

required because NGPL was granted authority, on June 7, 1999, in Docket No. CP99-546,² to construct and operate alternative interconnect facilities which, among other things, provide the capability for Alliance to deliver to NGPL up to 1.6 Bcfd, the same level authorized by the Alliance certificate order.

Additionally, Aux Sable Liquid Products L.P. (Aux Sable) has decided to construct a twin-train processing plant, as opposed to its originally contemplated one-train facility. Alliance explains that the redundancy built into the two-train design results in excess compression capability within the Aux Sable plant when both trains are operational. Alliance states that it may meet any need for spare or backup compression capability by utilizing the redundant compression capability within the Aux Sable plant.

Alliance states that, in its calculation of the initial rates filed in its August 4, 2000, application in Docket No. CP97-168-004, *et al.*, Alliance has reflected both the savings associated with the deletion of the spare unit at Tampico and the actual costs attributable to the alternative interconnect approved in the NGPL proceeding. Alliance argues that, while there may be costs associated with Alliance's use of the compression capability within the Aux Sable plant, it is far more cost effective and efficient for Alliance to rely upon that excess Aux Sable plant compression than to incur the \$14 million capital cost of the spare unit at Tampico.

Alliance concludes that because this application involves the deletion of facilities previously certificated there will be no negative impact on the environment and no landowner will be affected. Additionally, Alliance avers that deletion of the subject facilities will have no effect upon Alliance's presently certificated services as the NGPL interconnect is replaced by an alternate interconnect with the same capability to deliver 1.6 Bcfd to NGPL, and, since no authorization had been granted to operate the spare compressor unit at Tampico, its elimination likewise has no effect on Alliance's ability to provide service to its customers.

Any person desiring to participate in the hearing process or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before September 29, 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 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 Alliance to appear or be represented at the hearing.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-537-000]

Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

September 8, 2000.

Take notice that on September 1, 2000, Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company (Eastern Shore) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the revised tariff sheets listed on Appendix A to the filing, proposed to be effective on March 27, 2000 and October 1, 2000, respectively.

Eastern Shore states that the purpose of this filing is to: (1) Remove the maximum price cap for capacity release transactions of less than one year; and (2) make certain modifications to its Right of First Refusal provisions, in order to comply with the requirements of FERC Order Nos. 637, 637-A and 637-B, respectively.

Eastern Shore states that a copy has been mailed to 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).

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-453-000]

Michigan Gas Storage Company; Notice of Application

September 8, 2000.

Take notice that on September 1, 2000, Michigan Gas Storage Company (MGSCo), 212 West Michigan Avenue, Jackson, Michigan 49201, filed a request with the Commission in Docket No. CP00-453-000 pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to construct and operate four wells and associated facilities in its Cranberry Lake Storage Field, Clare County, Michigan, all as more fully set forth in the application which is open to the public for inspection. This application may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/>

² *Natural Gas Pipeline Company*, 90 FERC ¶ 62,013 (2000).

rims.htm (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

MGSCo proposes to construct and operate four wells in the Cranberry Lake Storage Field to improve field deliverability. MGSCo states that it would drill the wells from a common surface pad location using horizontal drilling technology. The wells would have individual measurement facilities and be connected to the Cranberry Field Header by two 8-inch well laterals approximately 175 feet in length. All surface facilities, including the well laterals, would be located on a parcel of land owned by MGSCo. MGSCo also states that it needs the wells to shorten the withdrawal season so that more of the field working gas can be effectively cycled. MGSCo further states that it would drill the wells to more effectively drain the field in an area considered to be underutilized because of existing well spacing. MGSCo estimates that the proposed wells would cost an estimated \$2,016,028 to install and that it would recover the cost in a future Section 4 rate proceeding.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before September 29, 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 385.214 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. 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. Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Francis X. Berkemeier, Attorney, Michigan Gas Storage Company, 212 West Michigan Avenue, Jackson, Michigan 49201, telephone (517) 788-2115.

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 everyone 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 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 at 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 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 the proposal 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 MGSCo to appear or be represented at the hearing.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-233-001]

Southern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Amendment

September 8, 2000.

Take notice that on August 31, 2000, Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern), Post Office Box 2563,

Birmingham, Alabama 35202-2563, filed in Docket No. CP00-233-001 an amendment to its pending application filed in Docket No. CP00-233-000, to modify certain compression facilities from gas-fired to electric more driven and to reduce the length of one of the proposed loops, all as more fully set forth in the application to amend 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/htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Southern proposes the following modifications to its initial application: (1) At the York Compressor Station (Phase I), delete the 4,700 horsepower Solar Centaur 40 turbine driven Centrifugal compressor and substitute a 15,000 horsepower, electric motor-driven Centrifugal compressor; (2) at the Auburn Compressor Station (Phase I), delete the 10,310 horsepower, Solar Taurus 70 turbine-driven Centrifugal compressor and substitute a 15,000 horsepower electric motor-driven Centrifugal compressor; (3) at the Selma Compressor Station (Phase II), delete the 10,310 horsepower, Solar Taurus 70 driven Centrifugal compressor and substitute a 15,000 horsepower motor driven Centrifugal compressor; and (4) reduce the length of the Phase II extension of Loop I by 5.69 miles so that Phase II, Loop would consist of approximately 4.70 miles of 30-inch South Main 3rd Loop Line extending from milepost 72.899 to milepost 77.6 in Clarke County, Mississippi.

Southern states that the change to electric motor-driven compression will require the installation of approximately 10.5 miles of non-jurisdictional power transmission lines to be installed and owned by Alabama Power Company (APC), an affiliate of Southern Company Services, Inc., one of the shippers for the South System Expansion project. It is indicated that the electricity will be supplied by APC under its Retail Rate Schedule LPTL, Light and Power-Time of Use-Large which is on file with the Alabama Public Service Commission.

Any questions regarding the amendment should be directed to Patrick B. Pope at (205) 325-7126.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before September 29, 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 and 385.214) and the regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All