change to Pipeline Flow Posting NGSA "sole-feed" exemption proposal would provide accurate, transparent data at reduced costs

(Washington, DC) Making a small change to natural gas pipeline flow posting requirements required by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) would reduce the burden and cost of compliance while continuing to provide the public and regulators with clear information, the agency was told today.

In its official filing submitted Thursday, the Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) asked federal officials to consider adopting a "sole-feed" exclusion. The association's proposal would exempt major non-interstate natural gas pipelines from reporting if the pipeline has no, or very small volume end-users with total receipts of less than 15,000 MMBtu per day, or if the pipeline feeds into another major pipeline.

"We believe FERC got the new reporting process about 98 percent right last year when it made changes to the pipeline reporting requirements. Our 'sole feed' proposal would further simplify the process and capture the same data, just a few miles further downstream. A sole-feed exclusion is consistent with the Commission's desire to establish rules that will improve transparency without unnecessary cost," said Jenny Fordham, director of energy markets and government affairs at NGSA.

Last November, FERC issued an order (number 720) which requires certain non-interstate and interstate natural gas pipelines to post design capacity and daily scheduled natural gas flow information. The rule also imposes posting requirements on interstate natural gas pipelines that provide no-notice service.

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