

Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-88-000]

Nautilus Pipeline Company, L.L.C.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

December 16, 1997.

Take notice that on December 11, 1997, Nautilus Pipeline Company, L.L.C. (Nautilus) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, First Revised Tariff Sheet No. 196, to become effective January 1, 1998.

Nautilus states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with Order 636-C issued on February 27, 1997, whereby the matching term on the right-of-first-refusal to retain existing capacity was shortened from twenty years to five years.

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, N.E., Washington D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 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.

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[Docket No. RP98-89-000]

Nautilus Pipeline Company, L.L.C.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

December 16, 1997.

Take notice that on December 12, 1997, Nautilus Pipeline Company, L.L.C. (Nautilus) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, First Revised Tariff Sheet No. 279 proposed to become effective January 11, 1998.

Nautilus states that the purpose of this filing is to change the Form of Service Agreement for Rate Schedule IT-1 to reflect interruptible service and not firm service in the second *Whereas* statement.

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, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP94-38-002]

Ouachita River Gas Storage Company L.L.C.; Notice of Petition to Amend

December 16, 1997.

Take notice that on November 17, 1997, Ouachita River Gas Storage Company, L.L.C. (Ouachita) 9801 Westheimer, Suite 602, Houston, Texas 77042, filed in Docket No. CP94-38-002 a petition to amend the existing authorizations issued in Docket Nos. CP94-38-000 and CP94-38-001,

pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, to expand the working gas capacity of the South Downsville Storage Project, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

On August 1, 1996, the Commission authorized Ouachita to construct and operate the South Downsville Storage Project, an underground gas storage field with related pipeline and header facilities in Union and Lincoln Parishes, Louisiana. The August 1, 1996, order approved market-based rates for Ouachita's storage services but denied market-based rates for hub services. On February 26, 1997, the Commission approved cost-based rates for Ouachita's hub services and issued Ouachita a Subpart G blanket certificate to render firm and interruptible gas storage services and interruptible hub transportation services.

Ouachita states that the project was originally designed with a working gas storage capacity of 27 Bcf. Ouachita explains that as result of additional analysis, it has determined that the working capacity of the project can be efficiently increased. Based on the results of a recent open season, Ouachita believes it can subscribe all of the expanded capacity. Accordingly, Ouachita proposes to increase the working gas storage capacity from 27 Bcf to 37.5 Bcf. Ouachita asserts that the increase will permit it to spread the fixed costs of the project over more units of storaged capacity and thereby decrease the unit cost of storage.

Any person desiring to participate in the hearing process or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before January 6, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE, 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. The Commission's rules require that protestors provide copies of their protests to the party or parties directly involved. 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.

A person obtaining intervenor status will be placed on the service list

maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by every one of the intervenors. An intervenor can file for rehearing of any Commission order and can petition for court review of any such order.

However, an intervenor must submit copies of comments or any other filing it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as an original and 14 copies with the Commission.

A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have comments considered. A person, instead, may submit two copies of comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of environmental documents and will be able to participate in meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission and will not have the right to seek rehearing or appeal the Commission's final order to a federal court.

The Commission will consider all comments and concerns equally, whether filed by commenters or those requesting intervenor status.

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 a grant of the certificate is 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 Ouachita to appear or be represented at the hearing.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-124-000]

Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

December 16, 1997.

Take notice that on December 9, 1997, Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company (Panhandle), P.O. Box 1642, Houston, Texas 77251-1642, filed in Docket No. CP98-124-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.211) for authorization to construct, own and operate a new delivery point to be located in Pittsboro, Hendriks County Indiana, under Panhandle's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-83-000, 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.

Specifically Panhandle proposes to install two 8-inch hot taps and check valves on Panhandle's mainline facilities, approximately 1,200 feet of 8-inch connecting pipe, and install electronic gas measurement equipment on the proposed metering facilities. Panhandle states that the proposed interconnection will be utilized to provide transportation service to Indiana Gas Company (Indiana Gas) for redelivery to Qualitech Corporation, a steel plant near Pittsboro, Indiana. Panhandle states that Indiana Gas will also construct facilities to accommodate receipt of the gas from Panhandle. The estimated cost of the proposed facilities is approximately \$85,000, which Panhandle states will be reimbursed by Indiana Gas. Panhandle states that the new interconnection will be designed to deliver up to 36,000 Dt/d of natural gas.

Panhandle states that the construction of the proposed facilities will have no effect on its peak day and annual delivery requirement, and that Panhandle has sufficient capacity to accomplish deliveries without detriment or disadvantage to its other customers.

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.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-87-000]

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

December 16, 1997.

Take notice that on December 11, 1997, Shell Gas Pipeline Company (SGPC) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, First Revised Tariff Sheet Nos. 101 and 102 to become effective November 1, 1997.

SGPC states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with Order 636-C issued on February 27, 1997, whereby the matching term on the right-of-first-refusal to retain existing capacity was shortened from twenty years to five years.

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, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 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.

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