

all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

MVGC states that it is seeking to abandon its certificate and related service because it is not now conducting any such Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 Section 311 transportation service, and has not conducted any such services during the past six years. MVGC further states that it has no contracts for, and no plans to provide, any such services and therefore no longer has any use for the certificate.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make protest with reference to said application should on or before June 23, 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 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 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, 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 provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for MVGC 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. RP97-275-004]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

June 2, 1997.

Take notice that on May 29, 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 May 1, 1997:

- Substitute Fourth Revised Sheet No. 61
- Substitute Fourth Revised Sheet No. 62
- Substitute Fourth Revised Sheet No. 63
- Substitute Fourth Revised Sheet No. 64
- Fourth Revised Sheet No. 109
- Third Revised Sheet No. 124
- Fourth Revised Sheet No. 132

Northern states that this filing is made in compliance with the Commission's Order issued May 14, 1997 in Docket No. RP97-275-001, to (1) revise the fuel retention percentages to reflect a single, combined Field Area ML fuel use and unaccounted-for retention percentage for each transportation path, (2) revise the footnote on Sheet Nos. 61-64 to provide that ML fuel and unaccounted-for percentages cannot be separately stated, and (3) revise Sheet Nos. 109, 124 and 132 to add an explanation of how the fuel percentages on Sheet No. 61-64 will be used to calculate the amount of fuel and unaccounted-for to be retained.

Northern states that copies of the filing were served upon Northern's customers and interested State Commissions.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken in this proceeding, but will not serve to make protestant a party to the proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the

Commission and are available for inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-526-000]

Southern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application

June 2, 1997.

Take notice that on May 15, 1997, as supplemented on May 23, 1997, and May 29, 1997, Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern), Post Office Box 2563, Birmingham, Alabama 35202-2563, filed in Docket No. CP97-526-000 an application, pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for authorization to construct, install, modify, and operate certain pipeline loops, compressors, and appurtenant facilities to permit increased firm transportation services in Southern's Zone 2 and 3 market areas, and for permission to roll in the costs attributable to those facilities, all as more fully set forth in the application, which is on file with the Commission and open for public inspection.

Southern states that it has undertaken an intensive effort to serve new markets that can be attached economically to its system and to develop markets already attached to its system. It is indicated that, as part of this effort, and in response to inquiries received by Southern concerning the availability of capacity, Southern conducted an open season beginning October 1996 to determine whether there was sufficient demand for transportation service to support an expansion of its system. It is also indicated that, as a result of this open season and discussions with interested customers, Southern received requests for long-term transportation service to be available beginning in November 1998, with other services to commence in November 1999 and November 2000. Southern states that it received fifteen requests for service totaling 64,911 Mcf per day. Southern lists the following requests for service noting the year that the customer requests the service to commence:

Customer	Mcf/day
Knoxville Utilities Board (1998)	15,000