

higher out-of-pocket costs and reduced convenience for Medicare-eligible beneficiaries as they seek health care using their Medicare benefit, the Department believes that successful conduct of the MacDill 65 project will demonstrate the Department's ability to operate a cost-effective primary care program for Medicare-eligible beneficiaries.

The Department is also aware that the requirement for all MacDill 65 enrollees to have Medicare Part B represents an increased cost for those who rely solely on no-cost, space-available care at the MTF. However, Medicare regulations require Medicare-risk HMO members to also be enrolled in Part B. As the Department is strongly supportive of Medicare Subvention legislation, it is one of the reasons the Department has implemented a policy of encouraging military retirees to enroll in Part B upon reaching age 65. Also, enrollees in MacDill 65 will require Part B coverage to submit claims to Medicare for civilian provider services.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

International Energy Agency Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Industry Advisory Board to the International Energy Agency will meet November 20, 1998 at the headquarters of the International Energy Agency in Paris, France in connection with a joint meeting of the IEA's Standing Group on Emergency Questions and Standing Group on the Oil Market.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Samuel M. Bradley, Acting Assistant General Counsel for International and Legal Policy, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, 202-586-6738.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with section 252(c)(1)(A)(i) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6272(c)(1)(A)(i)), the following meeting notice is provided:

A meeting of the Industry Advisory Board (IAB) to the International Energy Agency (IEA) will be held on November 20, 1998, at the headquarters of the IEA, 9 rue de la Federation, Paris, France, beginning at approximately 9:30 a.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to permit attendance by representatives of U.S. company members of the IAB at a meeting of the IEA's Standing Group on Emergency Questions (SEQ) (part of which will be held jointly with the Standing Group on the Oil Market (SOM)) that is scheduled to be held at the IEA's offices on November 20. The Agenda for the meeting is under the control of the SEQ and SOM. It is expected that the following Agenda will be adopted:

Meeting of the Standing Group on Emergency Questions

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Approval of the Summary Record of the 93rd Meeting
3. The 1998 SEQ Work Program
4. The 1999 SEQ Work Program
 - Survey of SEQ/SOM Member Budget and Work Program Priorities
5. Policy and Legislative Developments in Member Countries
 - U.S. Energy Policy and Conservation Act
 - Developments in other IEA countries
6. Current IAB Activities
7. Emergency Reserve Situation of IEA Countries
 - Emergency Reserve and Net Import Situation of IEA Countries on 1 July 1998
8. Emergency Reserve Measurement Issues
 - Treatment of Petroleum Coke for IEA Emergency Reserve Purposes—Proposal by the Spanish Administration
9. Emergency Response Issues of IEA Candidate Countries
 - Emergency Reserve Situation of IEA Candidate Countries
10. Emergency Data System and Related Questions
 - Base Period Final Consumption—Q397—Q298
 - Monthly Oil Statistics (MOS) June 1998
 - MOS July
 - MOS August
11. Emergency Response Reviews of IEA Countries
 - Emergency Response Review of Australia
 - Emergency Response Review of Canada
 - Emergency Response Review of New Zealand
 - Emergency Response Review of Finland
 - Progress Report on the Review Program
 - Updated Schedule of Emergency Response Reviews
12. Emergency Reference Guide
 - Update of Emergency Contact

Points List

13. Other Business

- Discussion of possible event to mark 25 years of SEQ work on energy security

Joint Meeting of the Standing Group on Emergency Questions and the Standing Group on the Oil Market

1. Current Oil Market Situation (Based on the monthly Oil Market Report dated 9 November 1998)
2. Oil Supply in the South Atlantic: A Strategic Outlook to 2005
3. External Economic Influences on the World Oil Market: The Implications of Expectations, Inventories and Prices
 - Dr. Philip K. Verleger, P.K. Verleger LLC
4. Report on the Emergency Response Exercise 98

As provided in section 252(c)(1)(A)(ii) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6272(c)(1)(A)(ii)), this meeting is open only to representatives of members of the IAB and their counsel, representatives of members of the SEQ and SOM, representatives of the Departments of Energy, Justice, and State, the Federal Trade Commission, the General Accounting Office, Committees of the Congress, the IEA, and the European Commission, and invitees of the IAB, the SEQ, the SOM, or the IEA.

