

presently authorized interruptible transportation of natural gas for Chevron Chemical Company (Chevron) under Rate Schedule X-89, in Northwest's FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 2, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Northwest states that Rate Schedule X-89 currently covers the interruptible transportation of up to 10,000 Dth per day for Chevron from various receipt points on Northwest's system to points of interconnection with Northwest Natural Gas Company near St. Helens, Oregon and Cascade Natural Gas Corporation near Finley, Washington.

Northwest further states that the Transportation Agreement expired by its own terms on July 16, 1996, and that no services have been requested or provided thereunder since April of 1988.

Northwest also states that no abandonment of facilities is proposed in conjunction with the abandonment of this service.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before April 25, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) 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.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the certificate is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its motion believes that a formal hearing is

required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Northwest to appear or be represented at the hearing.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-103-001]

#### OkTex Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

April 4, 1997.

Take notice that on April 1, 1997, OkTex Pipeline Company (OkTex) tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, the tariff sheets listed on the filing, with an effective date of June 1, 1997.

OkTex states that the filing is made to comply with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's February 14, 1997 Letter Order, Order No. 587, "Standards for Business Practices of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines," III FERC Stats. & Regs. Regulations Preambles ¶ 31,039 ("Final Rule"), and Order No. 587-B, "Standards for Business Practices of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines," 78 FERC ¶ 61,076 (1997), adopting certain standardized business practices and electronic communication practices promulgated by the Gas Industry Standards Board ("GISB") and requiring pipelines to comply with the requirements of the GISB standards by incorporating the GISB standards by reference into the Commission's Regulations. OkTex moved that the Commission permit the tariff sheets to become effective June 1, 1997, as required by the staggered implementation schedule set forth in the Final Rule.

OkTex states that copies of the filing were served upon the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding.

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 on or before April 21, 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. 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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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-313-000]

#### Ozark Gas Transmission System; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

April 4, 1997.

Take notice that on April 1, 1997, Ozark Gas Transmission System (Ozark) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets to become effective May 2, 1997:

Second Revised Sheet No. 88  
Original Sheet No. 88A  
Original Sheet No. 117A

Ozark states that the purpose of this filing, made in accordance with the provisions of Section 154.204 of the Commission's Regulations, is to establish the flexibility under Ozark's tariff to negotiate rates in accordance with the Commission's Statement of Policy on Alternatives to Traditional Cost-of-Service Ratemaking for Natural Gas Pipelines, Docket No. RM95-6-000 and Regulation of Negotiated Transportation Services of Natural Gas Pipelines, Docket No. RM96-7-000 issued January 31, 1996 (Policy Statement).

Ozark proposes to establish a negotiated/recourse rate program applicable to Ozark's Part 284 firm transportation services under Rate Schedules FTS, ITS, and T-1 consistent with the Policy Statement as well as Commission pronouncements respecting negotiated rate filings of other pipelines.

Ozark states that copies of this filing are being served on all jurisdictional customers and applicable state regulatory agencies.

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 Sections 385.214 and 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