

Commission or its designee on this application 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 CNG and Texas Gas 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. RP97-521-000]

Garden Banks Gas Pipeline, LLC; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

September 15, 1997.

Take notice that on September 11, 1997, Garden Banks Gas Pipeline, LLC (GBGP) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, Second Revised Sheet No. 106, to become effective October 11, 1997.

GBGP states that the purpose of this filing is to reflect a change in the time period from one month to twenty-eight days from the time the first release period has ended after which pre-arranged capacity releases for terms of 31 days or less and at less than the maximum tariff rate can be re-released to the same replacement shipper at less than the maximum tariff rate, in conformance with section 284.243(h)(2) of the Commission's Regulations.

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, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions and 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. 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. CP97-739-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

September 15, 1997.

Take notice that on September 9, 1997, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124-1000, filed in Docket No. CP97-739-000 a request pursuant to §§ 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.212) for authorization to install and operate a new delivery point in Douglas County, Minnesota, to accommodate interruptible natural gas deliveries to Minnegasco, a Division of NorAm Energy Corporation. Northern makes such request under its blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-140-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Northern proposes to identify the new delivery point as Alexandria #2 TBS, and states that the new delivery point will be located in the same plant yard as Northern's existing Alexandria #1 TBS. Northern asserts that Minnegasco has requested the proposed delivery point to accommodate service for peak shaving pad gas requirements. Northern states its intent to deliver up to 120 MMBtu of natural gas on a peak day and 840 MMBtu annually, to Minnegasco under currently effective service agreement(s). It is stated that the end-use of the gas will be for commercial, industrial and residential purposes.

Northern estimates the cost of the proposed facilities to be \$12,000 and states that such facility cost will be reimbursed.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to § 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a

protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-754-000]

Samedan Oil Corporation Complainant, vs. Venice Gathering System, L.L.C. Respondent; Notice of an Emergency Request for Order Prohibiting Unlawful Abandonment and Motion for Shortened Response Time

September 15, 1997.

Take notice that on September 12, 1997, Samedan Oil Corporation (Samedan), Post Office Box 909, Ardmore, Oklahoma 73401, filed with the Commission in Docket No. CP97-754-000 an emergency request for an order prohibiting unlawful abandonment of natural gas transportation service and a motion for shortened response time, pursuant to Rule 213 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, against Venice Gathering System, L.L.C. (VGS), alleging violations of the Natural Gas Act, Commission rules, regulations, orders, and actions interfering with interstate commerce. Samedan's emergency request is being construed as a complaint under Section 385.206 of the Commission's Regulations.

Samedan requests that the Commission issue an emergency order prior to October 1, 1997, directing VGS to continue its transportation of up to 75,000 Dekatherm equivalents of natural gas for Samedan from South Timbalier Block 163, offshore Louisiana, on VGS' pipeline system on and after October 1, 1997, and until VGS receives authorization to abandon such service under Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act. Samedan states that unless the Commission provides the requested relief prior to October 1, 1997, VGS' affiliate, Chevron U.S.A. (Chevron) would be allowed to increase its capacity on VGS' pipeline by 75,000 Dth at Samedan's expense.

Samedan alleges that VGS' unlawful abandonment originated when VGS terminated Samedan's existing gathering agreement for 75,000 Dth of transportation service per day effective October 1, 1997. The Commission determined on April 1, 1997, that the Venice system is a jurisdictional pipeline in its order in *Venice Gathering System*, 79 FERC ¶61,037 (1997). Samedan also alleges that VGS has taken the position that it does not have an obligation under the Natural Gas Act to continue serving Samedan after October 1, 1997. Samedan states that VGS claims that as of October 1, 1997, all of Samedan's capacity on the lateral over which it ships its gas will be reallocated to other shippers, principally VGS' affiliate, Chevron, under an open-season held June 16-20, 1997, for the stated purpose of soliciting shipper interest in building new, incremental capacity on the lateral.

Samedan further alleges that VGS has never applied for or obtained authorization to abandon service to Samedan, and despite Samedan's express and continued demands, VGS has refused to acknowledge a continuing obligation under the Natural Gas Act to transport Samedan's gas on or October 1, 1997. Samedan, therefore, alleges that VGS' actions constitute an unlawful abandonment in violation of section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make a protest with reference to Samedan's complaint should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or protest in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 or 385.214). All such motions should be filed on or before September 22, 1997. VGS is directed to file its answer to this complaint no later than the close of business September 19, 1997. Any person desiring 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-522-000]

Shell Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

September 15, 1997.

Take notice that on September 11, 1997, Shell Gas Pipeline Company (SGPC) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, Second Revised Sheet No. 106, to become effective October 11, 1997.

SGPC states that the purpose of this filing is to reflect a change in the time period from one month to twenty-eight days from the time the first release period has ended after which pre-arranged capacity releases for terms of 31 days or less and at less than the maximum tariff rate can be re-released to the same replacement shipper at less than the maximum tariff rate, in conformance with section 284.243(h)(2) of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Regulations.

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, NE., Washington DC 20426, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions and 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. 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. RP97-428-011]

Tuscarora Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

September 15, 1997.

Take notice that on September 10, 1997, Tuscarora Gas Transmission Company (Tuscarora) tendered for filing

as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets to become effective August 26, 1997:

First Revised Sheet No. 84

Sub First Revised Sheet No. 85

Tuscarora asserts that the purpose of this filing is to clarify that the maximum term an Existing Shipper can be required to match under the right-of-first refusal provision is five years.

Tuscarora states that copies of this filing were mailed to all customers of Tuscarora, interested state regulatory agencies and the service list in Docket No. RP97-428-000.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NW., Washington DC 20426, in accordance with section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such 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. 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. ER97-4331-000, et al.]

American Electric Power Service Corporation, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

September 15, 1997.

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

1. American Electric Power Service Corporation

[Docket No. ER97-4331-000]

Take notice that on August 20, 1997, the American Electric Power Service Corporation (AEPSC), tendered for filing executed service agreements under the AEP Companies' Power Sales Tariff. The Power Sales Tariff was accepted for filing effective October 1, 1995, and has been designated AEP Companies' FERC Electric Tariff First Revised Volume No. 2. AEPSC requests waiver of notice to permit the service agreements to be made effective for service billed on and after July 21, 1997.