

quality and are not subject to political influence. In addition, ACES is required to advise the Commissioner of NCES and the National Assessment Governing Board on technical and statistical matters related to the National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP).

The proposed agenda includes the following:

- Discussion of NCES's next steps in implementing the redesign of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP).
- An update and discussion on the Third International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS).
- Individual meetings of the three ACES committees which will focus on specific topics. The agenda for the Management Committee includes a report on the preliminary findings from NCES's customer survey and related customer service activities. In addition there will be discussions of a design feasibility grant competition to solicit ideas on a redesigned NAEP. If these portions of the meeting were held in open session, the possible disclosure of the Department's position might affect decisions by third parties outside the Government. These discussions would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action if conducted in open session. These portions of the meeting will be closed under the authority of Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2) and under exemption (9)(B) of Section 522b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

The agenda for the Statistics Committee includes issues surrounding background variables in NAEP, and the potential for linking data from the TIMSS and NAEP. The agenda for the Strategy/Policy Committee includes review of a draft strategic plan for NAEP and the use of criteria for decisionmaking on the NCES budget.

A summary of the activities of the closed sessions and related matters which are informative to the public consistent with the policy of Title 5 U.S.C. 551b(c) will be available within 14 days of the meeting. Records are kept of all Council proceedings and are available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Director, Advisory Council on Education Statistics, 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Room 400J, Washington, DC 20208-7575.

Sharon P. Robinson,
Assistant Secretary for Educational Research and Improvement.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. TM96-14-23-001]

Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes In FERC Gas Tariff

August 23, 1996.

Take notice that Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company (ESNG) tendered for filing on August 20, 1996 certain revised tariff sheets in the above captioned docket as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, with proposed effective dates of April 1, 1996 and August 1, 1996, respectively.

ESNG states the purpose of the instant filing is to supplement ESNG's August 5, 1996 storage tracker filing in Docket No. TM96-14-23-000 (August 5, 1996 filing) in order to reflect demand and capacity rates charged by Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) under its LSS Rate Schedule, the costs of which are included in ESNG's Rate Schedule LSS. More specifically, its filing (a) makes a correction on 2nd Sub 1st Rev Sub 78th Rev Sheet No. 6 due to a typing error under its CFSS Rate Schedule Demand Charge, and (b) tracks changes from Transco in its supplemental filing in its Docket No. TM96-15-29-000, et. al. dated August 8, 1996. ESNG further states its tracking filing is being filed pursuant to Section 24 of the General Terms and Conditions of ESNG's FERC Gas Tariff to reflect changes in ESNG's jurisdictional rates.

ESNG states that copies of the filing have been served upon its jurisdictional customers and interested State Commissions.

Eastern Shore states that copies of the filing have been served upon its jurisdictional customers and interested State Commissions. Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests should be filed on or before August 27, 1996. 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. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public

inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Project No. 2375; Project No. 8277 Maine]

International Paper Company; Otis Hydroelectric Company; Notice of Proposed Restricted Service List for a Programmatic Agreement for Managing Properties Included in or Eligible for Inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places

August 23, 1996.

Rule 2010 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure provides that, to eliminate unnecessary expense or improve administrative efficiency, the Secretary may establish a restricted service list for a particular phase or issue in a proceeding.¹ The restricted service list should contain the names of persons on the service list who, in the judgment of the decisional authority establishing the list, are active participants with respect to the phase or issue in the proceeding for which the list is established.

The Commission is consulting with the Maine State Historic Preservation Officer (hereinafter, SHPO) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (hereinafter, Council) pursuant to the Council's regulations, 36 CFR Part 800, implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, *as amended*, (16 U.S.C. Section 470f), to prepare a programmatic agreement for managing properties included in, or eligible for inclusion in, the National Register of Historic Places at Project No. 2375 and Project No. 8277.

