J. McElligott, Senior Vice President for Natural, 747 East 22nd, Lombard, Illinois 60148 at (630) 691–3525, or Philip R. Telleen, Attorney for Natural, 747 East 22nd, Lombard, Illinois 60148 at (630) 691–3749.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make protest with reference to said application should on or before April 21, 2000, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., 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 385.211 or 385.214) 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. 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 practicipate 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 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 jurisdiction conferred upon the 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 herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Natural 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. RP00-222-000]

# Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

March 31, 2000.

Take notice that on March 27, 2000, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), tendered for filing in its FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets proposed to be effective March 27, 2000:

Fifth Revised Sheet No. 286 Seventh Revised Sheet No. 287 Fourth Revised Sheet No. 288

Northern states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with Order No. 637 issued on February 9, 2000. Pursuant to Order No. 637 and redesignated Section 284.8(i), Northern is filing revised tariff sheets to remove the maximum rate for capacity release transactions of less than one year.

Northern further states that copies of the filing have been mailed to each of its customers and interested State Commissions.

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).

## Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

# Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-223-000]

# Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

March 31, 2000.

Take notice that on March 27, 2000, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) tendered for filing to become part of Northern's FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets to become effective April 27, 2000:

Fourth Revised Sheet No. 1 Fifth Revised Sheet No. 2 52 Revised Sheet No. 51 48 Revised Sheet No. 53 Third Revised Sheet No. 115 First Revised Sheet No. 125A Original Sheet No. 125B Original Sheet No. 125C Original Sheet No. 125D Original Sheet No. 125E Original Sheet No. 125F Third Revised Sheet No. 143 Eighth Revised Sheet No. 144 Second Revised Sheet No. 145 Fifth Revised Sheet No. 206 Fourth Revised Sheet No. 220 First Revised Sheet No. 251 Third Revised Sheet No. 252 Fourth Revised Sheet No. 225 Second Revised Sheet No. 261 Fifth Revised Sheet No. 263A Third Revised Sheet No. 264 Fifth Revised Sheet No. 265 First Revised Sheet No. 271 Second Revised Sheet No. 290 Third Revised Sheet No. 300 Third Revised Sheet No. 302

Third Revised Sheet No. 414 Second Revised Sheet No. 415 Second Revised Sheet No. 416

Northern states that it is submitting these tariff sheets to implement a Limited Firm Throughput Service under new Rate Schedule LFT. Under this Rate Schedule, firm transportation service would be available subject to Northern's right to not schedule service in whole or in part on any day (a Limited Day), but not more than a maximum number of Limited Days per month (not to exceed ten) agreed to by Northern and Shipper in the LFT Service Agreement. Northern is proposing this service to offer greatly flexibility to shippers, and to address the needs of shippers that generally require firm service but are able to accommodate periodic interruption of service.

Northern states that copies of the filing were served upon Northern's customers and interested State Commissions.

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 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).

# Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

## Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER00-536-000]

## Southwestern Public Service Company; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

March 31, 2000.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference will be convened

in this proceeding on Tuesday, April 11, 2000, at 9:00 a.m., at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC, for the purpose of exploring settlement in the above-referenced docket.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 385.214.

For additional information, contact J. Carmen Gastilo at (202) 208–2182 or Anja M. Clark at (202) 208–2034.

#### Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

# Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-135-000]

### Texas Gas Transmission Corporation, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Application

March 31, 2000.

Take notice that on March 23, 2000, Texas Gas Transmission Corporation (Texas Gas), P.O. Box 20008, Owensboro, Kentucky 42304, and Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee), 1001 Louisiana, P.O. Box 2511, Houston, Texas 77252-2511, filed in Docket No. CP00-135-000 an application pursuant to Sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act for permission and approval for Texas Gas to abandon by sale its interest in certain jointly owned supply lateral facilities in offshore Louisiana and for Tennessee to acquire and own these facilities, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm (call 202-208-2222; for assistance).

The joint application requests authorization for (1) Texas Gas to abandon by sale to Tennessee its interest in certain jointly owned supply lateral facilities and appurtenances in the Eugene Island and ship Shoal areas, offshore Louisiana, and (2) Tennessee to acquire and own Texas Gas' interest in such facilities.

Texas Gas declares that these facilities are no longer integral to their current role as an open access transporter and abandonment of its interest in the subject facilities will enable Texas Gas to streamline its transmission operations. Tennessee states that after approval is granted for the acquisition by Tennessee of Texas Gas' interest in these facilities, any shippers desiring access to the supplies attached to these laterals will be able to obtain transportation service from Tennessee pursuant to its Commission-approved tariff, thus none of the interruptible shippers currently utilizing Texas Gas' capacity in these facilities will be subject to a diminution or termination of service.

Tennessee declares that it will pay \$102,870.79 for Texas Gas' interest in the identified supply lateral facilities. Texas Gas states that it has agreed to reimburse Tennessee for actual costs incurred by Tennessee not to exceed \$100,000 for reconditioning the Eugene Island 342C pipeline in return for Tennessee's assumption of all retirement and abandonment costs associated with the facilities.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to David N. Roberts, Manager of Certificates and Tariffs, at (270) 688–6712, Texas Gas Transmission Corporation, P.O. Box 20008, Owensboro, Kentucky 42304.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said Application should on or before April 21, 2000, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, 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 385.211 or 18 CFR 385.214) 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 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 petition 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 abandonment is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a petition for leave to