

the preference will be administered consistent with applicable law, regulation, or executive order, and collective-bargaining agreements. This preference is not immediately applicable through an outsourcing action or follow-on contract in which the current employees are first offered their same or similar jobs with the replacement contractor in order to avoid a layoff.

An individual's hiring preference continues until termination by the action (or inaction) of that individual. Initially, and on an annual basis thereafter, eligible individuals must certify their desire to retain their hiring preference. Actions that would terminate an individual's hiring preference include: voluntary termination or termination for cause from a position that was obtained through the exercise of the preference, or failure to comply with the annual certification requirement.

Each field organization should develop procedures to ensure that the hiring preference is being honored by all prime contractors and designated subcontractors. Field organization procedures should also describe how the Job Opportunity Bulletin Board System is to be utilized by affected contractors and eligible individuals.

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

##### *A. Regular Employees*

1. Must have been working at a defense nuclear facility on September 27, 1991;
2. Must have worked full-time (or regular part time) at a facility from that date through the date of the restructuring notification; and
3. Must have been involuntarily separated other than for cause.

##### *B. Intermittent Workers, Including Construction Workers*

1. Must have worked at a defense nuclear facility on or before September 27, 1991;
2. Must have worked at a facility within 180 days preceding the work force restructuring notification;
3. Must have worked at a facility a total time, including time worked prior to September 27, 1991, equivalent to an employee having worked full-time from September 27, 1991, to the date of the restructuring notification, or have actually worked the industry standard of full-time from September 27, 1991, through the date of the restructuring notification; and
4. Must have been affected by the announced restructuring within a reasonable period of time (one year is suggested). For an intermittent worker, this includes the interruption of a project before its anticipated completion, or the completion of the assignment or project without prospect for a follow-on assignment at the site where the employee had a reasonable expectation of a follow-on assignment.

#### **Appendix D—Department of Energy Order 350.1**

##### **Contractor Human Resource Management Programs, September 30, 1996**

##### **Chapter 1—Labor Relations**

##### **Chapter 2—Labor Standards**

##### **Chapter 3—Reduction in Contractor Employment**

The Department of Energy is making the text available at <http://www.wct.doe.gov/owct/Documentation/350order.html>.

##### **Department of Energy Acquisition Letter No. 93-4**

The Department of Energy is making the text available at <http://www.wct.doe.gov/owct/Documentation/acq93.html>.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

##### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RP99-180-000]

##### **National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff**

December 7, 1998.

Take notice that on December 2, 1998, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National Fuel) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1, the tariff sheets listed on Appendix A to the filing, with a proposed effective date of January 1, 1999.

National Fuel states that the purpose of this filing is to (i) revise its storage transfer tariff provisions to allow cross-contract storage balance transfers and to prevent ISS shippers from avoiding injection charges under the ISS Rate Schedule by a transfer of storage balances from a firm storage agreement, (ii) provide for additional notice and a return schedule under the IAS Rate Schedule, (iii) provide for the cash-out of imbalances for inactive in-kind shippers, (iv) exclude automatically balanced EFT receipts from balancing fee and cash-out calculations, and (v) make various corrections.

National Fuel states that it is serving copies of this filing with its firm customers and interested state commissions. National Fuel also states that copies are also being served on all interruptible customers as of the date of the filing.

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, N.E., Washington, D.C.

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. CP99-90-000]

##### **Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Application To Abandon**

December 7, 1998.

Take notice that on November 24, 1998, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee), P.O. Box 2511, Houston, Texas 77252, filed an application in Docket No. CP99-90-000 pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for authority to abandon 7,000 Dth/day of firm transportation service for New England Power Company (NEPCO) under Tennessee's Rate Schedule NET and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations. Tennessee further requests that the Commission grant such abandonment authorization retroactively effective April 1, 1996. Tennessee's proposal is more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Tennessee states that on April 1, 1996, Tennessee and NEPCO amended the Rate Schedule NET contract to reduce the transportation, quantity from 60,000 Dth/day to 53,000 Dth/day. In addition, Tennessee and NEPCO entered into a new contract which provided that 7,000 Dth/day would be transported pursuant to Tennessee's Rate Schedule NET-284 and Part 284 of the Commission's regulations.

Tennessee explains that 7,000 Dth/day of NEPCO's part 157 service was converted to Part 284 service after posting, from March 14, 1996 through December 31, 1996, on Tennessee's EBB of an offer to waive the deadline for

notice by a Rate Schedule NET shipper of its election to convert, contained in Section 1(b) of Rate Schedule NET-284. Tennessee states that the waiver was made pursuant to Article XXXIII (formerly Article XXXI) of the General Terms and Conditions of Volume No. 1 of Tennessee's FERC gas tariff which provides that Tennessee may waive such provisions without seeking the Commission's approval if the waiver is uniformly applicable to all affected customers. Tennessee further states that all Rate Schedule NET shippers were given the opportunity to elect to convert all or a portion of their NET transportation quantity to service under Rate Schedule NET-284.

On August 21, 1998, Tennessee filed an application in Docket No. CP98-739-000 requesting authorization to abandon 53,000 Dth/day of service to NEPCO under the amended NET contract and to permit USGen New England, Inc. to assume NEPCO's service entitlement pursuant to a new firm transportation agreement under Rate Schedule NET. By letter dated November 6, 1998, in Docket No. CP98-739-000, the Director of the Commission's Office of Pipeline Regulation informed Tennessee that it must file an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for authority to abandon part of NEPCO's Part 157 service earlier converted to Part 284 service.

Any person desiring to be heard or make any protest with reference to said application should on or before December 28, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 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 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, or if the

Commission on its own review of the matter finds that permission and approval of 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 Tennessee 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. RP99-179-000]

#### Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

December 7, 1998.

Take notice that on December 2, 1998, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, certain new and revised tariff sheets listed on Appendix A attached to the filing. The proposed effective date of such tariff sheets is January 1, 1999.

Transco states that the purpose of this filing is to modify the General Terms and Conditions of Transco's tariff to specify the types of rate discounts that are permissible and, as such, would not constitute a material deviation from the pro forma service agreement. These proposed tariff provisions would be applicable to Transco's Rate Schedules FT, IT, FT-G, FTN, WSS, ESS, and ISS. Transco has made corresponding changes in the provisions of each applicable Rate Schedule to reference the new provisions in Section 40 of the General Terms and Conditions of its tariff.

Transco states that it is serving copies of the instant filing to its affected 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, N.E., Washington, D.C. 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. EC99-13-000, et al.]

#### Upper Peninsula Power Company, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

December 4, 1998.

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

##### 1. Upper Peninsula Power Company

[Docket No. EC99-13-000]

Take notice that on November 30, 1998, Upper Peninsula Power Company (UPPCo) tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) an Application pursuant to Section 203 of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 824b, for authority to sell certain transmission facilities, consisting primarily of a tie line between the Presque Isle Power Plant and the City of Marquette, to the Marquette Board of Light and Power.

A copy of this Application was served on the Michigan Public Service Commission.

*Comment date:* December 29, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

##### 2. Central Illinois Light Company

[Docket No. EC99-14-000]

Take notice that on November 30, 1998, Central Illinois Light Company (CILCO) filed an application pursuant to Section 203 of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 824b, to transfer operational control over substantial portions of its transmission facilities to the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (Midwest ISO).

CILCO states that this filing is intended to reflect the fact it has joined the Midwest ISO, and to allow for the transfer of control of the identified facilities to the Midwest ISO.