

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 proceedings.

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.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-771-000]

Florida Gas Transmission Company and Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation; Notice of Joint Application

September 17, 1998.

Take notice that on September 10, 1998, Florida Gas Transmission Company (FGT), 1400 Smith Street, P.O. Box 1188, Houston, Texas 77251-1888 and Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (Texas Eastern), 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, Texas 77056-5310, filed in Docket No. CP98-771-000 a request pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for permission and approval to abandon a gas exchange service agreement dated May 24, 1973 (May 24th Agreement), all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

FGT and Texas Eastern state that the May 24th Agreement was approved by the Federal Power Commission in Docket No. CP74-56 and that it provided for the exchange of gas between the parties at points of interconnection between FGT's and Texas Eastern's facilities in Matagorda County, Texas, St. Laundry Parish, Louisiana, and Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana. FGT and Texas Eastern also state that the May 24th Agreement has not been used since prior to June 1, 1993.

FGT and Texas Eastern state that in compliance with Part 154 of the Commission's Regulations, FGT filed the May 24th Agreement as Rate Schedule E-9 in its FERC Gas Tariff Original Volume No. 3, and that Texas Eastern filed the May 24th Agreement as Rate Schedule X-72 in its FERC Gas Tariff Original Volume No. 2.

FGT and Texas Eastern also state that the proposed abandonment will not result in the abandonment of any facilities; will not result in the abandonment of service to any customers; and will not disadvantage any customers.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before October 8, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., 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 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 the 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 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 permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are 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 FGT or Texas Eastern to appear or be represented at the hearing.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-401-000]

Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

September 17, 1998.

Take notice that on September 15, 1998, Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P. (Iroquois) tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheets, with an effective date of October 17, 1998:

Twentieth Revised Sheet No. 4

Fifth Revised Sheet No. 46

Second Revised Sheet No. 46A

Seventh Revised Sheet No. 47

Iroquois states that the instant filing is designed to convert its tariff and rates from a volumetric to a thermal basis. According to Iroquois, TransCanada PipeLines has announced that it will restate its contracts in terms of energy by using an average heating value for the 1997 calendar year; the heating value for deliveries to Iroquois during that time is 1.011693. Iroquois proposes to use this conversion factor in its tariff to simplify the conversion process across the two pipelines. Because its demand rates are based in part upon an assumed 1-to-1 conversion factor, Iroquois has also restated its rates (as approved by the Commission on August 31, 1998 in Docket No. RP97-126) to ensure that this conversion to energy does not adversely impact any customer on a financial basis.

Iroquois states that copies of its filing were served on all jurisdictional customers and interested state commissions.

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

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.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EC98-63-000]

MidAmerican Energy Company and MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company; Notice of Application for Approval of Merger

September 17, 1998.

Take notice that on September 14, 1998, MidAmerican Energy Company and MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company (MidAmerican Holdings) tendered for filing an application pursuant to Section 203 of the Federal Power Act and Part 33 of the Regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for an order authorizing and approving the merger of MidAmerican Holdings and CalEnergy Company, Inc. (the Merger). Applicants have requested Commission approval of the Merger by the end of 1998.

Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of August 11, 1998, MidAmerican Holdings will merge with and into a special purpose, wholly-owned subsidiary of CalEnergy, MAVH, Inc., which is an Iowa corporation, with MidAmerican Holdings to be the surviving corporation. Each issued and outstanding share of MidAmerican Holdings will be cancelled upon consummation of the Merger and converted to the right of the holder thereof to receive \$27.15. Each share of MAVH, Inc. will be converted into one share of the surviving corporation, MidAmerican Holdings. As a result of the Merger, MidAmerican Holdings will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of CalEnergy, which, immediately prior to the Merger, will reincorporate in the State of Iowa and be renamed MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such 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 385.214). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before November 16, 1998. Protests will be considered by

the Commission to determine the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. 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.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-386-001]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

September 17, 1998.

Take notice that on September 14, 1998, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), filed in compliance with the Commission's letter, requesting working papers to support the Gas Supply Realignment Reverse Auction Tracker Unrecovered balance and corresponding carrying charges.

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

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 and Regulations. All such protests must be filed on or before September 24, 1998. 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 proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. PR95-9-000 and PR95-9-001]

Three Rivers Pipeline Company; Order Approving Settlement and Instituting Proceeding

Issued September 17, 1998.

On August 17, 1995, Three Rivers Pipeline Company (Three Rivers) filed an uncontested settlement of its rates for transportation service rendered under § 311(a)(2) of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA). Subsequently, staff sent Three Rivers data requests concerning its transportation services and jurisdictional status. Based on our review of the settlement and the record in this proceeding, the Commission finds that the settlement is a reasonable resolution of the issues concerning Three Rivers' rates in effect between April 1, 1995, and the issuance of any future order approving superseding rates based on the outcome of the proceeding instituted by this order. The Commission also finds, however, that Three Rivers should be required to explain why the Commission should not find Three Rivers to be an interstate pipeline subject to the Commission's Natural Gas Act (NGA) jurisdiction. In the alternative, Three Rivers may produce evidence that it qualifies as a "Hinshaw pipeline" exempt from Commission jurisdiction under the provisions of section 1(c) of the Natural Gas Act.

I. Background and Related Proceedings

A. Facilities

In 1946, Mobil Oil Company (Mobil) constructed a 300-mile long, 8-inch diameter oil-products pipeline extending from southwest Pennsylvania, at Midland, to the border of New Jersey. Mobil currently uses its pipeline east of Altoona, Pennsylvania, for the transportation of oil products. On August 29, 1991, Three Rivers purchased approximately 121 miles of Mobil's oil-products pipeline extending from Midland to Altoona in order to render natural gas service. Three Rivers, then owned by subsidiaries of GEMCO Gas Marketing, Inc. and Pentex Petroleum, Inc., converted the oil products pipeline to natural gas use. Subsequently, Three Rivers added compression on the eastern portion of its system, main line valves, and interconnections with National Fuel Gas Supply (National Fuel) at the Midland receipt point, and delivery points at downstream locations in Pennsylvania