

in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211). All such motions or protest must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests filed 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 proceedings. 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. CP97-217-000]

**Florida Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization**

February 5, 1997.

Take notice that on January 30, 1997, Florida Gas Transmission Company (FGT), 1400 Smith Street, Houston, Texas, 77002, filed in the above docket, a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act for authorization to construct a new delivery point under FGT's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-553-000 pursuant to Section 7(c), all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, FGT proposes to construct a new tee, valve, less than 100 feet of 8-inch connecting lateral and EFM equipment in Pinellas County, Florida, to accommodate gas deliveries to FPC's proposed meter station to receive interruptible gas volumes. FPC has requested FGT to construct a new delivery point in Pinellas County, Florida, to connect to the Bartow-B Meter Station that FPC will construct in Pinellas County, Florida. FGT states that FPC would reimburse it for all construction costs; estimated to be \$80,362. FGT proposes to deliver up to 2,600 MMBtu of gas per hour at line pressure. Initial deliveries will be approximately 1,300 MMBtu per hour. FPC proposes to construct, own and operate the meter station and approximately 450 feet of 10-inch; 75 feet of 8-inch; and 150 feet of 6-inch pipe of non-jurisdiction pipeline connecting the meter station to FPC Bartow Plant.

FGT states that the natural gas volumes delivered to this delivery point will be interruptible volumes and therefore will not disadvantage FGT's other existing customers.

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 Rules of Practice and Procedure (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 is deemed to be authorized effective on 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. RP97-244-000]

**Mississippi River Transmission Corporation; Notice of Request for Waiver**

February 5, 1997.

Take notice that on January 31, 1997, Mississippi River Transmission Corporation (MRT) submitted for filing a request for waiver of the provisions of Section 2.5 of Rate Schedule SCT of MRT's FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1.

MRT states that it is requesting the waiver because two of its Rate Schedule SCT customers are seeking to release permanently a portion of their capacity utilizing a pre-arranged release to two Rate Schedule FTS customers but the releasing customers do not want their remaining Rate Schedule SCT capacity converted to Rate Schedule FTS capacity. MRT also requests a waiver of such other provisions of its FERC Gas Tariff, or other Commission regulations, as may be necessary to allow the transactions contemplated in the filing to become effective as proposed.

MRT states that copies of this filing have been mailed to each of MRT's customers and the State Commissions of Arkansas, Illinois, and Missouri.

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, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.211 and 385.214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before February 12, 1997. 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. TM97-7-16-000]

**National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Notice of Tariff Filing**

February 5, 1997.

Take notice that on January 31, 1997, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, Eighteenth Revised Sheet No. 5A, with a proposed effective date of February 1, 1996.

National states that pursuant to Article II, Section 2, of the approved settlement at Docket Nos. RP94-367-000, et al., National is required to recalculate the maximum Interruptible Gathering (IG) rate monthly and to charge that rate on the first day of the following month if the result is an IG rate more than 2 cents above or below the IG rate as calculated under Section 1 of Article II. The recalculation produced an IG rate of 15 cents per dth.

National further states that, as required by Article II, Section 4, National is filing a revised tariff sheet within 30 days of the effective date for the revised IG rate.

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, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 or 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 or 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. ER97-1412-000]

**Niobrara Valley Electric Membership Corporation; Notice of Filing**

February 5, 1997.

Take notice that on January 28, 1997, Niobrara Valley Electric Membership Corporation (Niobrara) tendered for filing as a rate schedule an executed Agreement with Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) entitled "Agreement for Joint Planning and Ownership of Subtransmission Facilities" dated January 22, 1979, as amended. Niobrara explains that the filing is made pursuant to Ordering Paragraph (F) of the Commission's Order of October 30, 1996 in *Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. et al.*, Docket Nos. OA96-41-000 et al.

The filing states that the Agreement with NPPD is the sole document in Niobrara's possession or control that establishes a basis for the use of its subtransmission facilities. Niobrara states that it has, through agreements with NPPD, turned over responsibility for operational control of its facilities to NPPD, the control area operator. Any charges for the use of Niobrara's facilities are said to be developed by NPPD and are part of the overall rates that NPPD charges for its sale and transmission facilities.

Niobrara's filing indicates that, under the Agreement, each party pays for service on its facilities on the basis of a formula which compares each party's proportion of the total investment to its proportion of the noncoincidental peak load. As of the date of the filing, according to Niobrara, it is deemed the deficient party and makes a monthly payment to NPPD. Niobrara states that it receives no revenues for use of the facilities, directly or indirectly.

Niobrara's filing also notes that it has filed a motion for reconsideration of the Commission's Order determining that it is performing jurisdictional transmission service.

Niobrara seeks a waiver of the requirement for filing supporting data, required to accompany a rate schedule filing, citing its small size and small administrative staff. Noting that the Agreement has been in force for 18 years and is the basis for continued service to its retail customers, Niobrara has also sought a waiver of the notice

requirements in the Commission's Regulations and an immediate effective date for the Agreement.

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 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before February 14, 1997. 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. CP97-208-000]

**Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization**

February 5, 1997.

Take notice that on January 27, 1997, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124-1000, filed in Docket No. CP97-208-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205, 157.212 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212 and 157.216) for authorization to operate an upgrade to an existing delivery point in Washington County, Minnesota, under Northern's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-401-000 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.

Northern states that due to extreme winter weather conditions and fear of facility failure, the Hasting #1C TBS was upgraded pursuant to the emergency provisions of Part 284 Subpart I of the Commission's Regulations (emergency regulations) to accommodate emergency natural gas deliveries for Minnegasco, a Division of NorAm Energy Corp. (Minnegasco). This upgrading assured the protection of 2,310 residential and commercial customers served by this station. On January 16, 1997, Minnegasco filed its 48-hour report as required by Section 284.270(b) of the

Commission's Regulations. The upgrading included the replacement of the existing meter and appurtenant facilities (e.g., meter run and piping) with larger facilities. The facilities constructed under the emergency regulations and costing \$32,000 will be paid for by Minnegasco in accordance with Section 284.264(a)(6)(ii) of the Commission's Regulations. Northern states that service is being provided to Minnegasco pursuant to currently effective throughput service agreement(s). Northern's proposed accounting entries will reflect the retirement of the meter and appurtenant facilities associated with the upgrade facilities.

Northern states that the total volumes to be delivered to Minnegasco after the request do not exceed the total volumes authorized prior to the request. Northern states that the proposed activity is not prohibited by its existing tariff and that it has sufficient capacity to accommodate the upgraded facilities without detriment or disadvantage to Northern's other customers.

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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**Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff**

February 5, 1997.

Take notice that on January 31, 1997, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), tendered for filing to become part of Northern's FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets proposed to become effective on April 1, 1997:

Second Revised Sheet No. 257