

DATES AND TIMES: Tuesday, January 13, 1998, 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Madison Hotel, Dolley Madison Ballroom, 15th & M Streets, NW, Washington, D.C.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard C. Burrow, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (AB-1), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-1709 or (202) 586-6279 (fax).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The electric power industry is in the midst of a complex transition to competition, which will induce many far-reaching changes in the structure of the industry and the institutions which regulate it. This transition raises many reliability issues, as new entities emerge in the power markets and as generation becomes less integrated with transmission.

Purpose of the Task Force

The purpose of the Electric System Reliability Task Force is to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board regarding the critical institutional, technical, and policy issues that need to be addressed in order to maintain the reliability of the nation's bulk electric system in the context of a more competitive industry.

Tentative Agenda

Tuesday, January 13, 1998

- 8:30–8:45 a.m.—Opening Remarks & Objectives—Philip Sharp, ESR Task Force Chairman
- 8:45–10:15 a.m.—Working Session: Discussion of Draft Position Paper on Technical Issues in Transmission System Reliability—Facilitated by Philip Sharp
- 10:15–10:30 a.m.—Break
- 10:30–11:30 a.m.—Working Session: Discussion of a Draft Position Paper on The Role and Shape of the Independent System Operator—Facilitated by Jose Delgado
- 11:30–12:00 p.m.—Public Comment Period
- 12:00–1:15 p.m.—Lunch
- 1:15–2:30 p.m. Working Session: Presentation & Discussion on The Provision of Ancillary Services—Eric Hirst (ORNL) & Facilitated by Philip Sharp
- 2:30–3:45 p.m.—Working Session: Presentation & Discussion on Transmission Pricing Issues—Susan Tierney & Facilitated by Philip Sharp
- 3:45–4:00 p.m.—Public Comment Period
- 4:00 p.m.—Adjourn

This tentative agenda is subject to change. The final agenda will be available at the meeting.

Public Participation: The Chairman of the Task Force is empowered to conduct the

meeting in a fashion that will, in the Chairman's judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. During its meeting in Washington, D.C., the Task Force welcomes public comment. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. The Task Force will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. Written comments may be submitted to Skila Harris, Executive Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board, AB-1, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585.

Minutes: Minutes and a transcript of the meeting will be available for public review and copying approximately 30 days following the meeting at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190 Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C., between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. Information on the Electric System Reliability Task Force and the Task Force's interim report may be found at the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board's web site, located at <http://www.hr.doe.gov/seab>.

Issued at Washington, D.C., on December 18, 1997.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-91-000]

CNG Transmission Corporation; Notice of Tariff Filing

December 18, 1997.

Take notice that on December 15, 1997, CNG Transmission Corporation (CNG), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheet, with an effective date of January 1, 1998:

Second Revised Sheet No. 361A

CNG requests a waiver of the 30-day notice requirement pursuant to 18 CFR Section 154.207 to permit a January 1, 1998 effective date.

CNG states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission's directives in the July 31 Order, as clarified by the October 16 Order, to refile its gathering cost recovery proposal with the appropriate supporting data required by the Commission's regulations.

CNG states that copies of its filing have been mailed to CNG's 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, NE., 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 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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-90-000]

K N Interstate Gas Transmission Co.; Notice of Tariff Filing

December 18, 1997.

Take notice that on December 15, 1997, K N Interstate Gas Transmission Company (KNI) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume 1-C and Second Revised Volume 1-D, to be effective January 15, 1998:

Second Revised Volume No. 1-C
All Tariff Sheets
Second Revised Volume No. 1-D
All Tariff Sheets

KNI states that these tariff sheets are being filed pursuant to Section 154.204 of the Commission's regulations. KNI further states that it is submitting for filing and acceptance the above revised tariff sheet(s) related to the Commission's Order issued on August 1, 1996 in Docket Nos. RP94-328-001 and RP95-81-000 granting KNI's petition for a declaratory order that it lacks market power for its Buffalo Wallow System.

KNI states that copies of the filing were served upon KNI's jurisdictional customers, interested public bodies and all parties to the proceeding.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to this 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 385.211 and 385.214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it 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 petition to intervene in accordance with the Commission Rules. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-127-000]

Koch Gateway Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

December 18, 1997.

Take notice that on December 11, 1997, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch Gateway), Post Office Box 1478, Houston, Texas 77251-1478, filed in Docket No. CP98-127-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.211) for authorization to operate in interstate commerce certain facilities previously constructed and operated to effectuate transportation service pursuant to Section 311 of the Natural Gas Policy Act (NGPA). Koch Gateway makes such request, under its blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-430-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, Koch Gateway states that it constructed the 2-inch tap and dual 2-inch meter station under Section 311 of the NGPA, on behalf of Mississippi Valley Gas Company (Mississippi Valley), a local distribution company in Rankin County, Mississippi. Koch Gateway avers that the cost of constructing the tap, approximately \$83,000 was fully reimbursed by Mississippi Valley. Koch Gateway further states that certification of this point as a jurisdictional facility will provide Mississippi Valley with

additional flexibility in obtaining gas supplies, thus enabling Mississippi Valley to receive gas shipped to this point pursuant to jurisdictional open-access transportation agreements as well as Section 311 agreements.

The estimated peak day requirement for this delivery point is 1,300 MMBtu. It is indicated that the gas volumes will be transported pursuant to Koch Gateway's No Notice Service (NNS) Transportation Rate Schedule. Koch Gateway avers that it has sufficient capacity to render the proposed service without detriment or disadvantage to its other existing customers.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, 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 Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, 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 Natural Gas Act.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. RP96-199-008 and RP98-8-002]

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

December 18, 1997.

Take notice that on December 15, 1997, Mississippi River Transmission Corporation (MRT) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets.

2nd Sub Twenty-Third Revised Sheet No. 7—Nov. 1, 1997; Sub Twenty-Fourth Revised Sheet No. 7—Jan. 1, 1998

MRT states that the purpose of this filing is to change the GSRC Volumetric Charge from \$.0005 to \$.0500 to correct the typographical error in the above mentioned tariff sheets.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such 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 proceeding. 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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP96-199-009]

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

December 18, 1997.

Take notice that on December 15, 1997, Mississippi River Transmission Corporation (MRT) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, the tariff sheets listed on Appendix A to the filing, to be effective January 1, 1998.

MRT states that the purpose of this filing is to place the Period III rates into effect and eliminate Flexible Contract Demand, in accordance with the Stipulation and Agreement filed in this proceeding and approved by the Commission. In addition, as a result of the Commission's comments in its order, MRT is not removing the definition of Receipt Point MDQ from the Tariff but is instead revising the definition to conform with the removal of Flexible Contract Demand.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such 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 proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the