

Responsibilities, Section 2.E(4), Approval of Exemptions for Use of Non-DOE Facilities). The requirement would state:

DOE Field Element Managers are responsible for the Approval of Exemptions for Use of Non-DOE Facilities. DOE radioactive waste shall be treated, stored, and in the case of LLW, disposed of at the site where the waste is generated, if practical; or at another DOE facility. If DOE capabilities are not practical, exemptions may be approved to allow use of non-DOE facilities for the storage, treatment, and disposal of DOE radioactive waste based on the following minimum requirements:

(a) Such non-DOE facilities shall:

1. Comply with applicable Federal, state, and local requirements;
2. Have the necessary permit(s), license(s), and approval(s) for the specific waste(s); and
3. Be determined by the Field Element Manager to be acceptable based on a review conducted annually by DOE.

(b) Exemptions for the use of non-DOE facilities shall be documented to be cost effective and in the best interest of DOE, including consideration of alternatives for on-site disposal, an alternative DOE site, and available non-DOE facilities; consideration of life-cycle cost and potential liability; and be protective of public health and the environment.

(c) DOE waste shall be sufficiently characterized and certified to meet the facility's waste acceptance criteria.

(d) Appropriate National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review must be completed. For actions taken under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), it is DOE's policy to incorporate NEPA values into the CERCLA documentation (reference: Secretarial Policy Statement on NEPA, June 1994).

(e) Headquarters shall be notified of the exemption to use a non-DOE facility and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Health (EH-1) shall be consulted prior to the exemption being executed.

(f) Host States and State Compacts where non-DOE facilities are located shall be consulted prior to approval of an exemption to use such facilities and notified prior to shipments being made.

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Acting Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. TM99-1-20-002]

Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

March 5, 1999.

Take notice that on March 3, 1999, Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin) refiled its Annual FRQ filing to provide for an approximate \$1.1 million refund to customers as required by the Commission in its Order on Compliance Filing issued on February 16, 1999 in Docket Nos. TM99-1-20-001 and TM99-1-20-000.

Algonquin states that the FRQ deferred balance for the period August 1, 1997 through July 31, 1998, results in an approximate \$1.1 million net credit balance which includes carrying charges through November 30, 1998 that will be refunded to Algonquin's customers. Algonquin also states that pursuant to Section 32.5(c) of the General Terms and Conditions of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1, Algonquin will make the FRQ refund to the customers within 60 days of the acceptance of this filing by the Commission. Algonquin states that additional carrying charges will be reflected in the refund amount to include the period from November 30, 1998 through the payment date.

Algonquin states that copies of the filing were mailed to all affected customers of Algonquin and interested state commissions, as well as all parties in Docket No. TM99-1-20-000.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such 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. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

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Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-229-000]

Florida Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Application for Abandonment

March 5, 1999.

Take notice that on February 26, 1999, Florida Gas Transmission Company (Florida Gas), P.O. Box 1188, Houston, Texas 77251-1188, filed an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157.18 of the Commission's Regulations requesting permission and approval to abandon pipeline facilities located in Dade County, Florida, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Specifically, Florida Gas proposes to abandon 1.9 miles of 18-inch pipeline and approximately 327 feet of 2½-inch lateral connected to the Hialeah NW meter station located in Dade County, Florida. Florida Gas seeks this abandonment authority due to road construction in the immediate area by the Florida Department of Transportation. Florida Gas states that abandoning the facilities instead of relocating them will save approximately \$2 to \$3 million. Florida Gas also states that the abandonment of the 1.9 miles of 18-inch pipeline will not affect its ability to deliver firm volumes to its customers and will result in only a minimal reduction in its ability to deliver interruptible volumes. Further, Florida Gas states that abandonment of the 2½-inch lateral will not affect deliveries since Florida Gas can deliver all of the contractual volumes through an existing 6-inch lateral.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before March 26, 1999, 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 Rule of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) 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 in any proceeding herein must file a motion to intervene