

include MRT's currently effective gathering rates, as approved by the Commission in MRT's prior Section 4 rate proceeding, since the commission has acted on only one of MRT's pending requests to abandon its gathering facilities. MRT further states that its Alternate Tariff Sheets exclude all gathering charges but are being submitted with the qualification that if the Commission elects to permit the Alternate Tariff Sheets to go into effect, then the Commission provide MRT with a mechanism that will permit MRT to recover those costs for which MRT is currently awaiting abandonment authorization.

MRT states that a copy of its motion and the accompanying tariff sheets have been served on all of its customers, the State Commissions of Arkansas, Missouri, and Illinois, and all persons on the Commission's official service list in Docket No. RP96-199-000.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with 18 CFR 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 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.*

[FR Doc. 96-24902 Filed 9-27-96; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717-01-M

**[Docket No. CP96-788-000]**

**Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company;  
Notice of Application for Abandonment**

September 24, 1996.

Take notice that on September 13, 1996, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee), 1010 Milam Street, Houston, Texas 77252-2511 filed, in Docket No. CP96-788-000, an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations for permission and approval to abandon by sale to the Belden & Blake Corporation (Belden & Blake), the current producer, the remaining facilities, excluding a dehydration unit, associated with the Chautauqua Gas Pipeline, located in Chautauqua County, New York, all as more fully set forth in the application

which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Tennessee relates that the facilities to be sold consist of approximately 52,000 feet of 6-inch, low pressure ASDM 2513 plastic pipeline located in the towns of Ripley and Mina, Chautauqua County, together with all pumps, meters, measuring devices, valves, fittings, housings, tubing, foundations, machinery, structures, including a steel building measuring 12 feet x 13 feet x feet, personal property, fixtures and equipment, and a tract of land of approximately 1.85 acres.

Tennessee states that the Chautauqua Gas Pipeline was installed in 1984 by a third party as a New York State-jurisdictional gathering facility intended for the gathering of gas dedicated to Tennessee under a Gas Purchase and Sales Agreement between Tennessee and the producer. Further, Tennessee says that on December 31, 1991, after several changes in ownership, Tennessee acquired the facilities pursuant to Tennessee's Part 157, Subpart F, blanket certificate. Tennessee relates that on November 22, 1994, Tennessee and Belden & Blake executed a letter of intent whereby Belden & Blake would purchase, subject to FERC approval, the Chautauqua Gas Pipeline facilities, excluding a dehydration unit (to be transferred separately at a later date) and two 500 horsepower compressors. Tennessee says that on December 16, 1994, in Docket No. CP95-121-000, Tennessee filed a request for authorization to abandon, by resale to a third party for salvage, the two 500 horsepower compressors. Tennessee states that on May 23, 1995, the Commission issued its order approving Tennessee's request. Tennessee removed the two compressors and Belden & Blake subsequently installed its own compression.

Tennessee asserts that the proposed abandonment by sale to Belden & Blake of the remaining facilities is in the public interest and will not result in the loss of gas service to any existing or future transportation customer since the Chautauqua Gas Pipeline will remain in service and connected to Tennessee's interstate pipeline service.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before October 15, 1996, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 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 and 385.211) 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 in any proceeding herein 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 motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, or if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are 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 herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Tennessee to appear or to be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

[FR Doc. 96-24895 Filed 9-27-96; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717-01-M

**[Docket No. RP96-308-001]**

**Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company;  
Notice of Compliance Filing**

September 24, 1996.

Take notice that on September 16, 1996, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee), submitted for filing to as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume 1, the following revised tariff sheets, to be effective on September 1, 1996:

Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 209D  
Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 209E  
Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 209F  
Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 209G  
Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 209H  
Substitute Original Sheet No. 209I  
Second Revised Sheet No. 305  
Substitute Original Sheet No. 593C  
Substitute Original Sheet No. 593D

Tennessee states that it is making this tariff filing in compliance with the August 30, 1996 Order of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued in Docket No. RP96-308-000, approving, on a pilot basis, use of third party providers to provide a firm swing