system wholly within State of Texas. PanEnergy's integrated pipeline system consists of approximately 188 miles of pipe that previously comprised two distinct pipeline systems, both of which were acquired in 1996. PanEnergy subsequently interconnected the two pipelines to create a single integrated pipeline system. To derive the proposed cost of service, PanEnergy annualized the cost of service and throughput on its system based on the first quarter of 1997. The proposed cost of service is $2,724,158 based on a return on equity of 14.75% and total O&M and A&G expenses of $2,096,094. The rate design volumes are 42,749,127 MMBtu resulting in the unit rate of PanEnergy's system has dramatically changed its operations and increased overall system throughput. PanEnergy proposes an effective date of January 1, 1997.

Pursuant to Section 284.123(b)(2)(ii), if the Commission does not act within 150 days of the filing date, the rate will be deemed to be fair and equitable and not in excess of an amount which interstate pipelines would be permitted to charge for similar transportation service. The Commission may, prior to the expiration of the 150-day period, extend the time for action or institute a proceeding to afford parties an opportunity for written comments and for the oral presentation of views, data, and arguments.

Any person desiring to participate in this rate proceeding must file a motion to intervene in accordance with Sections 385.211 and 385.214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures. All motions must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission on or before July 14, 1997. The petition for rate approval is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97–586–000]

Southern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

June 23, 1997.

Take notice that on June 16, 1997, Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern), P.O. Box 2563, Birmingham, Alabama 35202–2563, filed in Docket No. CP97–586–000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205, 157.212 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212 157.216) for authorization to abandon certain regulating facilities in connection with a change in the operation of a delivery point for an existing customer, under Southern's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82–406–000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Southern states that it is currently authorized to deliver natural gas to Alabama Gas Corporation (Alagasco) at the Alabaster #3 delivery point (Alabaster #3). This delivery point is located at or near Mile Post 1.65 on Southern's 4-inch Longview/Saginaw Line in Section 7, Township 21 South, Range 2 West, Shelby County, Alabama. Specifically, Southern proposes to abandon the regulating facilities at Alabaster #3, install a 2-inch rotary meter to accommodate volume measurement at low flow and some incidental piping. The modifications will all be performed on Southern's existing station property located in Shelby County, Alabama. As a result of these modifications, the meter station at the delivery point will be redesigned to deliver gas to Alagasco at mainline pressure. Alagasco agrees that it shall be responsible for any necessary regulation or modification to its facilities downstream of the station to receive the gas at mainline pressure. The estimated cost for the modifications is $29,900, which Alagasco has agreed to reimburse Southern.

Southern states that the abandonment of facilities and change in operation of the meter station proposed in this application will not result in any termination of service or any change to the total Firm Transportation Demand delivered to Alagasco. Southern states also that the revised delivery pressure will not cause a detriment or disadvantage to its other firm customers; that deliveries at the revised delivery pressure will have no impact on Southern's peak day and annual deliveries; and, that the abandonment and delivery pressure change are not prohibited by Southern's existing tariff. Southern has stated that abandonment of the regulating facilities will decrease maintenance costs for Southern and the change to mainline pressure will benefit Alagasco's operations and its ability to provide service to its customers in its distribution area.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97–581–000]

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Application

June 23, 1997.

Take notice that on June 16, 1997, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee), P.O. Box 2511, Houston, Texas 77252, filed in Docket No. CP97–581–000 an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for permission and approval to abandon by sale to Columbia Gulf Transmission Company (Columbia Gulf) Tennesse's 50% interest in the jointly owned facilities located in Uinta County, Wyoming, and for Columbia Gulf to acquire Tennessee's interest in such facilities which was authorized in Docket Nos. CP81–257–000 and CP81–257–001 [1] all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, Tennessee proposes to abandon by sale to Columbia Gulf, Tennessee's fifty percent interest in the Carter Creek Lateral and Columbia Gulf to acquire and own Tennessee's interest in the same facilities and appurtenances at an estimated cost of $2.4 million, which is the net book value of Carter Creek facilities as of February 28, 1997.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before July 14, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a

[1] See 20 FERC ¶ 62,065 (1982).