

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-26732]

Filings Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as Amended ("Act")

June 20, 1997.

Notice is hereby given that the following filing(s) has/have been made with the Commission pursuant to provisions of the Act and rules promulgated thereunder. All interested persons are referred to the application(s) and/or declaration(s) for complete statements of the proposed transaction(s) summarized below. The application(s) and/or declaration(s) and any amendments thereto is/are available for public inspection through the Commission's Office of Public Reference.

Interested persons wishing to comment or request a hearing on the application(s) and/or declaration(s) should submit their views in writing by July 14, 1997, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C. 20549, and serve a copy on the relevant applicant(s) and/or declarant(s) at the address(es) specified below. Proof of service (by affidavit or, in case of an attorney at law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing shall identify specifically the issues of fact or law that are disputed. A person who so requests will be notified of any hearing, if ordered, and will receive a copy of any notice or order issued in the matter. After said date, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

Consolidated Natural Gas Company, et al. (70-7258)

Consolidated Natural Gas Company ("CNG"), a registered holding company, and its subsidiaries Consolidated System LNG Company, CNG Research Company, CNG Financial Services, Inc. ("Financial Services"), Consolidated Natural Gas Service Company, Inc., CNG International Corporation ("International"), CNG Power Services Corporation ("Power Services"), CNG Telecom, Inc. ("Telecom") and The Peoples Natural Gas Company, each of CNG Tower, 625 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222; CNG Coal Company, CNG Producing Company, and CNG Pipeline Company ("Pipeline"), each of CNG Tower, 1450 Poydras Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112; CNG Transmission Corporation, CNG Storage Service Company ("Storage Service") and CNG Iroquois,

Inc. ("Iroquois"), each of 445 West Main Street, Clarksburg, West Virginia 26301; CNG Power Company (formerly CNG Energy Company), CNG Market Center Services, Inc. ("Market Center"), CNG Products and Services, Inc. ("Products and Services"), CNG Energy Services Corporation (formerly CNG Trading Company) ("Energy Services"), CNG Retail Services Corporation ("Retail Services"), each of One Park Ridge Center, P.O. Box 15746, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15244; The East Ohio Gas Company, 1717 East Ninth Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44115; Virginia Natural Gas, Inc. ("VNG"), 5100 East Virginia Beach Boulevard, Norfolk, Virginia 23501; and Hope Gas, Inc., P.O. Box 2868, Clarksburg, West Virginia 26302 (collectively, "Subsidiaries"), have filed a post-effective amendment to an application-declaration pursuant to sections 6(a), 7, 9(a), 10 and 12(b) of the Act and Rules 43 and 45 and 54 thereunder.

By orders dated June 12, 1986 and July 16, 1986, HCAR No. 24128 and 24150 ("Original Orders"), respectively, CNG and most of the Subsidiaries were authorized to establish the Consolidated System Money Pool ("Money Pool").¹ By order dated May 27, 1987 (HCAR No. 24399), Pipeline and Energy Services were authorized to become participants in the Money Pool. By order dated February 14, 1990 (HCAR No. 25040), VNG was authorized to become a participant in the Money Pool. By orders dated May 13, 1991 (HCAR No. 25311), April 8, 1994 (HCAR No. 26021) ("April 1994 Order"), and October 21, 1994 (HCAR No. 26148), Storage Service, Iroquois and Market Center, respectively, were each authorized to become a participant in the Money Pool. In the April 1994 Order, the Commission authorized a change in the interest rate charged on advances from the Money Pool.

Pursuant to an order of the Commission dated February 23, 1995 (HCAR No. 26234), Financial Services is engaged in the business of financing the purchase of certain gas equipment by customers who have or may purchase gas from a CNG subsidiary. By order dated May 30, 1996 (HCAR 26523), CNG was authorized to establish International, for the purpose of making investments in foreign utility companies, as defined in section 33 of the Act, and exempt wholesale generators ("EWGs"), as defined in

section 32 of the Act, outside the United States. By order dated August 28, 1995 (HCAR No. 26363), the Commission authorized CNG to engage in the business of providing certain energy-related products and services to customers of its local distribution subsidiaries and CNG formed Products and Services to engage in this business. By order dated January 15, 1997 (HCAR No. 26647), CNG authorized Retail Services, a subsidiary of Energy Services, to market all types of energy commodities at retail. Power Services is an EWG and is CNG's national power marketing subsidiary. Telecom is an "exempt telecommunications Company," as defined in section 34 of the Act. Financial Services, International, Products and Services, Retail Services, Power Services and Telecom now request authorization to participate in the Money Pool, subject to the terms and conditions previously authorized by the Commission in the Original Orders, as amended by the April 1994 Order.

By orders dated July 26, 1995, March 28, 1996, May 30, 1996, October 25, 1996, November 19, 1996 and January 15, 1997 (HCAR Nos. 26341, 26500, 26523, 26595, 26608 and 26647, respectively), the Commission authorized CNG to establish or acquire interests in entities to engage in certain energy-related businesses more particularly described in those orders. Applicants also request authorization for these entities to participate in the Money Pool, subject to the terms and conditions previously authorized by the Commission in the Original Orders, as amended by the April 1994 Order.

Funds taken from and provided to the Money Pool would be made in the form of open account advances. Open account advances would be repayable not more than one year from the date of the first advance. The rate charged to borrowers from the Money Pool equals the effective weighted average rate of interest on CNG's outstanding commercial paper and/or revolving credit borrowings. If no such borrowings are outstanding on the date of any advance, then the interest rate would be the Federal Funds' effective rate of interest as quoted daily by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, pursuant to delegated authority.

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Secretary.

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¹ Two of the original applicants, The River Gas Company and West Ohio Gas Company, merged into The East Ohio Gas Company pursuant to two Commission orders dated April 29, 1994 (HCAR No. 26038) and December 10, 1996 (HCAR No. 26619), respectively.