

of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, the revised tariff sheets listed below for effectiveness on January 1, 2000.

Twenty-Second Revised Sheet No. 21
Twenty-Third Revised Sheet No. 22
Second Revised Sheet No. 333
Second Revised Sheet No. 334
First Revised Sheet No. 335

Granite State states that the purpose of this filing is to reconcile and true-up the Deferred Account of its Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) and to delete all tariff language relating to the PCA, since the power usage reimbursement provision of the underlying lease with Portland Pipe Line Corporation has terminated.

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, N.E., Washington, D.C. 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).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP00-36-000, CP00-37-000, and CP00-38-000]

Guardian Pipeline, L.L.C.; Notice of Applications for Certificates

December 7, 1999.

Take notice that on November 30, 1999, Guardian Pipeline, L.L.C. (Guardian), Fairlane Plaza South, 330 Town Center Drive, Dearborn, Michigan 48126-2712, filed an application in Docket No. CP00-36-000 pursuant to

Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct, install, own, operate, and maintain a new interstate natural gas pipeline and ancillary facilities. In Docket No. CP00-37-000, Guardian requests a blanket certificate pursuant to Subpart F of Part 157 of the Commission's regulations to perform certain routine activities and operations. In addition, in Docket No. CP00-38-000, Guardian seeks a blanket certificate pursuant to Subpart G of Part 284 of the Commission's regulations to provide open-access transportation of natural gas for others, all as more fully set forth in the applications which are one 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).

Guardian states that it is a limited liability company formed under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principle place of business in Dearborn, Michigan. Guardian further states that it is jointly owned by CMS Gas Transmission and Storage Company, Viking Gas Transmission Company, and WICOR, Inc.

Guardian states that, in accordance with Order No. 609, within three days of filing its application, Guardian will provide notice to directly affected and adjacent landowners notifying them that Guardian filed its application. Guardian states that this notification will include the information required by the Commission in Order No. 609.

Guardian states that its proposed pipeline system will be comprised of approximately 140.3 miles of new 36-inch natural gas transmission pipeline extending from the Chicago Hub near Joliet, Illinois to a terminus near Ixonia, Wisconsin. Guardian states that it will also construct an 8.5-mile-long, 16-inch Eagle Lateral off its mainline at a point near Eagle, Wisconsin. At Ixonia, Guardian proposes to interconnect with nonjurisdictional facilities to be constructed, owned, and operated by Wisconsin Gas Company (Wisconsin Gas), a local distribution company exempt from the Commission's regulation under the Hinshaw amendment to the NGA. At Eagle, via its Eagle Lateral, Guardian proposes to interconnect with the existing non-jurisdictional Eagle pipeline, jointly owned by Wisconsin Gas and Wisconsin Electric Power Company.

Guardian states that it will provide up to 750,000 Dth/d of transportation service in a cost-effective, safe and environmentally responsible manner from the multiple gas supply sources and competitive upstream

transportation, storage and related service providers at the Chicago Hub. Guardian estimates that the total cost of constructing the pipeline and appurtenant facilities will be approximately \$224.3 million.

Guardian proposes an in-service date of November 1, 2002. To meet its targeted in-service date, Guardian requests that the Commission issue a Preliminary Determination on non-environmental issues on or before May 15, 2000, a Draft Environmental Impact Statement in September 2000, a Final Environmental Impact Statement in January 2001, and final certificate authorization on or before March 1, 2001.

Guardian contends that issuance of the requested certificates by March 1, 2001 is necessary to ensure that Guardian has adequate time to secure rights-of-way and to construct its pipeline to meet its November 1, 2002 in-service date and satisfy its agreements with its shippers. Guardian states that it has been advised by one of its shippers that the existing long-term contracts with the shipper's existing pipeline supplier begin expiring on their own terms on October 31, 2003. Guardian states that it has been further advised that such shipper must give notices of intent as to the roll-over of the contracts on or before October 31, 2001. According to Guardian, this shipper requires regulatory certainty that Guardian will be able to meet its in-service date before it is required to provide such contract notices to the existing pipeline supplier.

