

Number of respondents (1)	Annual number of responses per respondent (2)	Average burden hours per response (3)	Total annual burden hours (1)×(2)×(3)
129 .....	.5	93.5	6,031
Every 2 yrs. 129 .....	1.0	93.5	12,061

The estimated total cost to respondents is \$301,550, (i.e. 6,031 hours divided by 2,087 hours per year per full time employee multiplied by \$104,350 per year per average employee equals \$301,550). The cost per respondent is \$2,338.

The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide the information including: (1) Reviewing instructions; (2) developing, acquiring, installing, and utilizing technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, verifying, processing, maintaining, disclosing and providing information; (3) adjusting the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; (4) training personnel to respond to a collection of information; (5) searching data sources; (6) completing and reviewing the collection of information; and (7) transmitting, or otherwise disclosing the information.

The estimate of cost for respondents is based upon salaries for professional and clerical support, as well as direct and indirect overhead costs. Direct costs include all costs directly attributable to providing this information, such as administrative costs and the cost for information technology. Indirect or overhead costs are costs incurred by an organization in support of its mission. These costs apply to activities which benefit the whole organization rather than any one particular function or activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or

other forms of information technology e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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#### [Docket No. RP97-278-000]

#### Alabama-Tennessee Natural Gas Company; Notice of Petition for Waiver of EDI and EDM Standards

March 7, 1997.

Take notice that on March 3, 1997, Alabama-Tennessee Natural Gas Company (Alabama-Tennessee) filed a request to the Commission for waiver of Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) and Electronic Delivery Mechanism (EDM) Standards.

Alabama-Tennessee requests the Commission to grant a temporary waiver of the Gas Industry Standards Board (GISB) datasets in EDI ASC × 12 format that were approved in Order No. 587 and (2) the EDM standards governing the method for transmitting the EDI data sets that were approved in Order No. 587-B.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this petition should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before March 14, 1997. 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. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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#### [Docket No. CP93-252-002]

#### El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Amendment

March 7, 1997.

Take notice that on February 11, 1997, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso), Post Office Box 1492, El Paso Texas 79978, filed in Docket No. CP93-252-002, an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to amend its pending application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity filed with the Commission on March 16, 1993 in Docket No. CP93-252-000 (the Samalayuca Lateral Expansion Project) to eliminate mainline facilities, to provide for incremental rate treatment for the costs of the Samalayuca Lateral Expansion Project, and to submit long-term transportation agreements, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, El Paso submitted Transportation Service Agreements (TSAs) between El Paso and two shippers which serves as evidence of binding, long-term firm commitments. El Paso states that Gasoductos de Chihuahua, S. de R.L. de C.V. (Gasoductos) and Pemex Gas y Petroquímica Básica (Pemex) have executed TSAs with El Paso for transportation of up to 168,133 Mcf (172,000 MMBtu) per day and 39,101 Mcf (40,000 MMBtu) per day, respectively, on the Samalayuca Delivery Lateral Line. El Paso indicates that its TSAs with Gasoductos and Pemex will provide for transportation service from a point on El Paso's mainline at its Hueco Compressor Station, where the proposed Samalayuca Delivery Lateral Line will commence, to the International Boundary between the United States and Mexico.

El Paso proposes to eliminate the following facilities included in its original application: (i) compression totalling 28,000 horsepower at the proposed Toyah Lake and Sierra Diablo Compressor Stations; (ii) compression totalling 4,800 horsepower through an uprating and restaging of one turbine unit at the existing Gresham Compressor Station; and (iii) 14.9 miles of 30-inch

O.D. pipeline loop. El Paso states that these modifications will reduce the overall capital cost of the Project from \$56.6 million to \$15.4 million. El Paso says that the proposed take away capacity of the Samalayuca Delivery Lateral Line will be reduced from 300,000 Mcf per day to 208,000 Mcf (212,000 MMBtu) per day.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before March 28, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 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. All persons who have heretofore filed need not file again.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary*

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**[Docket No. CP93-253-002]**

**El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Amendment**

March 7, 1997.

Take notice that on March 3, 1997, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso), Post Office Box 1492, El Paso, Texas 79978, filed in Docket No. CP93-253-002, an application to amend the Presidential Permit and Section 3 authorization issued by the Commission in Docket No. CP93-253-000, to modify the border crossing facilities at the International Boundary between United States and Mexico, all as more fully set forth in the amendment which is on file with the Commission and open for public inspection.

Specifically, El Paso requests that the Commission amend the Section 3 authorization and Presidential Permit granted to El Paso on November 29, 1993 in Docket No. CP93-253-000, to increase the 1,000 feet of 24-inch O.D. border crossing pipeline to be constructed across the Rio Grande River by an additional 500 feet. El Paso states that the additional 500 feet of 24-inch O.D. pipeline is needed because El Paso

proposes to directionally drill the Rio Grande River border crossing. El Paso states that directionally drilling the Rio Grande River at the International Boundary is economically prudent, environmentally preferable and the best engineering alternative.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said amendment should on or before March 28, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 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 385.211). 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 3 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 a grant of the certificate is 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 El Paso to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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**[Docket No. RP97-279-000]**

**Gasdel Pipeline System, Inc.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff**

March 7, 1997.

Take notice that on March 5, 1997, Gasdel Pipeline System, Inc. (Gasdel) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1-A, certain tariff sheets to be effective April 4, 1997.

Gasdel states that the purpose of the filing is to comply with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Order No. 582, issued on September 28, 1995 in Docket No. RM95-3-000, and with the Commission's order issued on February 3, 1997 in Docket Nos. RP97-91-000, et al., 78 FERC ¶ 61,099 (1997).

Gasdel requests waiver of the Commission's regulations to the extent necessary to permit the tariff sheets submitted to become effective April 4, 1997.

Gasdel states that copies of the filing are being mailed to its jurisdictional customers and interested state regulatory agencies.

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, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or 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 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 in the Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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**[Docket No. RP96-320-008]**

**Koch Gateway Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff**

March 7, 1997.

Take notice that on March 5, 1997, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheet, to be effective March 1, 1997:

Third Revised Sheet No. 29

Koch states that this tariff sheet removes from the tariff two expired negotiated rate transactions.

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