

motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-190-000]

National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation; Notice of Filing

January 4, 1999.

Take notice that on December 22, 1998, National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation (National Fuel Distribution) tendered for filing a request for limited waiver of the Commission's "shipper must have title" policy as it relates to transportation services provided to National Fuel Gas Distribution by interstate pipelines.

National Fuel Gas Distribution states proceedings on its application to unbundle its distribution services are under way at the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PaPUC). National Fuel Distribution states that the request for limited waiver is necessary to enable National Fuel Distribution to implement its retail unbundling program. National Fuel Distribution further states that copies of the filing have been mailed to all parties in the PaPUC unbundling proceeding and each of National Fuel Distributor's interstate pipeline suppliers.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file 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 and 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 proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

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[Docket No. RP99-192-000]

Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

January 4, 1999.

Take notice that on December 23, 1998, Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company (Panhandle) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the tariff sheets listed on Appendix A attached to the filing, to be effective January 23, 1999.

Panhandle states that the purpose of this filing, made in accordance with the provisions of Section 154.204 of the Commission's Regulations, is to reduce the notice period from 15 days to 5 business days for firm shippers to request changes in their primary points of receipt and delivery and to make other housekeeping changes to reflect clarifications or correct inadvertent omissions. Based on shipper requests and Panhandle's improved administrative process, Panhandle is able to reduce the processing time for firm shippers to request changes in primary points of receipt and delivery. Shippers will be allowed to request such changes twice in any thirty day period giving them additional flexibility to manage their needs.

Panhandle further states that clarifications are needed in two rate schedules. These clarifications do not change the characteristics of the service or the current administration of the rate schedules. The revised tariff sheets clarify Rate Schedule SCT to provide that the transmission charge applies only up to shipper's MDCQ and modify Rate Schedule FS to correct the date by which a shipper must reduce its storage quantity to 20% of the Maximum Stored Quantity from April 1, the end of the traditional withdrawal cycle, to the end of the withdrawal period specified in the service agreement. The flexibility of Rate Schedule FS allows shippers to select non-traditional injection and withdrawal cycles. Further housekeeping changes revise Section 2.4(f) of the General Terms and Conditions to clarify the information available on the electronic bulletin board relating to the current posting requirements of Order 566 and to correct references.

Panhandle states that a copy of this filing is available for public inspection during regular business hours at Panhandle's office at 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, Texas 77056-5310. In

addition, copies of this filing are being served on 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, 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.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-128-000]

Steuben Gas Storage Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

January 4, 1999.

Take notice that on December 21, 1998, Steuben Gas Storage Company (Steuben), 500 Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan 48243, filed a prior notice request with the Commission in Docket No. CP99-128-000 pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to increase the natural gas volumes and increase the maximum stabilized reservoir pressure at the Adrian gas storage field in Steuben County, New York, under Steuben's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP96-119-000, *et al.*, pursuant to Section 7 of the NGA, all as more fully set forth in the request which is open to the public for inspection.

Steuben proposes to increase the maximum volume of natural gas authorized to be stored in the Adrian gas storage field from 8,200 MMcf to 8,500 MMcf and to increase the maximum stabilized reservoir pressure from 2,188 psia to 2,202 psia. Steuben states that it would not construct any new facilities in this proposal. Steuben also states that it is now apparent that

the Adrian gas storage field's pore volume, and thus, its storage capacity is slightly greater than was previously estimated and certificated by the Commission in docket No. CP89-1684-000. Steuben further states that rounding up to a new maximum inventory of 8,500 MMcf would require a slight increase in the certificated maximum pressure.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after the commission has issued this notice, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the allowed time, 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 NGA.

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[Docket No. RP99-191-000]

Trunkline Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

January 4, 1999.

Take notice that on December 23, 1998, Trunkline Gas Company (Trunkline) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the tariff sheets listed on Appendix A attached to the filing, to be effective January 23, 1999.

Trunkline states that the purpose of this filing, made in accordance with the provisions of Section 154.204 of the Commission's Regulations, is to: (1) reduce the notice period from 15 days to 5 business days for firm shippers to request changes in their primary points of receipt and delivery; and (2) make other housekeeping changes to reflect clarifications or correct inadvertent omissions. Based on shipper requests and Trunkline's improved administrative process, Trunkline is able to reduce the processing time for firm shippers to request changes in primary points of receipt and delivery. Shippers will be allowed to request

such changes twice in any thirty day period giving them additional flexibility to manage their needs.

Trunkline further states that housekeeping changes are required to clarify the language in the billing section of several Trunkline rate schedules. Trunkline is not changing its current billing procedures for these rate schedules. The revised tariff sheets clarify the usage charge under Rate Schedule SST applies only up to shipper's Maximum Daily Quantity (MDQ), or Maximum Daily Receipt Obligation (MDRO) for gathering, (thereafter the overrun rate applies in accordance with the current tariff language) and that gathering overrun charges apply to quantities in excess of shipper's MDRO at points of receipt designated as gathering under Rate Schedules FT, SST, EFT, QNT and LFT. Other housekeeping changes are required to: (1) update the point of origin of Trunkline's pipeline system on the preliminary statement; (2) modify the definition of eligible points of delivery in Section 2.5 of Rate Schedule NNS-2 to be consistent with the change in the applicability of Rate Schedule NNS-2. Pursuant to Commission authorization dated March 3, 1995 in Docket No. RP95-151-000, service under this rate schedule is no longer restricted to the historical sales customers under Trunkline's former tariff.

Trunkline states that a copy of this filing is available for public inspection during regular business hours at Trunkline's office at 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, Texas 77056-5310. In addition, copies of this filing are being served on 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, 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

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Viking Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Application

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Take notice that on December 31, 1998, Viking Gas Transmission Company (Viking) 825 Rice Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55117, filed an application in Docket No. CP99-140-000 pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for permission and approval to abandon certain facilities, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

On September 3, 1998, Viking filed an application in Docket No. CP99-761-000 to construct and operate five segments of 24-inch pipeline loop totaling 45 miles, to install certain above-ground facilities, including crossover assemblies, and to establish a new meter station (the 1999 Expansion). The 1999 Expansion, located in 6 counties in Minnesota, is designed to meet new requests for transportation service and to augment system reliability and operational flexibility.

In conjunction with the 1999 Expansion project, Viking proposes in the subject application to abandon its existing Angus crossover assembly located in Polk County, Minnesota. The crossover facilities consist of a 12-inch sidevalve, a 8-inch blowdown valve, and approximately 80 feet of associated 24-inch pipe together with related valves and fittings. The facilities were installed in 1997, as authorized in Docket No. CP97-93-000 as part of an earlier looping project.¹ Since terminus of the earlier loopline will now be extended southward as a result of looping proposed in Docket No. CP98-761-000, the subject crossover assembly is no longer needed. A new crossover assembly will be installed at the terminus of the Angus loopline proposed in the 1999 Expansion. Removing the Angus crossover assembly is estimated to cost approximately \$6,000. The abandonment is an integral part of the 1999 Expansion and the removal will take place concurrent with

¹ 79 FERC ¶61,136 (1997).