

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs
Administration[Docket RSPA-984957, **Notice 2**]Request for Comments and OMB
Approval**AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, RSPA is publishing this notice in the **Federal Register** to announce the Research and Special Programs Administration's (RSPA) intention to request renewal of an information collection in support of the Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) for Excess Flow Valves (EFV) Customer Notification.**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received on or before April 5, 1999 to ensure consideration.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**Marvin Fell, Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20950, telephone (202) 366-1640 or e-mail marvin.fell@rspa.dot.gov.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Title:** Excess Flow Valves, Customer Notification.**OMB Number:** 2137-0593.

Abstract: 49 U.S.C. 60110 directed DOT to prescribe regulations requiring operators to notify customers in writing about EFV availability, the safety benefits derived from installation, and the costs associated with installation. The regulations provide that, except where installation is already required, the operator will install an EFV that meet prescribed performance criteria at the customer's request, if the customer pays for the installation.

Estimate of Burden: The average burden hours per response is.**Respondents:** Gas Distribution Pipeline Operators.**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 1,590.**Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:** 82,500 hours.**ADDRESSES:** Copies of this information collection can be reviewed at the Dockets Facility, Plaza 401, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC, 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday excluding Federal holidays.**Comments are invited on:** (a) the need for the proposed collection of information for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including

whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques.

Send comments to Dockets Facility, Plaza 401, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001 or by e-mail to ops.comments@rspa.dot.gov. All comments to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will be a matter of public record.

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