

authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-391-000]

Gas Research Institute; Notice of Annual Application

June 11, 1997.

Take notice that on June 10, 1997, Gas Research Institute (GRI) filed an application requesting advance approval of its 1998-2002 Five-Year Research, Development and Demonstration (RD&D) Plan and 1998 RD&D Program, and the funding of its RD&D activities for 1998, pursuant to the Natural Gas Act and Section 154.401(b) of the Commission's Regulations.

In its application, GRI requests approval of a total obligations budget of \$164.3 million in 1998, which is \$6.1 million less than the \$170.4 million approved for GRI's 1997 RD&D Program. Of this amount, GRI plans to obligate \$141.4 million to contract RD&D expenditures, while the remaining \$22.9 million will be obligated to administrative and general expenditures.

During the twelve months ending December 31, 1998, GRI expects to collect \$163 million from FERC-approved surcharges, and \$7 million from intrastate and other sources, for total receipts of \$170 million. GRI states that it intends to *disburse* this entire amount by the end of 1998. Accordingly, GRI plans to end 1998 with the same cash balance level of \$40 million it plans to have at the start of 1998.

GRI proposes to fund its 1998 RD&D Program using the following previously-approved (for 1997) surcharges: (1) A demand/reservation surcharge on two-part rates of 26.0 cents per Dth per Month for "high load-factor customers"; (2) a demand/reservation surcharge on two-part rates of 16.0 cents per Dth per month for "low load-factor customers"; (3) a volumetric commodity/usage surcharge of 0.88 cents per Dth for firm services involving two-part rates and for one-part interruptible rates; (4) a special "small customer" surcharge of 2.0 cents per Dth; and (5) a surcharge of 1.74 cents per Dth per month for one-part, firm service outside the "small customer" class.

Since it does not seek to change its surcharges for 1998, GRI asks that the Commission not require its member pipelines to file new tariff sheets to simply restate the currently effective surcharges.

The Commission staff will analyze GRI's application and prepare a Commission Staff Report. This Staff Report will be served on all parties and filed with the Commission as a public document by August 11, 1997. Comments on the Staff Report by all parties, except GRI, must be filed with the Commission on or before August 22, 1997. GRI's reply comments must be filed on or before August 29, 1997.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest GRI's application, except for GRI members and state regulatory commissions, who are automatically permitted to participate in the instant proceedings as intervenors, should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 214 and 211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.214 and 385.211. All protests, motions to intervene and comments should be filed on or before June 25, 1997. All comments and protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to this proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party, other than a GRI member or a state regulatory commission, must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this application are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

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[Docket Nos. OA97-237-000, ER97-1079-000 and EC97-35-000]

New England Power Pool; Notice of Filing

June 11, 1997.

Take notice that on June 5, 1997, the New England Power Pool (NEPOOL) Executive Committee submitted materials related to its filing on December 31, 1996 in the captioned dockets. These materials describe the transmission charges that should be in

effect under the formula rates contained in the NEPOOL Open Access Tariff.

The NEPOOL Executive Committee states that copies of these materials were sent to protestants and persons seeking intervention in the captioned dockets, the New England state governors and regulatory commissions and the participants in the New England Power Pool.

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 NE., Washington, DC 20426 in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before June 20, 1997. 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.

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[Docket No. RP97-388-000]

Northern Natural Gas Co.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

June 11, 1997.

Take notice that on June 6, 1997, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), tendered for filing to become part of Northern's FERC Gas Tariff the following tariff sheets proposed to become effective on July 6, 1997:

Fifth Revised Volume No. 1

Second Revised Sheet No. 201

Original Sheet No. 302

Original Sheet No. 303

Northern states that the above-referenced tariff sheets amend the General Terms and Conditions of Northern's Tariff to allow Northern to acquire and hold interruptible contractual rights on other pipelines for transportation and storage capacity for the benefits of its shippers.

Northern states that copies of the filing were served upon Northern's customers and interested State Commissions.

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, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such petitions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. All protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken in this proceeding, but will not serve to make Protestant a party 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 inspection.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-315-000]

Northwest Pipeline Co.; Notice on Technical Conference

June 11, 1997.

On May 29, 1997, the Commission issued an order¹ in the captioned docket requiring, among other things, a technical conference on Northwest Pipeline Company's proposed pooling provisions. Due to the complexity of the topic, it is possible that this conference could require more than one day. Therefore the conference will first convene at 9:30 a.m. on July 15, 1997, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC, in a room to be designated at that time. If necessary, the conference will continue through 5:30 p.m. of the same day and reconvene at 9:30 a.m. on July 16, 1997.

Any questions concerning the conference should be directed to John M. Robinson, (202) 208-0808, or Kenneth P. Niehaus, (202) 208-0398.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP95-167-005]

Sea Robin Pipeline Co.; Notice of Proposed Changes to FERC Gas Tariff

June 11, 1997.

Take notice that on June 6, 1997, Sea Robin Pipeline Company (Sea Robin) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheet in compliance with the Commission's Order dated May 28, 1997 in this docket, to become effective May 1, 1997: Substitute First Revised Fourth Revised Sheet No. 7

On April 22, 1997, the Commission issued on "Order on Settlement, Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates," in which the Commission ordered Sea Robin to reduce its rates at the levels contained in the order. Sea Robin made a compliance filing on April 29, 1997, which the Commission accepted by letter order dated May 28, 1997, with the exception of one modification. In the letter order, the Commission directed Sea Robin to eliminate from the tariff sheet a reference to GISB Standard No. 5.3.22. Sea Robin states that it has eliminated this reference.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures. All such protests must 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. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Projects Nos. 1932-010, 1933-010, and 1934-010]

Southern California Edison Company; Notice of Public Meeting and Site Visit To Discuss Information Needs for the Proposed Relicensing of the Lytle Creek Hydroelectric Project, Santa Ana River 1 and 2 Hydroelectric Project, and the Milo Creek 2/3 Hydroelectric Project

June 11, 1997.

Take notice that the Commission staff will hold a meeting with Southern California Edison (Edison), the applicant for the Lytle Creek Hydroelectric Project No. 1932, the Santa Ana River Hydroelectric Project No. 1933, and the Mill Creek 2/3 Hydroelectric Project No. 1934, and representatives of the City of Redlands, California, intervenor in the relicensing proceedings for Projects Nos. 1933 and 1934. The projects are located near the City of Redlands in San Bernardino County, California. The meeting will be held on Thursday, June 26, 1997, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Board Room of the Redlands School District, 25 West Lugonia Avenue, Redlands, California.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Commission's request, dated November 19, 1996, for Edison to conduct a streamflow and temperature study in some reaches of the Santa Ana River and its tributaries that the three projects affect. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend the meeting.

In addition, the Commission staff will make a site visit on June 25, 1997, to the three projects, so that the staff can view the projects' area. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to accompany the Commission staff on the site visit. Participants will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Seven Oaks dam construction office parking lot, adjacent to the guard office, on Santa Ana Canyon Road, northeast of Mentone, California. Participants should provide their own transportation for the site visit; four-wheel-drive vehicles are recommended. Further, participants should bring their own lunches for the day-long site visit.

For further information, please contact Dianne Rodman at (202) 219-2830.

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¹ Northwest Pipeline Corporation, 79 FERC ¶ 61,259 (1997).