

# FERC Issues Proposed Transparency Rule

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has issued notices of proposed rulemaking regarding the reporting requirements of intrastate pipeline that provide interstate services under Section 311 of the Natural Gas Policy Act.

The regulations would not require Section 311 and Hinshaw pipelines to report as much information as interstate pipelines it does require reporting of more information than currently mandated. Currently, they are not required to include in their transportation transaction reports the rates charged under each contract, the duration of the contract, the receipt and delivery points and zones or segments covered by each contract, whether the contract includes special terms and conditions, and whether there is an affiliate relationship between the pipeline and the shipper.

Instead, the intrastate and Hinshaw pipelines' annual reports are required to include only the name of the shipper receiving the service, the type of service performed, the total volumes transported for the shipper and the total revenues received from the shipper.

If adopted, intrastate and Hinshaw pipelines must post the following information:

- The rate charged under each contract, including a separate statement of each rate component;
- Contract duration;
- Primary receipt and deliver points;
- Quantity of natural gas the shipper is entitled to transport, store or deliver;
- Relationship between pipeline and shipper (affiliate);
- Storage and transportation transaction.

For a copy of the proposed regulations, go to [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) and look for Docket No. RM08-2-000.