

calculations, and any new customer added after January 1, 1997, will be billed GRI each month based on the actual throughput for each month of prior service until a 12-month history is established.

In Opinion 407, issued by the Commission on September 27, 1996, in Docket No. RP96-267-000, the Commission waived the requirements of individual pipeline tariffs so that presently effective tariff sheets reflecting the 1996 GRI funding surcharges need not be restated since the approved charges for 1997 are the same as the GRI charges approved for 1996. Nevertheless, Columbia is filing Attachment A so as to insure that the load factors resulting from its calculations are a matter of public record.

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 Section 385.214 and Section 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 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. TQ97-3-23-000]

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

December 31, 1996.

Take notice that on December 27, 1996 Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company (ESNG) tendered for filing certain revised tariff sheets in the above captioned docket as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, with a proposed effective date of January 1, 1997.

ESNG states that the revised tariff sheets included herein are being filed pursuant to Section 21 of the General Terms and Conditions of ESNG's Gas Tariff to reflect changes in ESNG's jurisdictional rates. The sales rates set

forth herein reflect an increase of \$0.6852 per dt in the Commodity Charge, as measured against ESNG's Out-Of-Cycle Quarterly PGA filing, Docket No. TQ97-2-23-000, *et al.*, filed on November 26, 1996 to be effective on December 1, 1996.

The commodity current purchased gas cost adjustment reflects ESNG's projected cost of gas for the month of January 1997, and has been calculated using its best estimate of available gas supplies to meet ESNG's anticipated purchase requirements. The increased gas costs in this filing are a result of higher prices being paid to producers/suppliers under ESNG's market-responsive gas supply contracts.

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 18 CFR 385.214). 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 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. GT97-17-000]

Equitrans L.P.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

December 31, 1996.

Take notice that on December 23, 1996, Equitrans, L.P. (Equitrans), tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheet, to become effective January 1, 1997.

Fourth Revised Sheet No. 400
Fifth Revised Sheet No. 401

Equitrans states that this filing is made to update Equitrans' index of customers. In Order No. 581 the Commission established a revised format for the Index of Customers to be included in the tariffs of interstate

pipelines and required the pipelines to update the index on a quarterly basis to reflect changes in contract activity. Equitrans requests a waiver of the Commission's notice requirements to permit the tariff sheet to take effect on January 1, 1997, the first calendar quarter, in accordance with Order No. 581.

Equitrans states that a copy of its filing has been served upon its customers and interested state commissions.

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, N.E., Washington, D.C. in accordance with section 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's 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 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. EG97-12-000]

Hidro Iberica B.V.; Notice of Amendment to Application for Commission Determination of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status

December 31, 1996.

On December 30, 1996, Hidro Iberica B.V. (the "Applicant") whose address is 4e Etage, 3012 CA Rotterdam, The Netherlands, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an amendment to its application (the "Application") for exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to Part 365 of the Commission's Regulations, filed in the above-referenced Docket on November 4, 1996, as previously amended on December 11, 1996.

Any person desiring to be heard concerning the amendment to the Application should file a motion to intervene or comments with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Commission will