The programmatic agreement, when executed by the Commission, the SHPO, and the Council, would satisfy the Commission's Section 106 responsibilities for all individual undertakings carried out in accordance with the licenses until the licenses expire or are terminated (36 CFR 800.13[e]). The Commission's responsibilities pursuant to Section 106 for the above projects would be fulfilled through one programmatic agreement which the Commission proposes to draft in consultation with certain parties listed below. The executive programmatic agreement would be incorporated into any orders issuing licenses.

¹ 18 CFR Section 385.2010.

International Paper Company and Otis Hydroelectric Company, as prospective licensees for Project No. 2375 and Project No. 8277, respectively, are invited to participate in consultations to develop the programmatic agreement and to sign as concurring parties to the programmatic agreement.

For purposes of commenting on the programmatic agreement, we propose to restrict the service list for Project No. 2375 and Project No. 8277 as follows:

Mr. Dave Beaudoin, International Paper, Riley Road, Jay, ME 04239

Dr. Robert Bush, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, The Old Post Office Building, Suite 809, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, D.C. 20004

Mr. R. Alec Giffen, Land & Water Associates, 9 Union Street, Hallowell, ME 04347

Mr. Steve Groves, International Paper, Riley Road, Jay, ME 04239

Mr. Bob Hunziker, International Paper, Two Manhattanville Road, Purchase, NY 10577

Mr. Gary Liimatainen, Kleinschmidt Associates, 75 Main Street, Pittsfield, ME 04967

Mr. Earle G. Shettleworth, State Historic Preservation Officer, Maine Historic Preservation Commission, 55 Capitol Street, State House Station 65, Augusta, ME 04333

Dr. Art Spiess, Archaeologist, Maine Historic Preservation Commission, 55 Capitol Street, State House Station 65, Augusta, ME 04333

Any person on the official service list for the above-captioned proceedings may request inclusion on the restricted service list, or may request that a restricted service list not be established, by filing a motion to that effect within 15 days of this notice date.

An original and 8 copies of any such motion must be filed with the Secretary of Commission (888 First Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20426) and must be served on each person whose name appears on the official service list. If no such motions are filed, the restricted service list will be effective at the end of the 15 day period. Otherwise, a further notice will be issued ruling on the motion.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. TM97-1-116-000]

OkTex Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes In FERC Gas Tariff

August 23, 1996.

Take notice that on August 19, 1996, OkTex Pipeline Company ("OkTex") tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, an original and five copies of the following tariff sheets:

Eighth Revised Sheet No. 5

OkTex states that the Eighth Revised Sheet No. 5 reduces the OkTex Annual Charge Adjustment Clause ("ACA") from \$0.0023 to \$0.0020 per MMBtu.

OkTex requests that the above-referenced tariff sheets become effective on October 1, 1996. Copies of the filing were served upon the Company's jurisdictional customers and upon interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protect said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All such motions or protests must 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96-159-003]

Shell Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Initial Tariff Filing

August 23, 1996.

Take notice that on August 21, 1996, Shell Gas Pipeline Company (Shell), 200 North Dairy Ashford, Houston, Texas 77079, filed in Docket No. CP96-159-003 its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, with a proposed effective date of August 25, 1996.

Shell states that the initial tariff filing reflects the required modifications to the general terms and conditions in compliance with the Commission's July 31, 1996, order granting Shell its certificate in Docket No. CP96-159-002,

76 FERC ¶ 61,126. In order to comply with the Commission's directives, Shell also states that it has proposed tariff language to revise and clarify Section 19 of the General Terms and Conditions regarding the release of firm capacity under Rate Schedule FT-2. Shell further states that copies of this filing were served upon all customers and all parties to this proceeding.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest the subject filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 and 385.211). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before September 3, 1996. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make the protestant 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 available for public inspection.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP95-436-000]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

August 23, 1996.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference will be convened in this proceeding on August 29, 1996. The conference will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in a conference room to be designated. The purpose of the conference is to explore the possibility of settlement of the above-referenced docket.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant as defined in 18 CFR 385.102(b) is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 385.214).

For additional information, contact Russell Mamone at (202) 208-0744 or Donald Heydt at (202) 208-0740.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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