

First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before April 10, 2000. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. 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. This filing may be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202 208-2222 for assistance).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-140-000]

Black Marlin Pipeline Company, WBI Offshore Pipeline, Inc.; MCNIC Black Marlin Offshore Company; Notice of Joint Application

March 31, 2000.

Take notice that on March 28, 2000, Black Marlin Pipeline Company (Black Marlin), 801 Travis, Suite 2100, Houston, Texas 77002, WBI Offshore Pipeline, Inc. (WBI), 1250 West Century Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota 58501, and MCNIC Black Marlin Offshore Company (MCNIC), 1360 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 1500, Houston, Texas 77056 filed in Docket No. CP00-140-000 a joint application pursuant to Sections 7(c) and 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations for a certificate of public convenience and necessity reflecting WBI's and MCNIC's acquisition of one-sixth and one-third, respectively, of the undivided assets of the previously certificated Black Marlin facilities, and authorizing WBI and MCNIC to continue to use the facilities to transport natural gas under Black Marlin's existing tariff and authorizing Black Marlin to abandon by transfer the aforementioned interests to WBI and MCNIC all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may be viewed at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Robert T. Hall, Thelen Reid & Priest LLP, 701 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004, (202) 508-4000.

The applicants state that on March 1, 1999, Blue Dolphin Energy Company, through its wholly-owned subsidiary Black Marlin Energy Company, acquired 100% of the issued and outstanding stock of Black Marlin from Enron Pipeline Company. They aver that the transaction was a stock transfer not subject to Commission approval under Section of the NGA.

They also state that on March 1, 1999, WBI Southern, Inc., acquired from Black Marlin a one-sixth undivided interest in the Black Marlin Pipeline assets for a cash purchase price of \$916,212. WBI Southern, Inc., has since created a wholly owned subsidiary, WBI Offshore Pipeline, Inc., and effective March 1, 1999, contemporaneous with the acquisition of the Black Marlin Pipeline assets, has assigned the Black Marlin Pipeline assets to WBI Offshore Pipeline, Inc.

In a concurrent transaction, the applicants state that MCNIC Offshore Pipeline & Processing Company acquired from Black Marlin a one-third undivided interest in the Black Marlin Pipeline assets for a cash purchase price of \$1,801,424, plus the reimbursement to Black Marlin of certain out-of-pocket expenses in the amount of \$31,000. MCNIC Offshore Pipeline & Processing Company has since created a wholly owned subsidiary, MCNIC Black Marlin Offshore Company, and effective March 1, 1999, contemporaneous with the acquisition of the Black Marlin Pipeline assets, has assigned those assets to MCNIC Black Marlin Offshore Company.

Finally, the applicants state that simultaneously with the transactions described above, Black Marlin, MCNIC, and WBI entered into (i) an Operating Agreement concerning the operation of the Black Marlin Pipeline pursuant to which Black Marlin was appointed the operator, and (ii) a Purchase Rights and Participation Agreement restricting the assignability of an interest in the assets of the Black Marlin Pipeline and the stock of the parties.

The applicants state that approval of the application will have no effect on the rates, operations, or tariff of Black Marlin. They aver that the sole purpose of the application is to have authorized by abandonment the transfer of an undivided interest in assets from Black Marlin to WBI and MCNIC.

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

application should on or before April 21, 2000, 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 NGA (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. 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.

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 NGA 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 provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Black Marlin, WBI, or MCNIC to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-54-030]

Colorado Interstate Gas Company; Notice of Offer of Settlement

March 31, 2000.

Take notice that on March 21, 2000, the Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association (KIOGA), filed an Offer of Settlement relating to Kansas ad valorem taxes under Rule 602 of the

Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. KIOGA's Offer of Settlement is intended to provide appropriate relief for the royalty owners and the smaller working interest owners from the requirements of *Public Service Company of Colorado v. FERC*¹ and the Commission's subsequent orders. A copy of the Offer of Settlement is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. The Offer of Settlement may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

KIOGA asserts that the public interest in eliminating claims against royalty owners and the smaller producers is manifest. Accordingly, KIOGA's Offer of Settlement, would:

(1) Eliminate all claims for the royalty portion of any refunds and interest with a credit of 25% of the total claim;

(2) Provide an additional \$75,000 credit for each working interest in each claim; and

(3) Limit the claims to the total amount filed by each pipeline in November of 1997.

In accordance with section 385.602(f), initial comments on the Offer of Settlement are due on April 10, 2000 and any reply comments are due on April 20, 2000.

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Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-225-000]

Equitrans, L.P.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

March 30, 2000.

Take notice that on March 28, 2000, Equitrans, L.P. (Equitrans) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, revised tariff sheets shown on Appendix A to the filing, with a proposed effective date of May 1, 2000.

Equitrans states that the purpose of this filing is correct typographical, grammatical errors, implement consistency in designation of Tariff Sheet Number and Section Number, and change of address, phone number, and facsimile number. Also, Equitrans is

reinstating a line from a sentence in Section 6.7 in Rate Schedule 10SS that was inadvertently removed in Docket No. RP96-147.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with sections 385.214 or 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 proceedings. 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. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-363-003]

Equitrans, L.P.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

March 31, 2000.

Take notice that on March 28, 2000, Equitrans, L.P. (Equitrans) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, revised tariff sheet a proposed effective date of April 1, 2000.

First Revised Sheet No. 308

Equitrans states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission's Order issued on March 20, 2000. The order granted Equitrans a waiver of the GISB Standards (Version 1.3): Nomination Standards 1.4.1 through 1.4.7, Flowing Gas Standards 2.4.1 through 2.4.6, Invoicing Standards 3.4.1 through 3.4.4, EDM Standards 4.3.1 through 4.3.3, and to the extent applicable to EDI transactions, 4.3.9 through 4.3.15, Capacity Release Standards 5.4.1 through 5.4.17 until December 31, 2000. Equitrans is incorporating this waiver into its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, 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 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 proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP00-129-000, CP00-130-000, and CP00-131-000]

Horizon Pipeline Company, L.L.C.; Notice of Applications for Certificates

March 31, 2000.

Take notice that on March 23, 2000, Horizon Pipeline Company, L.L.C. (Horizon or applicant), 747 E. 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois 60148-5072, filed applications pursuant to and in accordance with section 7(c) of the Natural Act (NGA). In Docket No. CP00-129-000, Horizon seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate approximately 28.5 miles of new 36-inch interstate natural gas pipeline and compression facilities, lease 380 MDth per day of firm capacity from Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural)¹ on 42 miles of its existing pipeline, and provide firm compression service for Natural. Further, in Docket No. CP00-130-000, Horizon requests a blanket certificate pursuant to Subpart F of Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations to perform certain routine activities and operations. In addition, in Docket No. CP00-131-000, Horizon seeks a blanket certificate pursuant to Subpart G of Part 284 of the Commission's Regulations to provide open-access transportation of

¹ Natural has filed simultaneously an application in Docket No. CP00-132-000 to abandon by lease to Horizon firm capacity and to construct and operate certain facilities.

¹ 91 F.3d 1478 (D.C. Cir., 1996), cert. denied 520 U.S. 1227 (1997).