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Mary Anne Sullivan,
General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-46-000]

Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Application

November 6, 1998.

Take notice that on October 29, 1998, Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin), 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, Texas 77251-1642, filed an application pursuant to Section 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations thereunder for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing Algonquin to construct, own, operate and maintain certain facilities and to abandon certain facilities necessary to render a firm transportation service for up to 46,000

dekatherms per day (Dth/d) of natural gas for Tiverton Power Associates Limited Partnership (Tiverton) to serve its gas-fired electric generation facility to be constructed in Tiverton, Rhode Island (Tiverton Plant). Algonquin also seeks authorization to charge the proposed initial incremental surcharge discussed below. The application is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

On September 3, 1998, Tiverton and Algonquin entered into a precedent agreement and a service agreement under Algonquin's Rate Schedule AFT-1 (September Agreements). Algonquin states that the term of the service agreement is seventeen years. To implement the firm service contemplated by the September 3rd Agreements, Algonquin proposes to utilize existing unsubscribed capacity; to construct delivery point facilities including a tap, meter and connecting pipeline; uprate two existing compressor units at the Chaplin Compressor Station by 900 Horsepower; replace approximately 0.42 miles of existing 10-inch pipe with 30-inch pipe; and, uprate 15.46 miles of 30-inch mainline downstream of Algonquin's existing Burrillville Compressor Station. The uprate of 30-inch mainline would involve replacing in nine segments a total of approximately 1.85 miles of 30-inch mainline pipe with newer higher strength 30-inch pipe. Algonquin states that the primary receipt point for service to Tiverton is to be located at Brookfield, Connecticut; and, the primary delivery point is to be located at the proposed meter station at Tiverton, Rhode Island. Algonquin proposes to commence construction of the facilities on May 16, 1999, to meet its April 1, 2000 in service date for firm deliveries to the Tiverton Plant.

Algonquin states the cost of the facilities is estimated to be approximately \$13,949,960 in year of construction dollars. Algonquin proposes to charge its Rate Schedule AFT-1 system rate and an incremental surcharge. Also, Algonquin is requesting that the Commission approve the rates proposed herein as pro forma rates subject to the condition that Algonquin make a compliance filing 30 days prior to the in-service date to reflect any changes to the Rate Schedule AFT-1 system rates that may occur prior to the in-service date. Algonquin requests authorization to charge the proposed incremental surcharge and to adjust the surcharge prior to the commencement of service to Tiverton.

Any person desiring to participate in the hearing process or to make any protest with reference to said

application should on or before November 27, 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 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 Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by every one of the 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 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 Algonquin to appear or be represented at the hearing.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Proposed Change in FERC Gas Tariff

November 6, 1998.

Take notice that on November 2, 1998, Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin) submitted for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheets to become effective January 1, 1999:

Second Revised Sheet No. 689A
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 690

Algonquin asserts that the above listed tariff sheets are being filed to comply with the January 21, 1998, Stipulation and Agreement Concerning Gas Research Institute (GRI) Funding which was certified to the Commission on March 10, 1998, 82 FERC ¶ 63,014 (1998), and approved by the Commission in its Order Approving Settlement issued April 29, 1998, 83 FERC ¶ 61,093 (1998), and the Order on Rehearing issued June 26, 1998, 83 FERC ¶ 61,331 (1998).

Algonquin states that a voluntary contribution mechanism provision has been added to the General Terms and Conditions to allow customers to make voluntary contributions to GRI in such amounts and for such GRI projects or project areas as customers shall specify. Algonquin also states that, consistent with the Stipulation and Agreement, this voluntary contribution mechanism is not a pipeline rate, rate provision, or term or condition of service.