

working days before the end of the month (for the next month's supply). The normal time frame to order gas supply for the next month does not give ESNG any flexibility in order to make a filing in time for the "notice requirement" when gas prices spike upward (from projected) as they have for the month of January, 1996. The Commission's waiver of the thirty (30) day notice requirement in the case of this instant filing would allow for a more accurate recovery of ESNG's costs and mitigate the deferred commodity costs which would occur in the absence of such waiver.

ESNG states that copies of the filing have been served upon its jurisdictional customers and interested State Commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rule 211 and Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Pursuant to Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations, all such motions or protests must be filed not later than 12 days after the date of the filing noted above. 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. 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP95-363-003]

El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Motion to Place Tariff Sheets into Effect

January 3, 1996.

Take notice that on December 28, 1995, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Volume Nos. 1-A and 2, the following tariff sheets, to become effective January 1, 1996:

Second Revised Volume No. 1-A

Sub Alternate Fifth Revised Sheet No. 20

Sub Alt Second Revised Sheet No. 22

Sub Alt Fifth Revised Sheet No. 23

Sixth Revised Sheet No. 24

Fifth Revised Sheet No. 26

Substitute Fourth Revised Sheet Nos. 27-28

Second Revised Sheet Nos. 30-32

Third Revised Sheet No. 111

Third Revised Sheet No. 113

Sub Alt First Revised Sheet No. 117

Substitute First Revised Sheet Nos. 118-119

Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 309

Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 362

Substitute Original Sheet Nos. 365-367

Sheet Nos. 368 through 399

Third Revised Volume No. 2

Sub Alt 36th Revised Sheet No. 1-D.2

Twenty-Ninth Revised Sheet No. 1-D.3

El Paso states that it is filing pursuant to Section 4(e) of the Natural Gas Act and Section 154.206 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act a motion to place into effect on January 1, 1996, a change in rates for natural gas transportation service.

El Paso states that on June 30, 1995, at Docket No. RP95-363-000, it filed with the Commission a notice of change in rates for natural gas transportation service to become effective August 1, 1995. El Paso states that by order issued July 26, 1995, at Docket No. RP95-363-000, the Commission conditionally accepted the tariff sheets, suspended their effectiveness for five months to become effective January 1, 1996, subject to refund, and established hearing and settlement procedures.

El Paso states that the instant motion places those suspended tariff sheets into effect.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. Pursuant to Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations, all such protests must be filed not later than 12 days after the date of the filing noted above. 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP95-565-001]

Equitrans, Inc.; Notice of Amendment

January 3, 1996.

Take notice that on December 29, 1995, Equitrans, Inc. (Equitrans), 3500 Park Lane, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15275, filed an amendment

(Amendment) to its original application in Docket No. CP95-565-000, which was filed pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, the purpose of which is to: (1) Amend the application by (a) withdrawing the request for advance Commission approval of recovery through jurisdictional rates of the undepreciated costs of the storage reservoir and return thereon in the event of reservoir damage, and (b) indicating that Equitrans proposes to withdraw 400 MMcf of natural gas during the three-year period in which it proposes to inject up to 300 MMcf of nitrogen; and (2) supplement its application with (a) assurances of service continuation despite any such reservoir damage, (b) information requested by certain parties that participated in a technical conference held on September 15, 1995, and (c) a brief summary of the points made by the speakers at the technical conference along with copies of slides that were shown, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Equitrans states that, based on the concerns expressed by its customers, Equitrans has reexamined the risks and remediation strategies for the project and has determined that the risk of damage being sustained at the Shirley storage reservoir as the result of injecting nitrogen under the controlled conditions carefully developed for the project is *de minimis*. To allay the concerns expressed by certain intervenor-customers about their rights to challenge future rate treatment of Shirley storage costs, Equitrans states that it hereby foregoes its request for rate recovery treatment of such costs. Equitrans states that in the unlikely event that the injection of nitrogen mixes with cushion or working gas of the Shirley reservoir or causes damage to surface facilities, Equitrans will bear all costs of remediating storage field operations. Further, it is stated that any such costs will not be included in rates in any future proceeding. Rather Equitrans, contends that it will use the revenues which it proposes to retain from the sale of base gas from the Shirley reservoir to fund any required remediation activities.¹ Based on the risk assessment work performed over the last several months, Equitrans states that it is convinced that the risk of

¹ As part of its original application, Equitrans requested authorization to sell the gas withdrawn from the Shirley reservoir to accommodate the nitrogen injection process, to credit its "Account 117, Gas stored underground—noncurrent" for the LIFO inventory value of the gas withdrawn, and to retain any revenues received from the sale of the gas.