

Samedan alleges that VGS' unlawful abandonment originated when VGS terminated Samedan's existing gathering agreement for 75,000 Dth of transportation service per day effective October 1, 1997. The Commission determined on April 1, 1997, that the Venice system is a jurisdictional pipeline in its order in *Venice Gathering System*, 79 FERC ¶61,037 (1997). Samedan also alleges that VGS has taken the position that it does not have an obligation under the Natural Gas Act to continue serving Samedan after October 1, 1997. Samedan states that VGS claims that as of October 1, 1997, all of Samedan's capacity on the lateral over which it ships its gas will be reallocated to other shippers, principally VGS' affiliate, Chevron, under an open-season held June 16-20, 1997, for the stated purpose of soliciting shipper interest in building new, incremental capacity on the lateral.

Samedan further alleges that VGS has never applied for or obtained authorization to abandon service to Samedan, and despite Samedan's express and continued demands, VGS has refused to acknowledge a continuing obligation under the Natural Gas Act to transport Samedan's gas on or October 1, 1997. Samedan, therefore, alleges that VGS' actions constitute an unlawful abandonment in violation of section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make a protest with reference to Samedan's complaint should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or protest in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 or 385.214). All such motions should be filed on or before September 22, 1997. VGS is directed to file its answer to this complaint no later than the close of business September 19, 1997. Any person desiring to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-522-000]

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

September 15, 1997.

Take notice that on September 11, 1997, Shell Gas Pipeline Company (SGPC) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, Second Revised Sheet No. 106, to become effective October 11, 1997.

SGPC states that the purpose of this filing is to reflect a change in the time period from one month to twenty-eight days from the time the first release period has ended after which pre-arranged capacity releases for terms of 31 days or less and at less than the maximum tariff rate can be re-released to the same replacement shipper at less than the maximum tariff rate, in conformance with section 284.243(h)(2) of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Regulations.

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 18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions and 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, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. 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. RP97-428-011]

#### Tuscarora Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

September 15, 1997.

Take notice that on September 10, 1997, Tuscarora Gas Transmission Company (Tuscarora) tendered for filing

as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets to become effective August 26, 1997:

First Revised Sheet No. 84

Sub First Revised Sheet No. 85

Tuscarora asserts that the purpose of this filing is to clarify that the maximum term an Existing Shipper can be required to match under the right-of-first refusal provision is five years.

Tuscarora states that copies of this filing were mailed to all customers of Tuscarora, interested state regulatory agencies and the service list in Docket No. RP97-428-000.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NW., Washington DC 20426, in accordance with section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in section 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 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. ER97-4331-000, et al.]

#### American Electric Power Service Corporation, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

September 15, 1997.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

##### 1. American Electric Power Service Corporation

[Docket No. ER97-4331-000]

Take notice that on August 20, 1997, the American Electric Power Service Corporation (AEPSC), tendered for filing executed service agreements under the AEP Companies' Power Sales Tariff. The Power Sales Tariff was accepted for filing effective October 1, 1995, and has been designated AEP Companies' FERC Electric Tariff First Revised Volume No. 2. AEPSC requests waiver of notice to permit the service agreements to be made effective for service billed on and after July 21, 1997.