

copies of their protests to the party or person to whom the protests are directed. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules. Persons who previously filed motions to intervene on Docket No. CP96-27-000 and 001 need not file again.

A person obtaining intervenor status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents issued by the Commission, filed by the applicant, or filed by all other intervenors. An intervenor can file for rehearing of any Commission order and can petition for court review of any such order. However, an intervenor must serve copies of comments or any other filing it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as filing an original and 14 copies with the Commission.

A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have comments considered. A person, instead, may submit two copies of such comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of environmental documents, and will be able to participate in meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission, and will not have the right to seek rehearing or appeal the Commission's final order to a Federal court.

The Commission will consider all comments and concerns equally, whether filed by commenters or those requesting intervenor status.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the NGA and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on these applications if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the certificate is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is

required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Natural to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-85-000]

NorAm Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

December 10, 1997.

Take notice that on December 5, 1997, NorAm Gas Transmission Company (NGT) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheets, to be effective April 1, 1998:

Third Revised Sheet No. 190
First Revised Sheet No. 192A
Third Revised Sheet No. 196
First Revised Sheet No. 201A
First Revised Sheet No. 204A
Third Revised Sheet No. 276
Second Revised Sheet No. 278
First Revised Sheet No. 279A
First Revised Sheet No. 279B
First Revised Sheet No. 279C
Third Revised Sheet No. 280
Third Revised Sheet No. 286
Second Revised Sheet No. 290
Second Revised Sheet No. 305
First Revised Sheet No. 305A
Third Revised Sheet No. 307
First Revised Sheet No. 307A

NGT states that the filing revises the tariff to eliminate paper nominations and paper capacity release transactions, and provides that such activities will be accomplished electronically except during times of emergency.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All such motions or protests should be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to

become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER97-4352-000]

SEMCO Energy Services, Inc.; Notice of Issuance of Order

December 11, 1997.

SEMCO Energy Services, Inc. (SEMCO) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which SEMCO will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. SEMCO also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, SEMCO requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability of SEMCO.

On November 28, 1997, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Rate Applications, Office of Electric Power Regulation, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by SEMCO should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, SEMCO is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance of assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of SEMCO's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is December 29, 1997. Copies of the full text of the order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-84-000]

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Filing

December 10, 1997.

Take notice that on December 5, 1997, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee), pursuant to Section 4 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 154 of the Regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) filed original and revised tariff sheets setting forth Tennessee's policy regarding the construction and financing of new facilities on its system for the receipt, delivery or measurement of natural gas supplies (Receipt and Delivery Facilities).

Tennessee states that its existing lateral line policy is set forth in Article XVII of the General Terms & Conditions of Tennessee's FERC Tariff, Volume No. 1 to satisfy the requirements of Section 154.109(b) of the Commission's Regulations which requires that the General Terms & Conditions of a pipeline's tariff set forth the pipeline's policy regarding the construction and financing of delivery laterals, including when the pipeline will pay for or contribute to the construction cost. Tennessee's existing policy provides that Tennessee will not build or contribute to the cost of building any service lateral. However, Tennessee has the right to seek a waiver of that policy during any proceeding before the Commission instituted under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Tennessee states that this policy is too inflexible in the competitive marketplace which exists today. Thus, Tennessee is proposing to eliminate the current provisions of Article XVII.

Tennessee states that the proposed tariff sheets establish and define two categories of Receipt and Delivery Facilities—Tap Facilities and Connecting Facilities. The proposed tariff sheets also establish two categories

of cost reimbursement—prior to the construction of the facilities and over time with interest. Additionally, the proposed tariff sheets eliminate the current provisions of Article XVII and permit Tennessee to contribute to the cost of constructing service laterals as Connecting Facilities without obtaining a waiver from the Commission. Tennessee states that these proposed changes to its tariff will enable Tennessee to compete on a level playing field with other pipelines.

Although Tennessee states that it is not obligated to construct Tap Facilities or Tap and Connecting Facilities for any requesting party, the proposed tariff sheets provide that, subject to certain conditions specified in the tariff sheets, Tennessee will construct Tap Facilities or Tap and Connecting Facilities for any requesting party who agrees to pay for the cost of constructing such facilities. With respect to the financing of Tap Facilities constructed by Tennessee, the proposed tariff sheets provide that the requesting party will generally pay Tennessee for the cost of such facilities prior to the construction of the Connecting Facilities but always prior to the commencement of service at the Tap Facilities. With respect to the financing of Connecting Facilities, the proposed tariff sheets provide that the requesting party shall pay Tennessee for the cost of such facilities either prior to the construction of the Tap Facilities but always prior to the commencement of service at the Connecting Facilities, over time with interest or through some combination thereof.

Further, the tendered tariff sheets enable Tennessee to pay all or a portion of the costs of constructing Connecting Facilities which are economically or operationally beneficial to Tennessee. The proposed tariff sheets set forth the criteria that Tennessee will evaluate in determining whether the construction of Connecting Facilities is economically or operationally beneficial to Tennessee.

The proposed tariff provisions also permit Tennessee to condition its construction of Connecting Facilities on the reimbursement by the requesting party of related costs such as operating and maintenance expenses, administrative and general expenses, gross-up for state and federal income taxes, taxes other than income taxes, depreciation costs and the time value of money. These provisions recognize that, in certain circumstances, it may be appropriate to recover costs of this nature from the requesting party rather than the system as a whole. Tennessee's decision not to seek recovery of these costs from a requesting party would not preclude Tennessee from seeking to

recover such costs in its general system rates in a Section 4 rate filing.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 and 385.214 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests should be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EG98-13-000, et al.]

Ogden Energy China, (Beta) Ltd., et al. Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

December 9, 1997.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

1. Ogden Energy China (Beta) Ltd.

[Docket No. EG98-13-000]

On December 1, 1997, Ogden Energy China (Beta) Ltd., (OECB) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to Part 365 of the Commission's Regulations.

OECB will own a sixty percent equity interest in a 24 MW eligible facility located in Zibo, Shandong Province, Peoples Republic of China. OECB states that it will be engaged directly and exclusively in the business of owning and/or operating all or part of one of more eligible facilities (as defined in Section 32(a)(1) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act) and selling electricity at wholesale to the Huantian Power Bureau and at retail to consumers none of which will be located within the United States.

Comment date: December 29, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E