

processing times for Commission workload. The goal of this comprehensive information management system will be the development of a common, multipurpose, standards-based infrastructure that accepts electronic filings and maintains all Commission data in a data repository accessible electronically by Commission staff and eventually the public. Electronic filing pilots through the Commission's Web Site will assist in the development of standards, minimize the number of filing types and streamline filing requirements. When completed, electronic filing will substantially reduce the cost of paper, copying, postage, and messenger services for those who file at the Commission.

The initial pilot will allow the following categories of documents to be submitted electronically with the Commission in accordance with its regulations in 18 CFR Part 385:

- Motions to Intervene and Notices to Intervene § 385.214;
- Protests filed pursuant to §§ 385.208 and 385.211;
- Comments filed in rulemaking proceedings and in connection with Environmental Impact Statements;
- Comments on pleadings other than those set for hearing under Subpart E of the regulations and settlement comments;

- Answers to pleadings and rulemaking comments filed in accordance with § 385.213, other than those in proceedings set for hearing under Subpart E of the regulations;
- Withdrawals of comments in pleadings and rulemakings in accordance with § 385.206, other than those in proceedings set for hearing under Subpart E of the regulations;
- Amendments to such pleadings and rulemaking comments pursuant to § 385.215, other than those in proceedings set for hearing under Subpart E of the regulations;

These documents were selected for this pilot because of the lack of complexity in the information that is submitted to the Commission. During the pilot phase, participants will still be required to file paper copies in accordance with the Commission's current regulations in addition to filing the electronic submission.

Further impetus for expanding the use of electronic filing at the Commission is to ensure its compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (Pub. L. 104-13) and its commitment to the provisions of OMB's regulations at 5 CFR 1320 and corresponding guidance in OMB Circular A-130. The PRA calls

upon agencies to "promote the use of information technology by the Federal Government to improve productivity, efficiency, and effectiveness of Federal Programs, including through dissemination of public information and the reduction of information collection burdens on the public." (44 U.S.C. 3504(h)(5)). The goal is to have regulated entities file with the Commission fewer, and ultimately no, paper documents, as appropriate. The electronic submission also creates a transaction where documents can be accessed and retrieved faster and, as a result, the Commission response will be measurably faster.

The Commission is seeking emergency clearance for this pilot because the normal clearance procedures would disrupt the Commission's planned implementation of an electronic filing program and the Commission's strategic goal of reducing the regulatory burden on industries through the generation of better and more timely information for use by industries, minimizing the filing burden and reducing workload processing times for both industries and Commission staff.

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. TM00-1-148-000]

#### Garden Banks Gas Pipeline, LLC; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

September 2, 1999.

Take notice that on August 27, 1999, Garden Banks Gas Pipeline, LLC (GBGP) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, Second Revised Sheet No. 6, to become effective October 1, 1999.

GBGP states that the purpose of this filing is to implement the tracking of the ACA Unit Surcharge authorized by the Commission to be applied to rates in 1999 for recovery of 1999 current year annual charges. The ACA Unit Surcharge authorized by the Commission for fiscal year 1999 is \$0.0022 per Dth.

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. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. RP99-486-000]

#### Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Tariff Filing

September 2, 1999.

Take notice that on August 27, 1999, Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc. (Granite State) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1 the following tariff sheets, with an effective date of August 1, 1999:

Third Revised Sheet No. 202  
Second Revised Sheet No. 210  
First Revised Sheet No. 276A  
Second Revised Sheet No. 278  
Tenth Revised Sheet No. 289  
First Revised Sheet No. 330

Granite State states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with Order No. 587-K issued on April 2, 1999. The revised tariff sheets reflect certain Version 1.3 standards promulgated by the Gas Industry Standards Board which were adopted by the Commission and incorporated by reference in Commission's Regulations. Granite State also proposes to reflect in its FERC Gas Tariff several GISB standards that were erroneously omitted from previous GISB compliance filings.

Granite State requests waiver of the Commission's regulations to permit the proposed tariff sheets to become effective on August 1, 1999.

According to Granite State, copies of the filing have been mailed to all affected customers and applicable state regulatory agencies.

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, NW., 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. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

**David P. Boergers,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. TM00-1-4-000]

#### Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

September 2, 1999.

Take notice that on August 30, 1999, Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc. (Granite State) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, the revised tariff sheets listed below for effectiveness on October 1, 1999.

Twenty-First Revised Sheet No. 21

Twenty-Second Revised Sheet No. 22

According to Granite State, the foregoing tariff sheets propose a revised Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) surcharge applicable to its firm transportation services during the third quarter of 1999 to reimburse Granite State for certain electric power costs that it is obligated to pay Portland Pipe Line Corporation pursuant to the terms of a lease of a pipeline from Portland Pipe Line.

Granite State further states that the total surcharge of \$0.5238 consists of the sum of two components: the Quarterly Forecast PCA factor of \$0.0000 which is based on projected incremental electric power costs to be billed to Granite State during the third quarter of 1999 and the Reconcilable PCA factor of \$0.5238 which reconciles the accumulated over/under past surcharge collections in the

Deferred Account on a quarterly basis. The method for developing the surcharge in the foregoing manner was approved by the Commission in orders issued in Docket Nos. RP98-155-003, *et al.* and TM98-4-4-000, *et al.*, according to Granite State.

Granite State further states that copies of its filing have been served on its firm and interruptible customers and on the regulatory agencies of the states of Maine, Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

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. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

**David P. Boergers,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. TM00-1-159-000]

#### Nautilus Pipeline Company, L.L.C.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

September 2, 1999.

Take notice that on August 27, 1999, Nautilus Pipeline Company, L.L.C. (Nautilus) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, Second Revised Sheet No. 9, with an effective date of October 1, 1999.

Nautilus states that the purpose of this filing is to implement the tracking of the ACA Unit Surcharge authorized by the Commission to be applied to rates in 1999 for recovery of 1999 current year annual charges. The ACA Unit Surcharge authorized by the Commission for fiscal year 1999 is \$0.0022 per Dth.

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 § 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with § 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. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

**David P. Boergers,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-191-001]

#### Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Amendment

September 2, 1999.

Take notice that on August 26, 1999, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124-1000, filed in Docket No. CP99-191-001 a request pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act for the issuance of an expedited certificate of public convenience and necessity for phased in construction of the Elk River Loop 1999 Project, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Communications concerning this filing should be addressed to: Mary Kay Miller, Vice President of Rates & Certificates, Northern Natural Gas Company, Post Office Box 3330, Omaha, Nebraska 68103-0330, Telephone: 402-398-7060, Fax: 402-398-7006, or Keith L. Peterson, Director of Certificates and Reporting, Northern Natural Gas Company, Post Office Box 3330, Omaha, Nebraska 68103-0330, Telephone: 402-398-7421, Fax: 402-398-7592.

On February 2, 1999, Northern filed a prior notice request to install and