

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RP97-346-000]

Equitrans, L.P.; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

January 27, 1998.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference will be convened in this proceeding on February 3, 1998 at 9:30 a.m., at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C., 20426, for the purpose of exploring the possible settlement of the above-referenced docket.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 385.214).

For additional information, please contact Irene E. Szopo at (202) 208-1602 or Robert A. Young at (202) 208-5705.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,*Acting Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP98-192-000]

Florida Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

January 27, 1998.

Take notice that on January 20, 1998, Florida Gas Transmission Company (FGT), 1400 Smith Street, P.O. Box 1188, Houston, Texas 77251-1188, filed in Docket No. CP98-192-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212) for authorization to construct, own and operate a new meter station (Orr Plant Meter Station) in Dade County, Florida for Metropolitan Dade County (County), a political subdivision of the State of Florida, under FGT's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-553-000, 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.

FGT proposes to construct, own and operate the Orr Plant Meter Station, which will include a tap, meter, electronic flow measurement (EFM) equipment, and any other related appurtenant facilities necessary for FGT to deliver natural gas quantities of up to 1167 MMBtu per day and up to 425,955 MMBtu per year on an firm basis to County.

FGT states that County has elected to reimburse FGT for the costs incurred by FGT relating to the proposed construction of the tap, 555-foot lateral, meter station and EFM equipment. The estimated total cost of the proposed construction is \$185,000. FGT has stated that the gas quantities proposed to be delivered by FGT to County will be based upon County or an agent acquiring firm capacity under FGT's Capacity Relinquishment Program and will have no incremental effect on any of FGT's firm 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,*Acting Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. TM98-3-34-000]

Florida Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

January 27, 1998.

Take notice that on January 22, 1998, Florida Gas Transmission Company (FGT) tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, effective February 1, 1998, the following tariff sheets:

Twenty-Fifth Revised Sheet No. 8A

Sixteenth Revised Sheet No. 8A.01
Seventeenth Revised Sheet No. 8A.02
Twenty-Second Revised Sheet No. 8B
Fifteenth Revised Sheet No. 8B.01

FGT states that in Docket No. TM98-2-34-001 filed on September 9, 1997 and approved by Commission order dated September 26, 1997, FGT filed to establish a Base Fuel Reimbursement Charge Percentage (Base FRCP) of 3.05% to become effective October 1, 1997. In the instant filing, FGT is filing a flex adjustment of <0.30% to be effective February 1, 1998, which, when combined with the Base FRCP of 3.05%, results in an Effective Fuel Reimbursement Charge Percentage of 2.75%.

FGT states that the tariff sheets listed above are being filed pursuant to Section 27.A.2.b of the General Terms and Conditions of FGT's Tariff, which provides for flex adjustments to the Base FRCP. Pursuant to the terms of Section 27.A.2.b, a flex adjustment shall become effective without prior FERC approval provided that such flex adjustment does not exceed 0.50%, is effective at the beginning of a month, is posted on FGT's EBB at least five working days prior to the nomination deadline, and is filed no more than sixty and at least seven days before the proposed effective date. The instant filing comports with these provisions and FGT has posted notice of the flex adjustment prior to the instant filing.

FGT states that it has experienced an overretention of fuel for the three months ended December 31, 1997, the period during which the Base FRCP of 3.05% has been in effect. This trend toward overrecovery appears to be continuing during the month of January, 1998. Consequently, to minimize the operational problems experienced as a result of this overrecovery of fuel, and to minimize the balance of the deferred fuel account to be resolved in a subsequent period, FGT is decreasing the Effective Fuel Reimbursement Charge Percentage to 2.75%.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said 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 or protests should 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