

ground facility sites (valve, remote blow-off, and metering facility). In addition 4.3 acres would be retained as permanent right-of-way. The remaining 7.3 acres of land would be restored and allowed to revert to its former use.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires that the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. We call this "scoping". The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- geology and soils
- water resources, fisheries, and wetlands
- vegetation and wildlife
- endangered and threatened species
- public safety
- land use
- cultural resources
- air quality and noise
- hazardous waste

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the

instructions in the public participation section on pages 4 and 5 of this notice.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Maritimes. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- One federally listed threatened species may occur in the proposed project area.
- The Penobscot River would be crossing by a directional drill.

Also, we have made a preliminary decision to not address the impacts of the nonjurisdiction facilities. We will briefly describe their location and status in the EA.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentator, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative locations/routes), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send two copies of your letter to: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch, PR-11.2;
- Reference Docket No. CP98-797-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before January 18, 1999.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor". Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide 14 copies of its filings to

the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 2). Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention.

You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered. Additional information about the proposed project is available from Mr. Paul McKee of the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-1088 or on the FERC website (www.ferc.fed.us) using the "RIMS" link to information in this docket number.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. TM98-2-59-004]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

December 15, 1998.

Take notice that on December 10, 1998, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), filed a response in compliance with the Commission's Order Accepting Tariff Sheets Subject To Conditions dated November 25, 1998.

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

Any person desiring to protest this 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 proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER99-220-000]

NYSEG Solutions, Inc.; Notice of Issuance of Order

December 15, 1998.

NYSEG Solutions, Inc. (NYSEG Solutions), an energy services company which is affiliated with NYSEG, a traditional electric utility, filed an application requesting that the Commission authorize it to engage in wholesale power sales at market-based rates, and for certain waivers and authorizations. In particular, NYSEG Solutions requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liabilities by NYSEG Solutions. On December 14, 1998, the Commission issued an Order Granting Waiver Of Notice And Conditionally Accepting For Filing Tariffs For Market-Based Power Sales And Reassignment Of Transmission Rights (Order), in the above-docketed proceeding.

The Commission's December 14, 1998 Order granted the request for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the conditions found in Ordering Paragraphs (E), (F), and (H):

(E) Within 30 days after the date of issuance of this order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the Commission's blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities by NYSEG Solutions 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 385.214.

(F) Absent a request to be heard within the period set forth in Ordering Paragraph (E) above, NYSEG Solutions is hereby authorized to issue securities and assume obligations and liabilities as guarantor, indorser, surety or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issue or assumption is for some lawful object

within the corporate purposes of NYSEG Solutions, compatible with the public interest, and reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

(H) The Commission reserves the right to modify this order to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued Commission approval of NYSEG Solutions' issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities.

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Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is January 13, 1999.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-159-001]

Southern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes to FERC Gas Tariff

December 15, 1998.

Take notice that on December 9, 1998, Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Seventh Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets to become effective December 1, 1998:

First Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 45 of Rate Schedule FT
Original Sheet No. 45a of Rate Schedule FT
First Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 58b of Rate Schedule FT-NN
First Substitute Third Revised Sheet No. 65 of Rate Schedule IT

Southern states that it files the three substitute and one original tariff sheets to correct an omission of the term "gain" from its November 25, 1998 filing in Docket No. RP99-159-000 and to incorporate the definition of the term "net revenue gain" into its Tariff.

Any person desiring to protest this 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 proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-52-003]

Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation; Notice of Supplemental Compliance Filing

December 15, 1998.

Take notice that on December 8, 1998 Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (Texas Eastern) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Sixth Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff Sheets to become effective January 11, 1999:

Fourth Revised Sheet No. 487
Fifth Revised Sheet No. 487A
First Revised Sheet No. 487B
First Revised Sheet No. 487C
First Revised Sheet No. 487D
First Revised Sheet No. 487E
Fifth Revised Sheet No. 488
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 488A
Fifth Revised Sheet No. 489
Third Revised Sheet No. 490
Third Revised Sheet No. 491
Third Revised Sheet No. 491A
Second Revised Sheet No. 492

Texas Eastern asserts that the above listed tariff sheets are being filed to supplement Texas Eastern's earlier filings in the Docket Nos. RP99-52-000 and RP99-51-001 to comply with the Commission's Order No. 587-H, Final Rule Adopting Standards for Intra-day Nominations and Order Establishing Implementation Date (Order No. 587-H) issued on July 15, 1998, in Docket No. RM96-1-008.

Texas Eastern states that in its answer to a protest filed by Yankee Gas Services Company (Yankee) asserting that Texas Eastern's filings eliminated the flexibility in Texas Eastern's tariff to make hourly nomination changes, Texas Eastern stated that it had reevaluated the nomination flexibility in its filings and that it would submit tariff sheets to reinstate the flexibility which existed prior to Texas Eastern's filings in the referenced dockets, with the addition of the GIBS intraday requirements as minimum standards. Texas Eastern