

transferred to low pressure service in order to maintain service to five mainline tap customers in Docket No. CP95-240-000. Columbia indicates that the transfer was necessary due to the relocation of a pipeline corridor in deteriorating Line KA. It is indicated that the proposed abandonment will not result in any loss of service to any customer because they are currently being provided service by Wyoming Natural Gas, a local distribution company. It is further indicated that Mountaineer and the customers agree to the proposed abandonment.

Any person or the Commission's Staff may, within 45 days of the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214), a motion to intervene 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 therefore, the proposed activities 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 If a protest is filed and not withdrawn 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the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 No. CP96-270-000]

**Mid Continent Market Center, Inc.,
Complainant v. Panhandle Eastern
Pipe Line Company, Respondent;
Notice of Complaint**

April 18, 1996.

Take notice that on March 21, 1996, Mid Continent Market Center, Inc. (Mid Continent), P.O. Box 889, 818 Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas 66601, filed a complaint in Docket No. CP96-270-000, pursuant to Section 385.206 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. Mid Continent charges Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company (Panhandle) with undue discrimination and anticompetitive behavior for its failure to timely agree to modify a delivery point and provide natural gas transportation service. The details of Mid Continent's allegations are more fully set forth in the complaint which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Mid Continent is a wholly owned subsidiary of Western Resources, Inc., a

combination electric and gas utility with operations in Kansas and Oklahoma. Western Resources, Inc. was authorized by the Kansas Corporation Commission to transfer certain transmission, storage and gathering facilities to Mid Continent in June 1995. Mid Continent is interconnected with four interstate and four intrastate pipelines and provides firm and interruptible natural gas transportation service as well as short-term storage and balancing services. In Docket No. CP95-684-000, the Commission granted Mid Continent a Hinshaw exemption and a Part 284 Blanket Certificate to transport, sell, and assign gas in interstate commerce (72 FERC ¶ 62,274 (1995)).

Mid Continent alleges that Panhandle has exercised undue discrimination and anticompetitive behavior by delaying and/or refusing to modify interconnect facilities with a pipeline that Mid Continent has contracted to purchase from KN Interstate Gas Transmission Company. The proposed interconnects would be in the vicinity of Panhandle's Haven, Kansas compressor station in Reno County, Kansas. The interconnects would allow Mid Continent to deliver up to 100,000 MMBtu per day into Panhandle's market area on an interruptible basis. Mid Continent also says that gas delivered to Panhandle could move via released capacity or under firm contracts held on Panhandle by Mid Continent's customers.

Mid Continent asks the Commission to order Panhandle to cease its discriminatory and anticompetitive behavior and allow modification of the interconnects, at Mid Continent's expense. According to Mid Continent, Panhandle has built interconnections for other similarly situated interruptible shippers, Kansas Pipeline Partnership (KPP) and National Steel Corporation, but has rejected other like requests. One such rejected request, made jointly by Missouri Gas Energy (MGE) and KPP, is the subject of the pending complaint by MGE in Docket No. CP95-755-000.

Mid Continent urges the Commission to stop Panhandle from preferentially providing new interruptible interconnects to certain shippers while denying interconnects to competing systems such as Mid Continent. Mid Continent says that Panhandle is restraining competition and keeping its customers captive by denying those customers access to competitive options.

Mid Continent says that Panhandle's tariff requires only that a party seeking service reimburse Panhandle or cause Panhandle to be reimbursed for the costs associated with construction or modification of the receipt and delivery

facilities to be used. Mid Continent says that it is committed to reimburse Panhandle for such costs.

Mid Continent also alleges Panhandle's actions violate the pro-competitive policies underlying antitrust laws, which the Commission is bound to apply. Mid Continent says that it needs expeditious action by the Commission so that it can construct its own related facilities in time for an opportunity to compete with Panhandle for service to Panhandle's customers as their current firm contracts expire this year. Absent relief, Mid Continent seeks a full evidentiary hearing on an expedited basis.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make protest with reference to this complaint should on or before May 3, 1996, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 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 385.214 or 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. Answers to the complaint shall be due on or before May 3, 1996.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96-4-002]

**Mid Louisiana Gas Company; Notice of
Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff**

April 18, 1996.

Take notice that on April 16, 1996, Mid Louisiana Gas Company (Mid Louisiana), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets:

Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 131

Mid Louisiana states that the purpose of the filing of the Revised Tariff Sheets is to comply with the Commission's directive in order Accepting and Dismissing Tariff Sheets dated April 12, 1996, by including personnel names in the update to the listing of shared personnel and facilities.

Pursuant to Section 154.7(a)(7) of the Commission's Regulations, Mid Louisiana respectfully requests waiver

of Section 154.207, Notice requirements, as well as any other requirement of the Regulations in order to permit the tendered tariff sheets to become effective January 25, 1996, as submitted.

Mid Louisiana states that, in compliance with Section 154.208, paper copies of the Revised Tariff Pages and this filing are being served upon its jurisdictional customers and appropriate state regulatory agencies.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in Section 254.210 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 compliance 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. CP96-322-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application

April 18, 1996.

Take notice that on April 15, 1996, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124, filed in Docket No. CP96-322-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for permission and approval to abandon and remove the Sterling Co. No. 1 compressor station in Sterling County, Texas, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Northern states that the Sterling Co. No. 1 compressor station, which consists of one 1,000 horsepower unit, is no longer being utilized due to changes in operating conditions which have eliminated the need for this station. Northern further states that the volumes produced upstream of this station are split connected and currently flow to other pipelines, therefore, Northern requests authorization to abandon the Sterling Co. No. 1 compressor station in its entirety with the exception of two 8-inch above-ground valves with appurtenances and an extended stem connected to the

existing 8-inch below-ground block valve which will remain at the site.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before May 9, 1996, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 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 385.214 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.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 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 permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are 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 Northern to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP96-210-000]

Paiute Pipeline Company; Notice of Report of Interruptible Transportation Revenue Credit

April 18, 1996.

Take notice that on April 15, 1996, Paiute Pipeline Company (Paiute), tendered for filing its report of certain revenues which Paiute recently credited to each of its firm transportation (FT) shippers.

Paiute states that credited revenues relate to amounts collected by Paiute for

interruptible transportation (IT) services rendered during the period from November 1, 1994 through October 31, 1995.

Paiute states that pursuant to its tariff, Paiute recently credited to each of its FT shipper revenues collected from IT services rendered during the period from November 1, 1994 through October 31, 1995. Paiute assert that during this period, it collected \$547,601.51 from IT services. The annual amount of costs allocated to IT service in the settlement of Paiute's rate case in Docket No. RP93-6 was \$318,001.

Paiute states that during the annual period beginning November 1, 1994, it collected IT revenues that exceeded the \$318,001 "threshold" amount of revenues in August 1995. Paiute states that of the \$229,600.51 of revenues collected above the threshold amount during the remainder of the annual period, Paiute retained 10%, or \$22,960.06. Paiute further states that it credited to its FT shippers the remaining 90% of the revenues, \$206,640.45, plus interest totalling \$8,521.23, for a total revenue credit of \$215,161.68. Paiute states that the revenue credits were provided to each of Paiute's FT shippers on their monthly invoices which were sent on or about March 15, 1996.

Paiute states that copies of the filing are being served upon all of Paiute's customers and interested state regulatory 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, Washington, DC 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 on or before April 25, 1996. 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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