

Commission's regulations, in order to adopt a January 1, 1998 effective date rather than December 15, 1997.

Finally, CNG states that it seeks to consolidate the remaining identical provisions from all of its GSS and GSS-II rate schedules at a new Section 35 of the General Terms and Conditions.

Any person desiring to protest this 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 Sections 385.211 and 385.214 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed on or before March 4, 1998. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken in this proceeding, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene. Copies of CNG's filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP96-190-012]

Colorado Interstate Gas Company; Notice of Filing of Refund Report

February 20, 1998.

Take notice that on February 17, 1998, Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG), filed a refund report in Docket No. RP96-190-000.

CIG states that the filing and refunds were made to comply with the Commission's Order of October 16, 1997. CIG states that these amounts were paid by CIG on December 15, 1997.

CIG states that the refund report summarizes transportation and gathering refund amounts for the period October 1, 1996 through September 30, 1997, pursuant to Article 2.2 of CIG's Stipulation and Agreement as approved in the Commission's October 16, 1997 Order.

CIG states that the copies of CIG's filing are being mailed to all holders of the tariff and to public bodies and that the filing is available for public inspection at CIG's offices in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Any person desiring to protest said 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 February 27, 1998. 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 proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER98-1671-000]

Fitchburg Gas and Electric Company; Notice of Filing

February 20, 1998.

Take notice that on January 30, 1998, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Company tendered for filing a summary of activity for the quarter ending December 31, 1997.

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, 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 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before March 3, 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 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.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP87-39-005]

Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Amendment

February 20, 1998.

Take notice that on February 13, 1998, Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc. (Granite State), 300 Friberg Parkway, Westborough, Massachusetts 01581, filed an application with the Commission, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations, requesting an extension to April 30, 1999, of the limited-term certificate to operate an interstate pipeline facility leased from Portland Pipe Line Corporation (Portland), with pregranted abandonment, consistent with a recently negotiated agreement between Granite State and Portland to extend the lease of the pipeline facility. Granite State further requests the Commission to confirm that the amended lease will not convert Portland into a jurisdictional natural gas company and that the revenues received by Portland from the amended lease will not be considered in deriving Portland's rates for the transportation of oil, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

According to Granite State, it has leased from Portland an 18-inch pipeline extending approximately 166 miles from a connection with its pipeline near Portland, Maine, to the U.S.-Canadian border in the Township of North Troy, Vermont, opposite Highwater, Quebec. The pipeline was originally built and operated as a crude oil pipeline; Granite state converted the pipeline for natural gas service in 1987 (40 FERC ¶ 61,165); operated the pipeline pursuant to an amended lease with Portland and a limited-term certificate issued by the Commission expiring March 31, 1997 (69 FERC ¶ 61,186). Granite State further says that it currently operates the pipeline pursuant to a second amended lease with Portland and a limited-term certificate issued by the Commission expiring April 30, 1998 (76 FERC ¶ 61,247).

Granite State states that it has negotiated a third extension of the lease with Portland for 12-months, to April 30, 1999, to ensure that the leased Portland pipeline will be in standby availability for use during the 1998-99 winter season, if the recently certificated pipeline proposed by

Portland Natural Gas Transmission System (PNGTS) is not completed and ready for service by November 1, 1998, in order to provide continuous firm transportation services for its customers, Bay State Gas Company (Bay State) and Northern Utilities, Inc. (Northern Utilities). Granite State also says that Bay State and Northern Utilities have independently proposed to replace the seasonal base load gas supplies delivered over the leased pipeline with transportation capacity that each has reserved on PNGTS. Granite State further states that it has the option to terminate the proposed third lease extension by notice to Portland 90 days (August 1, 1998) prior to November 1, 1998, if it develops during the spring and summer of 1998 that PNGTS is actually being constructed on schedule for completion by November 1, 1998. According to Granite State, no new facilities are required to operate the leased pipeline during the extension of the lease, and no new services are proposed in the application.

According to Granite State, the principal provisions of the third lease extension shows that Granite State, whether or not it exercises the option to terminate the extension early, will have to pay Portland: (1) A one-time payment of \$1,500,000 on October 25, 1998 for the opportunity to hold the pipeline available for use in natural gas transportation beginning November 1, 1998; and (2) \$8,500,000 reimbursement toward the cost of reconverting the leased line to oil transportation service. Granite State also says that the other provisions of the third lease extension, which are discussed in the application, include the: (1) Time when the leased line will be idled (May 1 through October 31, 1998) for pre-conversion work by Portland; and (2) rental costs which include fixed costs and contingent obligations. Granite State further says that costs related to the third lease extension will not be recovered in the present rates and Granite State intends to file a Section 4 rate filing no later than May 1, 1998 to propose an increase in its rates to recover the costs of the third lease extension.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before March 13, 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 on the request for a permanent certificate but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to the 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 the application, if no motion to intervene is filed within the time requested herein, and if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the certificate is required by public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own 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 Granite State to appear or be represented at the hearing.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-108-002]

Koch Gateway Pipeline Company; Notice of Filing

February 20, 1998.

Take notice that on February 17, 1998, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch) tendered for filing its report of the PAL Service after one year of operation.

Koch states that this filing is in compliance with Section 9 of the PAL Rate Schedule. The Commission required Koch to file a report 45 days after the first year of operating experience.

Koch states that copies of this filing have been served upon each party contained in the official service list as

compiled by the Secretary in the above captioned proceeding.

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 motions or protests must be filed on or before February 27, 1998. All 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.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-373-000]

Koch Gateway Pipeline Company; Notice Rescheduling Informal Settlement Conference

February 20, 1998.

Take notice that the informal settlement conference scheduled to convene in this proceeding on February 24, 1998 has been canceled and rescheduled for February 25, 1998, at 1:00 p.m., at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C., for the purpose of exploring the possible settlement of the above-referenced docket.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 385.214).

For additional information, contact Edith A. Gilmore at (202) 208-2158 or Sandra J. Delude at (202) 208-0583.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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