

Niagara Expansion Project. National Fuel states that the First Amendment also addressed a proposed change in compressor mode and horsepower at National Fuel's Ellisburg Compressor Station, and sought certificate authority for a meter replacement that had been described in the original application as an auxiliary facility.

National Fuel states that on March 14, 1997, it responded to a data request from the Commission seeking information about National Fuel's plans in light of Transco's announcement that the SeaBoard project would be delayed. National Fuel states that it advised the Commission that Enron and National Fuel had just entered into an Amended and Restated Precedent Agreement, under which the service to be rendered by National Fuel is not dependent upon the outcome of Transco's SeaBoard project or any other downstream facilities. National Fuel also clarified that its proposed service to Union Pacific is not dependent on downstream facilities. National Fuel indicated that it intended to file an amendment to its application seeking a Commission order, on the earliest date possible, authorizing the construction of the facilities required by National Fuel to render firm service to Enron and Union Pacific, while the facilities required to serve Renaissance would remain tied to Transco's SeaBoard project.

According to National Fuel, the revised project is not dependent upon the outcome of Transcop's SeaBoard project, nor is it dependent upon the certification or construction of any downstream facilities.

National Fuel states that the service to be provided to Enron will be changed in two minor respects. First, Transco at Leidy is now designated as the primary delivery point with respect to all of Enron's maximum daily transportation quantity (MDT). Under the original agreement, the primary delivery point with respect to 5,300 Dth/d of Enron's MDT was to be Transco at Wharton, 12.2 miles from Leidy. Second, the agreement calls for the execution of two service agreements—one ten year service agreement with an MDT of 15,694 Dth/d and one eleven year service agreement with an MDT of 5,650 Dth/d—instead of one ten year service agreement with an MDT of 21,344 Dth/d. It is stated that the total quantity subscribed by Enron remains at 21,344 Dth/d; the effect of this change is that the primary term with respect to 5,650 Dth/d of Enron's capacity has been increased from ten to eleven years.

It is stated that neither the Enron nor the Union Pacific service will be dependent upon any other downstream

facilities. National Fuel states that these customers have requested firm service to Leidy, Pennsylvania, a recognized market center. It is stated that National Fuel's firm shippers would have a number of options for the delivery of their gas at Leidy, including the sale of such gas to shippers with primary firm, secondary firm, released firm or interruptible capacity on Transco's system. In addition, National Fuel's firm shippers would be able to arrange the redelivery of their gas to other interstate pipelines (including CNG Transmission Corporation, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company and Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation) at several secondary points in the Ellisburg-Leidy area, or elsewhere on National Fuel's system. In addition, National Fuel contends that the availability of storage in the Ellisburg-Leidy area provides another delivery option for National Fuel's shippers.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said amendment should on or before April 17, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 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 385.214 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.

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 with further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, or if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that permission and approval for the proposed certificate and abandonment are required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own 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 National Fuel to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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NorAm Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

April 8, 1997.

Take notice that on April 3, 1997, NorAm Gas Transmission Company (NGT) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheets to be effective April 1, 1997:

Fifth Revised Sheet No. 7A

Substitute Fifth Revised Sheet No. 7B

Fifth Revised Sheet No. 7C

Fifth Revised Sheet No. 7D

Third Revised Sheet No. 7E

First Revised Sheet No. 7G

First Revised Sheet No. 7G.01

First Revised Sheet No. 7H

Original Sheet No. 7I

Original Sheet No. 7J

Original Sheet No. 7K

Original Sheet No. 7L

Second Revised Sheet No. 8

Sheet No. 9-11

NGT states that these tariff sheets are filed herewith to reflect specific negotiated rate transactions commencing the month of April, 1997.

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 Rule 211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211). All such protests must be filed as provided in § 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 protestant parties to the proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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