

Determination

Based on the information in the EA, as summarized here, BPA determines that the proposed action is not a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment within the meaning of NEPA, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.* Therefore, an EIS will not be prepared and BPA is issuing this FONSI.

Issued in Portland, Oregon, on November 1, 1996.

Alexandra B. Smith,

Vice President for Environment, Fish and Wildlife.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. TM97-5-23-000]

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

November 13, 1996.

Take notice that on November 7, 1996 Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company (ESNG) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, certain revised tariff sheets in the above captioned dockets, with a proposed effective date of October 1, 1996.

ESNG states that the purpose of the instant filing is to track rate changes attributable to storage service purchased from Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) under their Rate Schedules GSS and LSS respectively, the costs of which are included in the rates and charges payable under ESNG's Rate Schedules GSS-1 and LSS-1 effective October 1, 1996. As stated above ESNG proposes to track the changes concurrently with Transco. This tracking filing is being filed pursuant to Section 24 of the General Terms and Conditions of ESNG's FERC Gas Tariff.

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 Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR Section 385.211 or Section 385.214). 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP97-82-000]

Mississippi River Transmission Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

November 13, 1996.

Take notice that on November 4, 1996, Mississippi River Transmission Corporation (MRT), whose main office is located at 1600 Smith Street, Houston, Texas 77002, filed in Docket No. CP97-82-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205, 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.216) for authorization to abandon and remove an inactive meter and regulating station in Iron County, Missouri, under MRT's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-489-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

MRT proposes to abandon and remove an inactive meter and regulating station on Line A-198 in Section 30, Township 34 North, Range 4 East, Iron County, Missouri. This inactive delivery tap is not utilized in the delivery of natural gas quantities and the company, Pilot Knob Pellet Company, served by this metering facility is no longer in existence. There is no other existing customer service through this meter.

MRT states that this abandonment is not prohibited by its existing tariff and that it has sufficient capacity to continue to render transportation service to customers connected to its pipeline system. The abandonment will not have an effect on MRT's peak day and annual deliveries. The abandonment of these facilities will not require any new construction. The line and tap will be abandoned in place and the aboveground facilities will be removed.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the

Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP96-308-000]

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Motion To Continue Pilot Program

November 13, 1996.

Take notice that on October 25, 1996, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee) filed a motion to continue on a pilot basis through the spring of 1997 the effectiveness of tariff sheets that went into effect in this docket on September 1, 1996, as modified.¹ Under those tariff sheets, shippers on Tennessee's system may utilize the services of third party providers (TPP) under Tennessee's Storage Swing Option (SSO). SSO allows Tennessee's customers to use their firm storage entitlements to manage their imbalances in lieu of the cashout mechanism.

Tennessee states that maintaining the TPP tariff sheets in effect on a pilot basis over the course of a full winter season will enable it to more accurately gauge customer interest in TPP service, whether it can provide the service on a permanent basis taking into account the operational complexities of the service, and whether any modifications of the existing tariff sheets would be warranted.

Tennessee states that the motion was served on all parties on the Commission's official service list in this proceeding.

Any person desiring to respond to Tennessee's motion should file an answer with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 213 of the

¹ See *Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company*, 76 FERC ¶ 61,225 (1996).