

Company (Williston Basin), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheets to become effective July 1, 1996:

Second Revised Volume No. 1
Fifth Revised Sheet No. 775
Twelfth Revised Sheet No. 779
Eleventh Revised Sheet No. 780
Fifteenth Revised Sheet Nos. 787-788
Sixteenth Revised Sheet Nos. 789-790
Fifteenth Revised Sheet No. 791
Sixteenth Revised Sheet Nos. 792-794
Fourteenth Revised Sheet No. 832
Fifteenth Revised Sheet No. 833

Williston Basin states that the revised tariff sheets are being filed simply to update its Master Receipt/Delivery Point List.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or 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 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 in the Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. MT96-17-000]

Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

July 9, 1996.

Take notice that on July 1, 1996, Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company (Williston Basin), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, second Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheet to become effective August 1, 1996.

Fourth Revised Sheet No. 187

Williston Basin states that the revised tariff sheet reflects a change to the list of possible shared personnel.

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 Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the

Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or 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 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 in the Public Reference Room.

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Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP96-305-000]

Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

July 9, 1996.

Take notice that on July 2, 1996, Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company (Williston Basin), tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets as listed in Appendix A to the filing.

Williston Basin states that pursuant to Section 4 of the Natural Gas Act and part 154 of the Commission's Regulations, it is submitting the following revisions to comply with Commission Order Nos. 582 and 582-A in Docket Nos. RM95-3-000 and RM95-3-001, respectively: (1) its title page to include a telephone and fax number in compliance with Section 154.102 of the Commission's amended Regulations; (2) numerous tariff sheets to reflect the correct carrying charge reference to Section 154.501 of the Commission's amended Regulations; and (3) Sheet No. 362 to reflect the correct Annual Charge Adjustment reference to Section 154.402 of the Commission's amended Regulations.

Williston Basin states that in addition to the above revisions, it has added language to its FERC Gas Tariff in compliance with Section 154.109 (b) and (c) of the Commission's amended Regulations, to contain a statement which specifies the order in which each component of Williston Basin's rates will be discounted and a statement of Williston Basin's policy with respect to the financing and construction of laterals.

Williston Basin states it is also submitting the following "housekeeping" revisions: (1) Sheet Nos. 120 and 122 to delete subsections which pertain to Rate Schedule S-3; (2)

Sheet No. 207 to clarify that it is necessary for a shipper to designate between primary and alternate points; (3) Sheet No. 224 to clarify that Storage Service Requests do not pertain just to firm storage; and (4) Sheet No. 303 to reflect the correct reference in Section 284.7 of the Commission's Regulations with regard to discounting.

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. 20246, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All such motions or 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 the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene. Copies of the filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP96-304-000]

Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company; Notice of Tariff Revisions

July 9, 1996.

Take notice that on July 2, 1996, Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company (Williston Basin), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1 the following revised tariff sheets to become effective August 1, 1996:

Second Revised Volume No. 1
First Revised Sheet No. 182
Original Sheet No. 182A

Williston Basin states that the revised tariff sheets are being filed to revise Section 5 of its General Terms and Conditions to: (1) allow gas measurement charts to be changed or indices read at intervals mutually agreed upon by Williston Basin and the affected Shipper; and (2) allow Shippers to access daily flow data from Williston Basin's Remote Terminal Units. Williston Basin states that such Shippers will assume sole responsibility for all use of the data and information.

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,

Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All such motions or 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 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 in the Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96-541-000]

**Southern Natural Gas Company;
Notice of Intent To Prepare an
Environmental Assessment for the
Proposed Zone III Expansion Project
and Request for Comments on
Environmental Issues**

July 9, 1996.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the facilities proposed in the Zone III Expansion Project.¹ This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether an environmental impact statement is necessary and whether to approve the project.

Summary of the Proposed Project

Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern) wants to expand the capacity of its facilities in Alabama, Georgia, and Mississippi to transport an additional 45,880 cubic feet per day of natural gas to nine companies and two municipalities. Southern seeks authority to construct and operate:

- 4.6 miles of 30-inch-diameter loop in Crawford and Monroe Counties, Georgia;
- 5.1 miles of 16-inch-diameter loop in Jones and Twiggs Counties, Georgia;
- 5.9 miles of 30-inch-diameter loop in Lee County, Alabama;
- 7.3 miles of 24-inch-diameter loop in Pickens and Tuscaloosa Counties, Alabama; and

¹ Southern Natural Gas Company's application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

- 4.6 miles of 30-inch-diameter loop in Walthall, Lawrence, and Marion Counties, Mississippi.

Southern has also proposed to upgrade four turbine compressor engines which are located within the Selma Compressor Station in Dallas County, Alabama and the Bay Springs Compressor Station in Jasper County, Mississippi.

In addition, Southern would place an existing 104.6 mile 20-inch-diameter pipeline back in service. The Wrens-Savannah Pipeline is in Jefferson, Burke, Jenkins, Screven, Effingham, and Chatham Counties, Georgia.

The general location of the project facilities and specific locations for facilities on new sites are shown in appendix 1.²

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would require about 83.38 acres of land. Following construction, about 19.52 acres would be maintained as new right-of-way. The remaining 63.86 acres of land would be restored and allowed to revert to its former use.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. We call this "scoping." The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils.
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands.

²The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the Federal Register. Copies are available from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

- Vegetation and wildlife.
- Land use.
- Cultural resources.
- Air quality and noise.
- Endangered and threatened species.
- Public safety.

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we recommend that the Commission approve or not approve the project.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Southern. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- Two federally listed endangered species may occur in the proposed project area.
- Three residences are located within 50 feet of the proposed construction right-of-way.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by sending a letter addressing your specific comments or concerns about the project. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposals, alternatives to the proposal including alternative routes, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please follow the instructions below to ensure that your comments are received and properly recorded:

- Address your letter to: Lois Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., Washington, DC 20426.

- Reference Docket No. CP96-541-000.

- Send a copy of your letter to: Ms. Amy Olson, EA Project Manager, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., PR-11.1, Washington, DC 20426; and