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Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. TM99-4-23-000]

Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

December 15, 1998.

Take notice that on December 10, 1998 Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company (ESNG) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, Certain revised tariff sheets in the above captioned docket, bear a proposed effective date of January 1, 1999.

ESNG states that the purpose of this instant filing is to track rate changes attributable to a storage service purchased from Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) under its Rate Schedules SST and FSS, the costs of which comprise the rates and charges payable under ESNG's Rate Schedule CFSS. This tracking filing is being made pursuant to Section 3 of ESNG's Rate Schedule CFSS.

ESNG states that copies of the filing have been served upon its jurisdictional customers and interested State Commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or 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 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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Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. EC99-6-000]

Lake Benton Power Partners L.L.C.; Notice of Filing

December 11, 1998.

Take notice that on December 1, 1998 and December 8, 1998, Lake Benton Power Partners L.L.C. (Applicant) filed updates to its application under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act. On December 1, 1998, Applicant filed a chart to reflect a change in the ownership structure of Applicant following the proposed transaction. On December 8, 1998, Applicant filed the agreement necessary to effect the transaction, as required by the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 33.3).

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such 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 Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before December 21, 1998. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to be come a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-797-000]

Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Veazie Lateral Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

December 15, 1998.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the

facilities, about 1.1 miles of 12-inch-diameter pipeline, valves, and a metering facility, proposed in the Veazie Lateral Project.¹ This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity. The application and other supplemental filings in this docket are available for viewing on the FERC Internet website (www.ferc.fed.us). Click on the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu, and follow the instructions.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a pipeline company representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The pipeline company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law. A fact sheet addressing a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain, is attached to this notice as appendix 1.²

Summary of the Proposed Project

Maritime & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C. (Maritimes) wants to expand the capacity of its facilities in Maine to transport up to 105,000 Dekatherms per day of natural gas to a new electric generation facility (Maine Independence Station). Maritimes seeks authority to construct and operate the following facilities in Penobscot County, Maine:

- 1. miles of 12-inch-diameter pipeline;
- a side valve and remote blow-off facility; and
- a metering facility.

The location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 3. If you are interested in obtaining procedural information, please write to the Secretary of the Commission.

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would require about 11.8 acres of land. Following construction, about 0.2 acre would be maintained as new above

¹ Maritimes' application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

² The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.