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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-299-000]

#### Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

July 6, 1998.

Take notice that on July 1, 1998, Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company (Panhandle) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the tariff sheets listed on Appendix A to the filing, to become effective August 1, 1998.

Panhandle states that it is proposing to suspend the \$0.01 per Dt. Stranded Transportation Cost Reservation Surcharge applicable to Rate Schedules FT, EFT and LFT and the 0.06¢ per Dt. Stranded Transportation Cost Volumetric Surcharge applicable to Rate Schedule SCT. Panhandle will file a reconciliation report as soon as practicable and provide invoice credits, with carrying charges, to applicable shippers for any excess collections through July 31, 1998.

Panhandle states that copies of this filing are being served on all affected customers and applicable state regulatory agencies.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or a 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 or 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 proceedings. 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. CP98-640-000]

#### Point Arguello Natural Gas Line Company; Notice of Application

July 6, 1998.

Take notice that on June 29, 1998, Point Arguello Natural Gas Line Company (Point Arguello), 4000 Executive Parkway, San Ramon, California 94583, filed in Docket No. CP98-640-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to permit Point Arguello to transport natural gas over its existing facilities from near the Gaviota Gas Processing Plant, Gaviota, California to Platform Hermosa, in the Point Arguello Field on the Outer Continental Shelf, offshore Santa Barbara, California, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Point Arguello states that its pipeline was built to transport natural gas associated with the crude oil production from the Point Arguello Field onshore to the Gaviota Gas Processing Plant. It is stated that without the pipeline natural gas not used in the offshore platform operations would have been flared or reinjected into the producing reservoirs. Point Arguello indicates that changes are occurring in the management of the oil production of the Point Arguello Field. It is stated that, in order to extend the economic life of the field, the oil producers are proposing to reconfigure their operations to reduce costs and streamline operations by moving the oil stabilization operations from onshore to the offshore oil platforms and to inject all surplus gas produced from the field into the reservoir. It is also stated that no further gas processing will be required at the Gaviota plant.

It is indicated that the producers plan to reinject the surplus gas because gas production rates continue to decline and, as a result, levels of hydrogen sulfide are increasing, precluding the gas from being transported to shore. It is also expected that, in the near future, gas production rates will not be

sufficient to support the offshore platform operations. As a result, Point Arguello proposes to transport gas from onshore to offshore.

To implement this reversal of flow, Point Arguello proposes to reactivate an existing 100 yards of pipe near the gas processing plant and to install a valve in order to provide a direct connection with Southern California Gas Company. No other facility changes are involved. No changes to Point Arguello's cost of service tariff is proposed.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before July 27, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 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 and permission for abandonment are 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 Point Arguello to appear or be represented at the hearing.

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