

Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (15 U.S.C. 717-717w) and provisions of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGP), 15 U.S.C. 3301-3432. Under the NGA, a natural gas company must obtain Commission approval to engage in the transportation, sale or exchange of natural gas in interstate commerce. However, Section 7(c) exempts from certificate requirements "temporary acts or operations for which the issuance of a certificate will not be required in the public interest." The NGPA also provides for non-certificated interstate transactions involving intrastate pipelines and local distribution companies.

A temporary operation, or emergency, is defined as any situation in which an actual or expected shortage of gas supply would require an interstate pipeline company, intrastate pipeline, local distribution company, or Hinshaw pipeline to curtail deliveries of gas or provide less than the projected level of service to any customer. The natural gas companies file the necessary information with the Commission so that it may determine if the transaction/operation qualifies for exemption. A report within forty-eight hours of the commencement of the transportation, sale, or exchange, a request to extend the sixty-day term of the emergency

transportation, if needed, and a termination report are required. The data required to be filed for the forty-eight-hour report is specified by 18 CFR 284.270 (a) (b), (c). The termination report is required by 18 CFR 284.270(d).

Action

The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection of data.

Burden Statement

Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated as:

Number of respondents annually	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total annual burden hours
(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)×(2)×(3)
55	1	10	550 hours.

The estimated total cost to respondents is \$27,500 (550 hours divided by 2,087 hours per year per employee times \$104,350 per year per average employee = \$27,500). The cost per respondent is \$500.

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. RP97-88-002]

Alabama-Tennessee Natural Gas Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

January 24, 1997.

Take notice that on January 21, 1997, Alabama-Tennessee Natural Gas Company (Alabama-Tennessee) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheet with a proposed effective date of May 21, 1997:

First Substitute Third Revised Sheet No. 101

Alabama-Tennessee states that the purpose of the filing is to comply with the order issued by the Commission in this proceeding on December 19, 1996 (77 FERC ¶16,281).

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 Rule 211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211). 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 proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP97-234-000]

Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

January 24, 1997.

Take notice that on January 21, 1997 Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheets, with an effective date of February 23, 1997:

Twenty-ninth Revised Sheet No. 20A
Original Sheet No. 99G

Algonquin states that the purpose of this filing is to flow through a refund from National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation related to its Account Nos.

191 and 186, as filed in Docket No. RP97-83-000.

Algonquin states that copies of this filing were mailed to all affected customers of Algonquin and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or 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 18 CFR Sections 385.214 and 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 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. CP97-199-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

January 24, 1997.

Take notice that on January 17, 1997, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 1700 MacCorkle Avenue, S.E., Charleston, West Virginia 25314, filed in Docket No. CP97-199-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212) for authorization to construct and operate an additional point of delivery in Greensville County, Virginia, under Columbia's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-76-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Columbia proposes to construct and operate an additional point of delivery for firm transportation service to Commonwealth Gas Services, Inc. (COS), and will provide the service pursuant to Columbia's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP86-240-000 under existing authorized rate

schedules and within certificated entitlements. The estimated quantity delivered at this point will be 1600 Dth/day and 106/090 Dth annually. As part of the firm transportation service to be provided, COS has requested that their existing SST Agreement with Columbia be amended by increasing 1600 Dth/day at the proposed new Georgia-Pacific point of delivery and reducing the MDDOs at the existing Portsmouth #4 point of delivery by 1600 Dth/day. The quantities of natural gas to be provided through the new point of delivery will be within Columbia's existing design day and annual customer obligations. Columbia states that the construction cost is estimated at \$99,800 and that COS will reimburse Columbia 100% of the total actual cost of construction.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (19 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket Nos. RP97-233-000 and TM97-3-25-002]

Mississippi River Transmission Corporation; Notice of Corrected Filing and Request for Waiver

January 24, 1997.

Take notice that on January 21, 1997, Mississippi River Transmission Corporation (MRT) submitted for filing revised worksheets to correctly account for the costs in its Miscellaneous Revenue Flowthrough Adjustment filing in Docket No. TM97-3-25-000. In addition, MRT filed a request for a waiver of the provisions of Section 18.2 of the General Terms and Conditions of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, to permit MRT to credit

to each Rate Schedule FTS and SCT Customer based on each Customer's contract demand at January 1, 1997; ITS Customers will receive a credit based on actual usage during 1996. MRT also requests a waiver of such other provisions of its FERC Gas Tariff, or other Commission regulations, as may be necessary to allow this filing to become effective as proposed.

MRT states that copies of this filing have been mailed to each of MRT's customers, all parties on the official service list in Docket No. TM97-3-25-000, and the State Commissions of Arkansas, Illinois, and Missouri.

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 Sections 385.211 and 385.214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before January 31, 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. 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.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP97-201-000]

National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

January 24, 1997.

Take notice that on January 21, 1997, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National), 10 Lafayette Square, Buffalo, New York 14203, filed a request with the Commission in Docket No. CP97-201-000, pursuant to Sections 157.205, and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to construct and operate a sales tap authorized in blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-4-000, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

National proposes to construct and operate a new sales tap in McKean