

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 PG&E to appear or be represented at the hearing.

David P. Boergers,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-420-002]

Southern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes to FERC Gas Tariff

January 8, 1998.

Take notice that on January 5, 1998, Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Seventh Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets to become effective February 5, 1998:

First Revised Sheet No. 43
Fifth Revised Sheet No. 44
Second Revised Sheet No. 57
Fifth Revised Sheet No. 58
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 62
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 63
First Revised Sheet No. 154

Southern states that its filing is in compliance with the Commission's December 24, 1997 order approving changes to its OFO procedures and directing Southern to file revised tariff sheets consistent with its order.

Southern states that copies of the filing will be served upon all parties designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in these proceedings.

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 of Practice and Procedure. All such 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. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public

inspection in the Public Reference Room.

David P. Boergers,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-169-000]

Stingray Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

January 8, 1998.

Take notice that on December 31, 1997, Stingray Pipeline Company (Stingray), 701 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois 60148, filed in Docket No. CP98-169-000 a request pursuant to §§ 157.205 and 157.208(b) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.208(b) for authorization to construct, own and operate facilities to connect Stingray's existing East Cameron Block 338 (EC 338), Offshore Louisiana platform to a new production platform to be located in East Cameron Block 373 (EC 373), Offshore Louisiana under Stingray's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP91-1505-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, Stingray proposes to construct, own and operate a dual 8-inch meter and approximately 0.10 miles of 16-inch lateral on a new platform to be located in EC 373; approximately 12.91 miles of 16-inch lateral from the new EC 373 platform to the existing EC 338 platform; and approximately 0.05 miles of 16-inch lateral to connect the 12.91-mile lateral to the existing EC 338 platform. Stingray estimates the cost of the proposed facilities to be \$11,358,000.

Stingray states that it will provide self-implementing transportation service by means of the proposed facilities pursuant to its Order No. 509 blanket certificate and Subparts G and K of Part 284 of the Commission's Regulations. Stingray asserts that the proposed facilities will allow Stingray to receive approximately 24,982,000 Mcf of additional production on annual basis for transportation onshore.

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 § 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.

David P. Boergers,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-168-000]

Williams Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application

January 8, 1998.

Take notice that on December 31, 1997, Williams Natural Gas Company (WNG), P.O. box 3288, Tulsa Oklahoma 74101 filed in Docket No. CP98-168-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act, as amended, to abandon by sale, for subsequent reclaim and abandonment in place about 126.1 miles of pipeline and related facilities in Hemphill County Texas and Ellis, Woods and Woodward Counties, Oklahoma, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, WNG seeks authority to abandon by sale to CPI Pipe and Supply, Inc., to reclaim for salvage and to abandon in place, about 126.1 miles of the Pampa 20-inch acetylene welded line. WNG estimates that the cost of abandonment will be about \$246,550 and the sales price is \$2,825,000.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before January 29, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 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 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 WNG to appear or be represented at the hearing.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EC98-23-000, et al.]

Duke Energy Corporation; et al. Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

January 7, 1998.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

1. Duke Energy Corporation, Nantahala Power and Light Company

[Docket No. EC98-23-000]

Take notice that on December 22, 1997, Duke Energy Corporation ("Duke"), on behalf of itself and certain of its affiliates, and Nantahala Power and Light Company ("Nantahala"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Duke (collectively "Applicants"), tendered for filing pursuant to Section 203 of the Federal Power Act (the "FPA"), 16 U.S.C. 824b, Part 33 of the Commission's Regulations, 18 CFR 33, and 18 CFR 2.26, an Application for an order approving the proposed merger of Nantahala into Duke.

Applicants state that Nantahala, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Duke, will

merge into Duke, with Duke to continue as the surviving corporation. They state that after consummation of the merger, Nantahala will become a division of Duke's Electric Operations Group. According to Applicants, the proposed merger will not result in any change of control over the FPA-jurisdictional facilities, nor will it affect any contracts held by their power marketer affiliates. The Applicants state that they have submitted the information required by Part 33 of the Commission's regulations, and by the Commission's recently-issued Merger Policy Statement (Order No. 592), Inquiry Concerning the Commission's Merger Policy Under the Federal Power Act; Policy Statement (issued December 18, 1996), 61 FR 68,595 (December 30, 1996), to be codified at 18 CFR 2.26), in support of the Application.

Applicants represent that, as required by 18 CFR 33.6, copies of the Application and related testimony and exhibits have been served on each of Duke's and Nantahala's wholesale customers and on the North Carolina Utilities Commission and the South Carolina Public Service Commission.

Comment date: February 20, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

2. Central Illinois Public Service Company

[Docket No. ER98-962-000]

Take notice that on December 8, 1997, Central Illinois Public Service Company (CIPS), tendered for filing a notice of cancellation of the umbrella short-term firm transmission service agreement between CIPS and Delhi Energy Services, Inc. (DESI). The cancellation is at the request of DESI.

CIPS requests an effective date of December 9, 1997 for the notice of cancellation. Accordingly, CIPS requests waiver of the Commission's regulations. CIPS states that a copy of the filing has been served on DESI.

Comment date: January 21, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

3. Louisville Gas and Electric Company

[Docket No. ER98-963-000]

Take notice that on December 8, 1997, Louisville Gas and Electric Company (LG&E), tendered for filing an executed Short-Term Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service Agreement between LG&E and PECO Energy Company under LG&E's Open Access Transmission Tariff.

Comment date: January 21, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

4. Louisville Gas and Electric Company

[Docket No. ER98-964-000]

Take notice that on December 8, 1997, Louisville Gas and Electric Company (LG&E), tendered for filing an executed Short-Term Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service Agreement between LG&E and Southern Indiana Gas & Electric Company (SIGECO) under LG&E's Open Access Transmission Tariff.

Comment date: January 21, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

5. Houston Lighting & Power Company

[Docket No. ER98-965-000]

Take notice that on December 8, 1997, Houston Lighting & Power Company (HL&P), tendered for filing an executed transmission service agreement (TSA) with Entergy Power Marketing Corp. ("Entergy") for Non-Firm Transmission Service under HL&P's FERC Electric Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, for Transmission Service To, From and Over Certain HVDC Interconnections. HL&P has requested an effective date of December 8, 1997.

Copies of the filing were served on Entergy and the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

Comment date: January 21, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

6. Houston Lighting & Power Company

[Docket No. ER98-966-000]

Take notice that on December 8, 1997, Houston Lighting & Power Company (HL&P), tendered for filing an executed transmission service agreement (TSA) with Williams Energy Services Company ("Williams") for Non-Firm Transmission Service under HL&P's FERC Electric Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, for Transmission Service To, From and Over Certain HVDC Interconnections. HL&P has requested an effective date of December 8, 1997.

Copies of the filing were served on Williams and the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

Comment date: January 21, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

7. Houston Lighting & Power Company

[Docket No. ER98-967-000]

Take notice that on December 8, 1997, Houston Lighting & Power Company (HL&P), tendered for filing an executed transmission service agreement (TSA) with Enron Power Marketing, Inc. ("Enron") for Non-Firm Transmission Service under HL&P's FERC Electric Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, for Transmission Service To, From and