

[Docket No. CP97-162-000]**Southern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization**

January 2, 1997.

Take notice that on December 19, 1996, Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern), 1900 Fifth Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama 35203, filed in Docket No. CP97-162-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.216(b) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.216(b)) for authorization to abandon by retiring and dismantling the Berry Meter Station (Berry M.S.), located in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, under the blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-406-000, pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Southern states that the Berry M.S. was constructed and installed pursuant to a certificate issued in Docket No. CP69-24, by order dated November 11, 1968. Southern notes that the Berry M.S. was utilized to provide natural gas service to the Gas Board of the Town of Berry (Berry). Berry's sales service agreement with Southern expired on October 1, 1992. Southern notes that effective November 1, 1993, it abandoned its existing sales service to Berry pursuant to the terms of Commission Order No. 636 in Docket No. RS92-10. Southern asserts that since that time, it has not provided any natural gas service to Berry, and Berry disconnected its distribution facilities from Southern's measurement facilities. Southern Claims that at the time the sales service was abandoned, it proposed to leave the measurement facilities in place in the event Berry desired to receive transportation service from Southern. Southern states that no transportation service has been requested, and the station has been out of service since October 15, 1993. According to Southern, Berry has confirmed that it no longer desires natural gas service from Southern and that it has other natural gas suppliers. Southern states that Berry does not object to the abandonment of the facilities.

Southern seeks authorization to abandon the Berry M.S. by retiring and dismantling all of the above-ground facilities, including the meter runs, pipeline, valves, building, and fence. Southern alleges that the abandonment will decrease maintenance costs for Southern. Southern contends that the abandonment will not result in any

termination of an existing service.

Southern states that the proposed abandonment is not prohibited by any of its existing tariff.

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. TM97-2-17-000]**Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff**

January 3, 1997.

Take notice that on December 31, 1996 Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (Texas Eastern) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Sixth Revised Volume No. 1 and Original Volume No. 2, revised tariff sheets listed on Appendix A to the filing to become effective February 1, 1997.

Texas Eastern states that these revised tariff sheets are filed pursuant to Section 15.1, Electric Power Cost (EPC) Adjustment, of the General Terms and Conditions of Texas Eastern's FERC Gas Tariff, Sixth Revised Volume No. 1. Texas Eastern states that Section 15.1 provides that Texas Eastern shall file to be effective each February 1 revised rates for each applicable zone and rate schedule based upon the projected annual electric power costs required for the operation of transmission compressor stations with electric motor prime movers and to also reflect the EPC Surcharge which is designed to clear the balance in the Deferred EPC Account.

Texas Eastern states that these revised tariff sheets are being filed to reflect a small increase in Texas Eastern's EPC Adjustment effective February 1, 1997. Texas Eastern states that the primary cause of the rate change is attributable to the lower negative balance of the Deferred EPC Account as of October 31,

1996 as compared to the negative balance of the Deferred EPC account as of October 31, 1995. Texas Eastern states that it has utilized its latest actual twelve months of electric power costs and its latest actual twelve months service quantities as its projections for the future period. Texas Eastern states that the impact of this EPC filing on rates at February 1, 1997 for typical long haul service under Rate Schedule FT-1 from Access Area Zone East Louisiana to Market Zone 3 (ELA-M3) equates to an overall increase of \$0.0076/dth of which \$0.0040/dth impacts the reservation component of rates and \$0.0036/dth impacts the usage component.

Texas Eastern states that copies of its filing have been served on all firm customers of Texas Eastern and current interruptible shippers 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 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP97-161-000]**Williams Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization**

January 2, 1997.

Take notice that on December 19, 1996, Williams Natural Gas Company (WNG), P.O. Box 3288, Tulsa Oklahoma 74101, filed in the above docket, a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 157.212(a) and 157.216(b) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act for authorization to relocate and replace the Kansas Gas & Electric Burden town border meter setting and appurtenant facilities,