

of the Gas Research Institute (GRI) in funding R&D.

The conference will be divided into four parts. The first part will consist of a presentation by GRI describing its current program, including the various sources of funding for the program.

The second part will consist of a panel focusing on whether GRI's current program is appropriate. As a threshold matter, the panel should address the question of what is the appropriate role of joint research and development in today's market environment. The Commission seeks input on (1) whether the program should stay at its current funding level; (2) whether it should be increased and, if so, to what level; or (3) whether it should be decreased to a core program and, if so, what should be included.

The third and fourth parts of the conference will address the matters contained in GRI's January 24, 1997, motion for an expedited technical conference. In that filing GRI proposed a two stage technical conference. GRI said:

GRI proposes that the *first stage* of the requested technical conference be devoted to the following questions: Whether there is an equitable mechanism under FERC auspices that in today's regulatory environment would fund a core gas industry/GRI cooperative R&D program with widely dispersed benefits that are not subject to capture by a single party? And, if so, what would be the fundamental attributes of such a long-term funding mechanism and the appropriate scope and design of such a core R&D program?

GRI further proposes that the *second stage* of the technical conference be devoted to the following question: Whether the currently pending proposal is appropriate for use in transitioning to a long-term funding mechanism or as a basis for developing a long-term funding mechanism?

During this portion of the conference, the Commission seeks input on whether the proposed GRI funding mechanism requires captive customers to shoulder more than their fair share of R&D funding and is thereby unduly discriminatory.

The conference will be convened at 9:30 a.m. at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. The Commission will issue a supplemental notice that will further describe the structure of the conference.

Lois D. Cashell,  
Secretary.

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**[Docket No. RP97-55-003]**

**Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff**

February 18, 1997.

Take notice that on February 11, 1997, Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership (Great Lakes) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, 2nd Sub First Revised Sheet No. 20, to be effective June 1, 1997.

Great Lakes states that the above named tariff sheet is being filed to clarify the Heat Content provision of Section 8.1 of the General Terms and Conditions as proposed in its January 29, 1997 filing to convert its rates and tariff from a volumetric to a thermal basis in compliance with the Commission's Order No. 582 and to convert its Btu measurement from a wet to a dry basis in compliance with the Commission's Order No. 587.

Great Lakes intends that when the heat content of gas received at any point drops below 1013 Btu per cubic foot and it is unable to transport a shipper's scheduled daily delivery due to this drop, Great Lakes will utilize the Curtailment provision of Section 11.4 of the General Terms and Conditions, but only for those shippers from whom gas was received at that point.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 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 Commission's Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,  
Secretary.

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**[Docket No. CP96-53-004]**

**NE Hub Partners, L. P. Notice of Amendment**

February 18, 1997.

Take notice that on February 13, 1997, NE Hub Partners, L.P. (NE Hub) filed in Docket No. CP96-53-004 an amendment to its pending application filed in Docket No. CP96-53-000

requesting to omit the original request for authorization to provide hub services and firm or interruptible transportation services, all as more fully set forth in the amendment which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said petition to amend should, on or before March 11, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E. Washington, D.C.

20426, a motion to intervene or protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 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 to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules. All persons who have heretofore filed need not file again.

Lois D. Cashell,  
Secretary.

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**[Docket No. OA97-518-000 and ER97-1477-000]**

**New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Notice of Filing**

February 18, 1997.

Take notice that New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc., on January 30, 1997, tendered for filing its FERC Open Access Transmission Tariff, two rate schedules and a petition for waiver from requirements under Part 37 of the Commission's regulations, as promulgated in Order 889.

On January 30, 1997 the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative will complete the payment and retirement of all debts issued by the Rural Utilities Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, and it accordingly will become a Public Utility subject to the general regulatory jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under Part II of the Federal Power Act. At the present time, the Cooperative provides transmission service to one customer, Goodrich Falls Hydroelectric Company, and it sells its share of the output of Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant Unit No. 1 to the Public Service Company of New Hampshire. Regulatory jurisdiction over these two

transactions is being transferred from the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission as of January 30, 1997. Accordingly, NHEC has submitted for filing rate schedules for these transactions pursuant to Section 205(c) of the Federal Power Act and Section 35.12 of FERC's regulations. Pursuant to Section 35.28 of FERC's regulations, NHEC is also filing a nondiscriminatory Open Access Transmission Tariff. In addition, because NHEC operates limited, discrete transmission facilities rather than an integrated grid, it is applying for a waiver of Part 37 of the Commission's regulations, as promulgated in Commission Order No. 889.

Copies of the filing were served upon the Cooperative's jurisdictional customers Goodrich Falls Hydroelectric Company and the Public Service Company of New Hampshire, and upon New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission.

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 28, 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 Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,  
Secretary.

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#### **[Docket No. RP95-197-025]**

#### **Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff**

February 18, 1997.

Take notice on February 12, 1997, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, certain tariff sheets, which tariff sheets are enumerated in Appendix A attached to the filing.

On June 19, 1996 Transco filed a Stipulation and Agreement (Agreement)

in Docket Nos. RP95-197, et al. which, among other things, resolves Transco's cost of service, overall throughput level and mix of throughput for the Docket No. RP95-197 rate period commencing September 1, 1995. In addition, the Agreement resolves, pursuant to Article V of the Agreement, certain tariff issues, including (1) Implementation of a new open-access, interruptible storage service (ISS) and a new Interconnect Transfer Service (ICTS), and (2) revised tariff provisions regarding Delivery Point Entitlements (DPE) and Intra-Day Scheduling (Intra-Day) procedures to be implemented upon the effectiveness of the Agreement. Consistent with Article V of the Agreement, the instant filing proposes to implement the new services under Rate Schedules ISS and ICTS and the revised tariff provisions regarding DPE and Intra-Day. Such tariff sheets are proposed to be effective April 1, 1997.

In addition to the foregoing, included therewith are tariff sheets submitted in the instant filing, proposed to be effective April 1 and July 1, 1996, which reflect the settlement rates updated to incorporate approved tracker filings made subsequent to the date the Agreement was filed (i.e. subsequent to June 19, 1996). Finally, the filing includes a revision to its Index of Provisions of its General Terms & Conditions (Section 29) to reflect a reference to tariff provisions regarding "latest estimated allocated data" which became effective August 1, 1996.

Transco states that it is serving copies of the instant filing to customers, State Commissions and other interested parties.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 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.

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#### **[Docket No. RP97-251-000]**

#### **Viking Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Penalty Revenue Crediting Report**

February 18, 1997.

Take notice that on February 12, 1997, Viking Gas Transmission Company (Viking) filed a report of penalty revenues and credit for the period of November 1, 1995 through October 31, 1996.

Viking states that copies of the filing have been mailed to all of its jurisdictional customers and to affected state regulatory 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. All such motions or protests must be filed on or before February 25, 1997. Protests 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 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. ER96-3026-000, et al.]**

#### **Florida Power & Light Company, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings**

February 14, 1997.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

1. Florida Power & Light Company

[Docket No. ER96-3026-000]

Take notice that on January 27, 1997, Florida Power & Light Company tendered for filing an amendment in the above-referenced docket.

*Comment date:* February 28, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

2. Chewton Glen Energy-Ford Heights LLC

[Docket Nos. EL97-27-000 and QF92-101-000]

Take notice that on February 5, 1997, Chewton Glen Energy-Ford Heights LLC tendered for filing a Petition for