In addition to its mainline and Eagle Lateral, Guardian states that it will also construct and operate an Alliance Meter Station and Launcher Facility in Will County, Illinois; a 100-foot-long, 30-inch Northern Border Interconnect Pipeline and Meter Station in Will County, Illinois; a 550-foot-long, 24-inch Midwestern Gas Interconnect Pipeline and Meter Station in Will County, Illinois; a 200-foot-long, 16-inch Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America Interconnect Pipeline and Meter Station in Will County, Illinois; a 25,080 horsepower (hp) Joliet Compressor Station in Will County, Illinois; an Eagle Lateral Tap Valve and Launcher Facility at the beginning of the Eagle Lateral in Walworth County, Wisconsin; an Eagle Meter Station and Receiver Facility in Waukesha County, Wisconsin; a Northern Natural Meter Station in Walworth County, Wisconsin; and an Ixonia Meter Station and Receiver Facility in Jefferson County, Wisconsin.

According to Guardian, its application meets the requirements of the Commission's recently-issued

regulations regarding certificate applications promulgated in Order No. 603 as well as the standards set forth in the Commission's Statement of Policy issued in Docket No. PL99-3-000. Specifically, Guardian states that, as a new pipeline, its project passes the Commission's "no subsidies" test. Guardian further states that its project was developed to eliminate or minimize impacts on the potentially affected interests of existing customers, captive shippers of existing pipelines, and landowners and the environment. Guardian contends that the public

benefits of its project are significant and outweigh any adverse impacts that may remain despite Guardian's minimization of those impacts. For all of these reasons, Guardian asserts that its project is in the public convenience and necessity.

Guardian states that it held an open season in which it made capacity on its system available to interested shippers on a nondiscriminatory basis. As a result Guardian states that it executed binding precedent agreements with four shippers for 702,500 Dth/d of firm transportation service. Guardian asserts

that the executed precedent agreements demonstrate that there is market demand for natural gas transportation service on Guardian from the Chicago Hub to markets in northern Illinois and Wisconsin. Guardian further asserts that the market study included in Exhibit I to its application demonstrates that projected growth in gas demand in the Wisconsin and northern Illinois markets support its project.

Based on executed precedent agreements to date, Guardian proposes to provide firm transportation service for the following shippers:

Shippers	Volume (Dth/d)	Term (years)
Wisconsin Gas Company	650,000	10
Alliant Energy	10,000	10
WPS Energy Services, Inc.	2,500	10
Shipper A (confidential)	40,000	10

Guardian proposes to provide open access firm transportation service under Rate Schedule FT-1, and interruptible transportation service under Rate Schedule IT-1, under rates, terms, and conditions set forth in its pro forma tariff submitted with its application. Guardian proposes to offer both negotiated and recourse rates. Guardian explains its recourse rates are traditional cost-of-service based rates, designed under the straight-fixed variable method. Guardian contends that its negotiated rates are different from its recourse rates in that Guardian offered to all shippers in its open season the option to elect, instead of recourse rates, either (i) a 10-year or 15-year fixed rate, or (ii) an annual declining rate for a minimum term of 10 years up to a maximum term of 15 years. Guardian says that during its open season process it offered firm shippers the choice of negotiated or recourse rates and each shipper who executed a precedent agreement elected negotiated rates.

