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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER98-447-000]

Panda Power Corporation; Notice of Issuance of Order

January 2, 1998.

Panda Power Corporation (Panda) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which Panda will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. Panda also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, Panda requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Panda.

On December 22, 1997, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Rate Applications, Office of Electric Power Regulation, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by Panda 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 Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, Panda is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of Panda's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is January 21, 1998. Copies of the full text of the order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20426.

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[Docket No. CP97-723-001]

Southern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application

January 2, 1998.

Take notice that on December 29, 1997, Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern), Post Office Box 2563, Birmingham, Alabama 35202-2563, filed in Docket No. CP97-723-001 an application, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing it to construct and operate replacement facilities, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

On September 3, 1997, Southern filed pursuant to § 157.208 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to replace and relocate a portion of its North Main Line, North Main Loop Line and Second North Main Line, under its blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-406-000. Specifically, Southern proposed to relocate certain facilities in order to remove its system from the threat of soil subsidence which could occur as a result of long-wall coal seam mining. Southern had stated that it would replace and relocate certain sections of its 22-inch North Main Line, 24-inch North Main loop Line and 24-inch Second North Main Line facilities in Jefferson County, Alabama, and that there would be no adverse impact to firm deliveries.

Southern, using historical cost data for similar construction projects, estimated the total cost to be \$17.7 million. However, on November 24, 1997, because of the increased cost of directional drilling, Southern received a higher than originally expected bid for construction services, increasing the

total project cost to \$20.1 million which cost exceeds the amount under § 157.208 project limits. Accordingly, Southern requests in Docket No. CP97-723-001, either a waiver of the project cost limits of § 157.208 or an expedited certificate under Section 7(c) so that construction can begin. Southern states that it requested and received clearance letters from the Alabama State Historic Preservation Officer and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the construction of this project.

Any person desiring to participate in the hearing process or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before January 7, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., 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 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 Southern to appear or be represented at the hearing.

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