

Geothermal Energy Research, Development and Demonstration Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-410), is seeking applications for research, development and demonstration (field testing) in the area of Geothermal Reservoir Technology. The research is to be directed toward the domestic use and development of new technologies for exploration, identification of fractures, location of fracture permeability, and reservoir engineering and chemistry. Proposals involving work in foreign countries will not be considered. This solicitation will remain open for two years. Federal funds available for this solicitation are expected to be from \$0-\$5,000,000 annually. DOE anticipates making several grant/cooperative agreement awards for projects with durations of five years or less.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carol Bruns, Contract Specialist, Procurement Services Division; U.S. Department of Energy; Idaho Operations Office; 850 Energy Drive, MS 1221, Idaho Falls, ID 83401-1563; telephone (208) 526-1534, facsimile (208) 526-5548, e-mail brunscl@inel.gov. The Contracting Officer is Brad Bauer, (208) 526-0090.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number for this program is 81.087, Renewable Energy Research & Development. The solicitation text is expected to be posted on the DOE-ID Procurement Services Division home page on or about October 1, 1997, and may be accessed using Universal Resource Locator address <http://www.inel.gov/doeid/solicit.html>. Application package forms will not be included on the home page and should be requested from the contract specialist. Requests for application packages must be in writing and shall include: company name, mailing address, point of contact, telephone number, and fax number.

Issued in Idaho Falls, Idaho, on September 24, 1997.

Dated: September 24, 1997.

**R. Jeffrey Hoyles,**

*Director, Procurement Services Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP95-363-009]

#### El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Report of Rate Refunds

September 25, 1997.

Take notice that on September 22, 1997, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso) tendered for filing its Report of Rate Refunds at Docket No. RP95-363-000, *et al.*

El Paso states that the Report of Rate Refunds reflects refunds that were distributed to eligible shippers on August 22, 1997.

El Paso states that the refunds totaled \$194,003,358.09 inclusive of interest. El Paso states that it also sent invoices to 11 shippers totaling \$24,511.28 for additional amounts due under the Settlement.

El Paso states that copies of the document were served upon all interstate pipeline system customers who received a refund distribution and affected state regulatory commissions in accordance with the requirements of Section 385.2010 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. El Paso states that each customer received its pertinent detail (included in Volume No. 2) when refunds were distributed. El Paso states that it was not furnishing the complete Volume No. 2 to all customers, since it may contain information that is commercially sensitive to those customers.

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 Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed on or before October 2, 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. 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

[Docket Nos. RP97-346-006 and RP93-187-014]

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Equitrans, L.P.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

September 25, 1997.

Take notice that on September 19, 1997, Equitrans, L.P. ("Equitrans") tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff the following revised tariff sheets:

First Revised Eighth Revised Sheet No. 5  
First Revised Eighth Revised Sheet No. 6  
First Revised Eighth Revised Sheet No. 7  
First Revised Eighth Revised Sheet No. 8  
First Revised Eighth Revised Sheet No. 10

Equitrans proposes an effective date of August 1, 1997 for these tariff sheets.

Second Sub Fifth Revised Sheet No. 7  
Second Sub Fifth Revised Sheet No. 7A  
Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 255  
Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 256

Equitrans proposes an effective date of September 1, 1997 for these tariff sheets.

Equitrans states that these revised tariff sheets are submitted in compliance with the Commission's September 10, 1997 Order Accepting Primary Tariff Sheets Subject to Conditions and Rejecting Alternative Tariff Sheets for the purpose of: (1) filing revised tariff sheets that comply with the prior rate settlement in Docket No. RP93-187, *et al.* to be effective August 1, 1997 establishing rates for all services which reflect the elimination of gathering costs from transportation rates and establishment of separate gathering and transportation retainage levels; and (2) filing revised tariff sheets to be effective September 1, 1997 eliminating the stranded gathering surcharge from the rates charged for Equitrans open access and individually certificated storage services.

Copies of this rate filing were served on the parties to this proceeding, as well as Equitrans' jurisdictional customers and interested state commissions, and a copy of the rate filing has been posted and is available for inspection at Equitrans' corporate headquarters during regular business hours.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest the filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20046, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 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 appropriate action, 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.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-764-000]

#### KN Interstate Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

September 25, 1997.

Take notice that on September 19, 1997, KN Interstate Gas Transmission Company (KNI), P.O. Box 281304, Lakewood, Colorado, 80228, filed in Docket No. CP97-764-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205, 157.212, and 157.216(b) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212, and 157.216) for approval to relocate a delivery point located in the state of Nebraska, to accommodate natural gas deliveries to a town distribution system operated by K N Energy, Inc., under KNI's blanket certificate authority issued in Docket No. CP89-1043-000, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

KNI specifically proposes to install and operate new delivery facilities for the town of Broken Bow, Nebraska. KNI further proposes to abandon the existing delivery facilities upon completion of the new town border facilities. KNI estimates that the cost to construct the new facilities is \$75,000 and that the cost to abandon the existing facilities is \$2000. KNI asserts that new town border station proposed herein will have a maximum daily design capacity of 5,700 Mcf and that the instant proposal will have no adverse impact on KNI'S system operations on either a peak day or annual basis. Additionally, KNI asserts that no customer of KNE will have its service diminished as a result of the proposal set forth herein.

Any person or the Commission's Staff may, within 45 days of the issuance of

the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214), a motion to intervene and pursuant to Section 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 activities 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 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. CP97-763-000]

#### Koch Gateway Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

September 25, 1997.

Take notice that on September 19, 1997, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch Gateway), Post Office Box 1478, Houston, Texas 77251-1478, filed in Docket No. CP97-763-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.216) for permission and approval to abandon a 1-inch tap and meter station used to serve Venture Oil Company (Venture) located in Jasper County, Mississippi. Koch Gateway makes such request under its blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-430 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.

It is stated that the tap is located entirely within Koch Gateway's existing right-of-way. Koch Gateway proposes to plug the tap and to remove all associated above ground facilities.

Koch Gateway indicates that the facilities were installed sometime in 1952, at an estimated cost of somewhere between \$200-\$400,<sup>1</sup> to provide

<sup>1</sup> Koch Gateway states that after a diligent search of its records, it was unable to report the complete certificate history of the tap, or locate the accounting entry for the installation of the tap.

interruptible transportation service of up to 1,000 Mcf per day. However, Koch Gateway was able to cite a Commission order, where Koch Gateway was granted authority to provide transportation service to this delivery tap in conjunction with direct sales service to Exxon Co. U.S.A., Inc.<sup>2</sup> Since then, Tenneco Oil Company and then Venture acquired the Exxon facilities.

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 Section 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. CP97-767-000]

#### Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

September 25, 1997.

Take notice that on September 23, 1997, Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company (Panhandle), Post Office Box 1642, filed a request with the Commission in Docket No. CP97-767-000, pursuant to Sections 157.205, and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to install two hot taps, metering and appurtenant facilities for delivery of natural gas to Getty Gas Gathering Company (Getty) in Marion County, Kansas authorized in blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-83-000, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

<sup>2</sup> Koch Gateway Pipeline Company, 41 FERC ¶ 61,306 (1987) in Docket No. CP87-432-000.