

calculations, and any new customer added after January 1, 1997, will be billed GRI each month based on the actual throughput for each month of prior service until a 12-month history is established.

In Opinion 407, issued by the Commission on September 27, 1996, in Docket No. RP96-267-000, the Commission waived the requirements of individual pipeline tariffs so that presently effective tariff sheets reflecting the 1996 GRI funding surcharges need not be restated since the approved charges for 1997 are the same as the GRI charges approved for 1996. Nevertheless, Columbia is filing Attachment A so as to insure that the load factors resulting from its calculations are a matter of public record.

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, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.214 and Section 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. TQ97-3-23-000]

**Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company;
Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC
Gas Tariff**

December 31, 1996.

Take notice that on December 27, 1996 Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company (ESNG) tendered for filing certain revised tariff sheets in the above captioned docket as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, with a proposed effective date of January 1, 1997.

ESNG states that the revised tariff sheets included herein are being filed pursuant to Section 21 of the General Terms and Conditions of ESNG's Gas Tariff to reflect changes in ESNG's jurisdictional rates. The sales rates set

forth herein reflect an increase of \$0.6852 per dt in the Commodity Charge, as measured against ESNG's Out-Of-Cycle Quarterly PGA filing, Docket No. TQ97-2-23-000, *et al.*, filed on November 26, 1996 to be effective on December 1, 1996.

The commodity current purchased gas cost adjustment reflects ESNG's projected cost of gas for the month of January 1997, and has been calculated using its best estimate of available gas supplies to meet ESNG's anticipated purchase requirements. The increased gas costs in this filing are a result of higher prices being paid to producers/suppliers under ESNG's market-responsive gas supply contracts.

ESNG states that copies of the filing have been served upon its jurisdictional customers and interested State Commissions.

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 Rule 211 and Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). 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.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. GT97-17-000]

**Equitrans L.P.; Notice of Proposed
Changes in FERC Gas Tariff**

December 31, 1996.

Take notice that on December 23, 1996, Equitrans, L.P. (Equitrans), tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheet, to become effective January 1, 1997.

Fourth Revised Sheet No. 400
Fifth Revised Sheet No. 401

Equitrans states that this filing is made to update Equitrans' index of customers. In Order No. 581 the Commission established a revised format for the Index of Customers to be included in the tariffs of interstate

pipelines and required the pipelines to update the index on a quarterly basis to reflect changes in contract activity. Equitrans requests a waiver of the Commission's notice requirements to permit the tariff sheet to take effect on January 1, 1997, the first calendar quarter, in accordance with Order No. 581.

Equitrans states that a copy of its filing has been served upon its customers 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. in accordance with section 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's 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. EG97-12-000]

**Hidro Iberica B.V.; Notice of
Amendment to Application for
Commission Determination of Exempt
Wholesale Generator Status**

December 31, 1996.

On December 30, 1996, Hidro Iberica B.V. (the "Applicant") whose address is 4e Etage, 3012 CA Rotterdam, The Netherlands, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an amendment to its application (the "Application") for exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to Part 365 of the Commission's Regulations, filed in the above-referenced Docket on November 4, 1996, as previously amended on December 11, 1996.

Any person desiring to be heard concerning the amendment to the Application should file a motion to intervene or comments 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. The Commission will

limit its consideration of comments to those that concern the adequacy or accuracy of the application. All such motions and comments should be filed on or before January 10, 1997 and must be served on the Applicant. 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. RP97-201-000]

National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

December 31, 1996.

Take notice that on December 23, 1996, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National Fuel), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, the tariff sheets listed in Appendix A to the filing, to be effective April 1, 1997.

National Fuel states that this filing is submitted as a companion filing to its December 16, 1996 Order No. 587 compliance filing. National Fuel states that the purpose of this filing is to make certain changes intended to facilitate its compliance with Order No. 587 and to streamline its tariff and operations, including: (1) expedition of the nomination and scheduling process, (2) simplification of the allocation process, (3) contracts with operators of interconnecting facilities, (4) a new bulletin board system, (5) consolidation of provisions regarding requests for service, (6) removal of certain provisions relating to National Fuel's Order No. 636 restructuring, (7) timing of flowback credits, (8) removal of certain forms from the tariff, and (9) conversion of service under the SS-1 and SS-2 Rate Schedules to a dekatherm basis.

National Fuel states that it is serving copies of the filing with its firm customers, interested state commissions and each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary. Copies are also being served on all interruptible customers as of the date of the filing.

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 385.214 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. RP97-202-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

December 31, 1996.

Take notice that on December 23, 1996, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), tendered for filing to become part of Northern's FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets, proposed to be effective January 23, 1997:

First Revised Sheet No. 135D
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 144

Reason for Filing

Northern states that the purpose of this filing is to modify Northern's FDD and IDD Rate Schedules applicable to firm and interruptible storage services by providing increased service flexibility through the addition of eight (8) points available for receipt and delivery of storage services.

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

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, DC, 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such petitions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. All protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken in this proceeding, but will not serve to make Protestant a party 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 inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP96-306-001]

Paiute Pipeline Company; Notice of Motion To Place Suspended Rates Into Effect

December 31, 1996.

Take notice that on December 26, 1996, Paiute Pipeline Company (Paiute) filed a motion pursuant to Section 4(e) of the Natural Gas Act and Section 154.206(a) of the Commission's regulations to make effective on January 1, 1997, certain rates and a tariff sheet in connection with Paiute's request for general rate relief in Docket No. RP96-306-000. Specifically, Paiute has moved to place into effect on January 1, 1997, Fifth Revised Sheet No. 10 of Second Revised Volume No. 1-A of its FERC Gas Tariff.

Paiute states that on July 1, 1996, Paiute filed certain revised tariff sheets in this proceeding, pursuant to Section 4 of the Natural Gas Act, to implement a proposed general rate increase. Paiute further states that by order issued July 31, 1996, the Commission accepted Paiute's proposed rates and suspended their effectiveness for five months to become effective January 1, 1997, subject to refund. Paiute states that in its suspension order, the Commission accepted the proposed rates subject to the condition that Paiute revise its rates to remove the costs of facilities not placed in service as of December 31, 1996.

With its motion, Paiute submitted Fifth Revised Sheet No. 10. Paiute indicates that Fifth Revised Sheet No. 10, in accordance with the Commission's suspension order, sets forth the rates proposed by Paiute in its July 1, 1996, filing in this proceeding, modified to reflect the exclusion of costs associated with facilities which will not be placed in service as of December 31, 1996. Paiute also states that Fifth Revised Sheet No. 10 incorporates the change in the annual charge adjustment surcharge rate which was approved by the Commission in Docket Nos. TM97-1-41-000 and TM97-1-41-001 by orders issued September 27 and November 6, 1996 respectively. Paiute moves that Fifth Revised Sheet No. 10 be made effective January 1, 1997.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,