Guardian estimates the total capital cost of constructing the pipeline and appurtenant facilities will be approximately \$224.3 million, excluding AFUDC. Of the total estimated capital construction cost, Guardian states that \$196.3 million relates to pipeline and ancillary facilities, and \$28.0 million relates to a compressor station. Guardian says that to date, its project has been financed by equity furnished by the project sponsors. Guardian states that, following issuance of the Commission's certificate order, it anticipates that the project will be financed during the remainder of the construction phase through debt capital, with the debt

raised in the commercial bank market. Guardian's anticipated initial capital structure on the in-service date will be 70% debt and 30% equity, and with an 8.25% cost of debt and 14% return on equity. Guardian expects that the credit support for the debt will be the shipper contracts and the debt will be non-recourse to project sponsors during the initial term of the shipper contracts. Guardian states that it has not yet finalized precise financing plans.

Guardian further requests that the Commission grant any waivers of its regulations that the Commission may deem necessary to grant the relief requested herein.

Guardian states that, in accordance with Order No. 603, the name, address, and telephone number for a Guardian contact person is: Ms. Molly Mulroy, Guardian Pipeline, L.L.C., 835 Virginia Road, Unit B, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014, 1-800-782-7182.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make protest with reference to said application should on or before December 28, 1999, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 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 or 385.214) 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. The Commission's rules require that protestors provide copies of their protests to the party or parties directly involved. 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.

A person obtaining intervenor status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Commission and will receive copies of all documents issued by the Commission, filed by the applicant, or filed by all other intervenors. An intervenor can file for rehearing of any Commission order and can petition for court review of any such order. However, an intervenor must submit copies of comments or any other filing it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as 14 copies with the Commission.

A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have comments considered. A person, instead, may submit two copies of comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of environmental documents and will be able to participate in meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission and will not have the right to seek rehearing or appeal the Commission's final order to a federal court.

The Commission will consider all comments and concerns equally,

whether filed by commenters or those requesting intervenor status.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to jurisdiction conferred upon the Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the NGA 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 Guardian to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-113-000]

Mississippi River Transmission Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

December 7, 1999.

Take notice that on December 1, 1999, Mississippi River Transmission Corporation (MRT) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheets to be effective, January 1, 2000:

1st Revised Thirty Third Revised Sheet No. 5

1st Revised Thirty Third Revised Sheet No. 6

1st Revised Thirtieth Revised Sheet No. 7

MRT states that pursuant to the GRI provisions of the settlement in Docket No. RP98-235, and Commission Order in Docket No. RP99-323, MRT is filing to adjust its annual GRI transportation surcharge rates established in the GRI 2000 RD&D program.

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, N.E., Washington, D.C. 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).

Linwood A. Waston, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-124-000]

National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Notice of Tariff Filing

December 7, 1999.

Take notice that on December 1, 1999, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1, with a proposed effective date of January 1, 2000:

Twenty First Revised Sheet No. 9
Third Revised Sheet No. 43

National states that pursuant to Article III, Section 1, of the approved settlement at Docket Nos. RP94-367-000, et al., National is required to recalculate the maximum Firm Gathering (FG) rate annually to reflect: (a) The changes in the FG reservation determinants based on the FG throughput for the prior 12 months ended October 31; (b) an annual reduction of 2.5 percent in direct Operation and Maintenance Costs; (3) the costs resulting from operation of Sections 2 and 3 of Article III of the settlement; and (d) changes in the IG revenues to be subtracted from the Gathering Cost-of-Service based on the maximum IG rate in effect each month during the prior 12 months ended October 31 times the IG throughput for the same period. The recalculation produced an FG rate of \$9.0785 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, N.E., Washington, D.C.

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).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-125-000]

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

December 7, 1999.

Take notice that on December 1, 1999, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1, Thirteenth Revised Sheet No. 8, with a proposed effective date of January 1, 2000.

National states that the proposed tariff sheets reflect an adjustment to recover through National's EFT rate the costs associated with the Transportation and Storage Cost Adjustment (TSCA) provision set forth in Section 23 of the General Terms and Conditions of National's FERC Gas Tariff.

National further states that copies of this compliance filing were served upon the Company's jurisdictional customers and the regulatory commissions of the States of New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Massachusetts, and New Jersey.

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, N.E., 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