

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

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP94-161-006]

Avoca Natural Gas Storage; Notice of Amendment

February 18, 1997.

Take notice that on February 11, 1997, Avoca Natural Gas Storage (Avoca), One Bowdoin Square, Boston, MA 02114, filed in Docket No. CP94-161-006, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, an amendment to the certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by the Commission on September 20, 1994, in Docket No. CP94-161-000. Avoca seeks to construct a brine pipeline, all as more fully set forth in the amendment which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, Avoca seeks to amend its certificate to change the method of brine disposal. Avoca proposes to construct a 45-mile brine pipeline from its storage facility in Avoca, NY to two salt processing plants in Watkins Glen, NY. Avoca states that this will provide it with a viable means of disposing of the brine that will be generated from solution mining of the salt caverns that will be used to store natural gas. As authorized, Avoca was to drill disposal wells into which the brine created by the solution mining of the salt caverns would be injected. However, it has been determined that this method is no longer a viable option for disposal of brine.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said amendment should on or before March 11, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. 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.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this amendment 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 Avoca to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. OA97-519-000]

Bangor Hydro-Electric Company; Notice of Filing

February 18, 1997.

Take notice that on January 31, 1997, Bangor Hydro-Electric Company ("Bangor") tendered for filing pursuant to Order No. 889, its Code of Conduct.

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 Rules 210, 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.210, 385.211 and 385.214). All such petitions or protests should be filed on or before February 28, 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 petition to intervene. Copies of this application are on file with the Commission and available for inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. OA97-520-000]

Citizens Utilities Company; Notice of Filing

February 18, 1997.

Take notice that on January 31, 1997, Citizens Utilities Company (Citizens) tendered for filing in Docket No. OA97-520-000, Standards of Conduct and Procedures for Compliance applicable to its Vermont Electric Division ("VED"). In addition, Citizens requests waiver of Section 37.4 of the Commission's regulations, 18 CFR 37.4, in order to allow one employee of its VED to engage in both wholesale merchant functions and transmission operations of a six-month period.

Citizens, as more fully detailed in its filing, states that its Standards of Conduct are in substantial compliance with the requirements of Order No. 889 and Section 37.4 of the Commission's regulations issued thereunder.

Citizens states that it served copies of this filing on all affected state commissions and customers, as well as on certain other interested parties.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filings 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 Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before February 28, 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP97-149-000]

Gas Research Institute; Notice of Public Conference

February 18, 1997.

Take notice that on March 21, 1997, the members of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will hold a public conference to discuss the future funding of research and development (R&D) in the natural gas industry. Specifically, the members of the Commission are interested in a public policy discussion of the appropriate role

of the Gas Research Institute (GRI) in funding R&D.

The conference will be divided into four parts. The first part will consist of a presentation by GRI describing its current program, including the various sources of funding for the program.

The second part will consist of a panel focusing on whether GRI's current program is appropriate. As a threshold matter, the panel should address the question of what is the appropriate role of joint research and development in today's market environment. The Commission seeks input on (1) whether the program should stay at its current funding level; (2) whether it should be increased and, if so, to what level; or (3) whether it should be decreased to a core program and, if so, what should be included.

The third and fourth parts of the conference will address the matters contained in GRI's January 24, 1997, motion for an expedited technical conference. In that filing GRI proposed a two stage technical conference. GRI said:

GRI proposes that the *first stage* of the requested technical conference be devoted to the following questions: Whether there is an equitable mechanism under FERC auspices that in today's regulatory environment would fund a core gas industry/GRI cooperative R&D program with widely dispersed benefits that are not subject to capture by a single party? And, if so, what would be the fundamental attributes of such a long-term funding mechanism and the appropriate scope and design of such a core R&D program?

GRI further proposes that the *second stage* of the technical conference be devoted to the following question: Whether the currently pending proposal is appropriate for use in transitioning to a long-term funding mechanism or as a basis for developing a long-term funding mechanism?

During this portion of the conference, the Commission seeks input on whether the proposed GRI funding mechanism requires captive customers to shoulder more than their fair share of R&D funding and is thereby unduly discriminatory.

The conference will be convened at 9:30 a.m. at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. The Commission will issue a supplemental notice that will further describe the structure of the conference.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP97-55-003]

Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

February 18, 1997.

Take notice that on February 11, 1997, Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership (Great Lakes) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, 2nd Sub First Revised Sheet No. 20, to be effective June 1, 1997.

Great Lakes states that the above named tariff sheet is being filed to clarify the Heat Content provision of Section 8.1 of the General Terms and Conditions as proposed in its January 29, 1997 filing to convert its rates and tariff from a volumetric to a thermal basis in compliance with the Commission's Order No. 582 and to convert its Btu measurement from a wet to a dry basis in compliance with the Commission's Order No. 587.

Great Lakes intends that when the heat content of gas received at any point drops below 1013 Btu per cubic foot and it is unable to transport a shipper's scheduled daily delivery due to this drop, Great Lakes will utilize the Curtailment provision of Section 11.4 of the General Terms and Conditions, but only for those shippers from whom gas was received at that point.

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 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 Commission's Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96-53-004]

NE Hub Partners, L. P. Notice of Amendment

February 18, 1997.

Take notice that on February 13, 1997, NE Hub Partners, L.P. (NE Hub) filed in Docket No. CP96-53-004 an amendment to its pending application filed in Docket No. CP96-53-000

requesting to omit the original request for authorization to provide hub services and firm or interruptible transportation services, all as more fully set forth in the amendment which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said petition to amend should, on or before March 11, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. 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. All persons who have heretofore filed need not file again.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. OA97-518-000 and ER97-1477-000]

New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Notice of Filing

February 18, 1997.

Take notice that New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc., on January 30, 1997, tendered for filing its FERC Open Access Transmission Tariff, two rate schedules and a petition for waiver from requirements under Part 37 of the Commission's regulations, as promulgated in Order 889.

On January 30, 1997 the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative will complete the payment and retirement of all debts issued by the Rural Utilities Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, and it accordingly will become a Public Utility subject to the general regulatory jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under Part II of the Federal Power Act. At the present time, the Cooperative provides transmission service to one customer, Goodrich Falls Hydroelectric Company, and it sells its share of the output of Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant Unit No. 1 to the Public Service Company of New Hampshire. Regulatory jurisdiction over these two