

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission

[Docket No. CP97-522-000]

Florida Gas Transmission Company
and Southern Natural Gas Company;
Notice of Joint Application To
Abandon Transportation Service and
Service Agreement

May 20, 1997.

Take notice that on May 15, 1997, Florida Gas Transmission Company (Florida Gas), 1400 Smith Street, Houston, Texas 77251-1188 and Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern), P.O. Box 2563, Birmingham, Alabama 35202-2563, filed a joint application in Docket No. CP97-522-000, requesting: (1) Permission and approval, pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act, to abandon the transportation service that Florida Gas used to provide to Southern under Florida Gas Rate Schedule X-18 along with the subject August 4, 1980 transportation service agreement (August 4 Agreement); and (2) any other authorizations deemed necessary to implement the abandonment (as proposed), all as more fully set forth in the application, which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

The Applicants state that, under the terms of the August 4 Agreement, Florida Gas transported Southern's 50 percent share of gas purchased in the Brazos Area, offshore Texas (up to 8,300 MMBtu/day) from an interconnection between facilities authorized in Docket No. CP80-211¹ and Florida Gas' Kain Lateral, in Matagorda County, Texas, to an interconnection between the pipeline facilities of Florida Gas and Southern, in Washington Parish, Louisiana. The August 4 Agreement had a primary term of 15 years and continued thereafter until Florida Gas or Southern provided the other with written notice to terminate. The Applicants state that, by letter agreement signed by Florida Gas on August 21, 1996, and by Southern on September 30, 1996, both parties have agreed to terminate the August 4 Agreement and to waive the notice of termination.

The Applicants state that the implementation of open-access

transportation services under Subpart G of Part 284 of the Commission's regulations, and the restructuring of their respective services under Order No. 636, has rendered the August 4 Agreement (i.e., Rate Schedule X-18) unnecessary and obsolete.

The Applicants also state that no Florida Gas or Southern customer will be disadvantaged by the proposed abandonment, and that the proposed abandonment will not result in the abandonment of any of Florida Gas' or Southern's facilities or services.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before June 10, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 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 party 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 the 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, or if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that permission and approval for the proposed 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 Florida Gas and Southern to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP85-221-091]

Frontier Gas Storage Company; Notice
of Sale Pursuant to Settlement
Agreement

May 20, 1997.

Take notice that on May 14, 1997, Frontier Gas Storage Company (Frontier), c/o Reid & Priest, Market Square, 701 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20004, in compliance with provisions of the Commission's February 13, 1985, Order in Docket No. CP82-487-000, *et al.*, submitted an executed Service Agreement under Rate Schedule LVS-1 providing for the possible sale of up to a daily quantity of 100,000 MMBtu, not to exceed 10 Bcf of Frontier's gas storage inventory on an "as metered" basis to Prairelands Energy Marketing Inc. for term ending June 1, 1997.

Under Subpart (b) of Ordering Paragraph (F) of the Commission's February 13, 1985, Order, Frontier is "authorized to commence the sale of its inventory under such an executed service agreement fourteen days after filing the agreement with the Commission, and may continue making such sale unless the Commission issues an order either requiring Frontier to stop selling and setting the matter for hearing or permitting the sale to continue and establishing other procedures for resolving the matter."

Any person desiring to be heard or to make a protest with reference to said filing should, within 10 days of the publication of such notice in the **Federal Register**, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (888 1st 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 Procedures, 18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211. 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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¹ The CP80-211 facilities include, among other things, 15.5 miles of 10-inch diameter pipeline, and 13.5 miles of 8-inch diameter pipeline that extends from an offshore platform in Brazos Block 340 to an interconnection with Florida Gas' Kain Lateral, near Wadsworth, in Matagorda County, Texas, plus 4.3 miles of 4-inch pipeline that connects Brazos Block 367 to Brazos Block 340.