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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-310-003]

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Compliance Filing

March 26, 1999.

Take notice that on February 26, 1999, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural) tendered for filing certain tariff sheets to be part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Sixth Revised Volume No. 1, to be effective August 1, 1998 and January 1, 1999.

Natural states that the filing is submitted pursuant to the Commission's order issued February 11, 1999 in Docket Nos. RP98-310-001 and 002, which approved tariff sheets that Natural filed on August 13, 1998 in Docket No. RP98-310-001 (August 13th Filing) subject to Natural filing revised tariff sheets that clarify that Natural may not enter into transactions like Natural described in its August 13th Filing under Natural's discount rate authority. Additionally, Natural States that it has also flowed through these changes to several corresponding tariff sheets filed and approved in Docket Nos. RP98-145-000, RP99-176-000 and 001 to be effective August 1, 1998 and January 1, 1999.

Natural requested any waivers which may be required to permit the tendered tariff sheets to become effective August 1, 1998 and January 1, 1999, consistent with the Commission's orders issued July 30, 1998 and December 30, 1998 in Docket Nos. RP98-310-000 and RP99-176-000, respectively.

Natural states that copies of the filing have been mailed to its customers, interested state regulatory agencies and all parties set out on the Commission's official service list in Docket No. RP98-310.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.W., 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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[Docket No. CP99-262-000]

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Application

March 26, 1999.

Take notice that on March 17, 1999, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee), 1001 Louisiana, Houston, Texas 77002, filed in Docket No. CP99-262-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Regulations, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing Tennessee to construct, install and operate compression and certain minor facilities in order to provide additional firm transportation service to customers in Zone 6 of its pipeline system (referred to as Eastern Express Project 2000—Zone 6 Receipts), all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-222 for assistance).

Specifically, Tennessee proposes to: (1) install an additional 6150 horsepower compressor at its Compressor Station No. 261 in Hampden County, Massachusetts; (2) install an additional 7,170 horsepower compressor at its Compressor Station No. 266-A in Worcester County, Massachusetts; and (3) add an 8-inch delivery tap to its existing Southern Connecticut-Milford delivery point on Tennessee's 300 Line in New Haven County, Connecticut. Tennessee also proposes to construct and install certain facilities, in Worcester and Middlesex Counties, Massachusetts and in Hartford County, Connecticut, pursuant to

Section 2.55(a) of the Commission's Regulations. The estimated total cost of the proposed facilities is \$28,143,423.

Tennessee states that the proposed facilities will increase capacity on its Blackstone Lateral downstream of Compressor Station No. 266-A by 292,000 Dth/d, and will increase capacity on its 300 Line downstream of Compressor Station No. 261 by 83,000 Dth/d. Tennessee further states that, as the result of an open-season held from February 12, 1998 through March 24, 1998, Tennessee has entered into binding precedent agreements for firm transportation service to be rendered pursuant to Tennessee's Rate Schedule FT-A for 90,000 Dth/d of capacity associated with deliveries on its Blackstone Lateral and for 83,000 Dth/d of capacity associated with deliveries on its 300 Line. Tennessee requests approval of the service agreements for the project which contain certain provisions which are different from those contained in Tennessee's *pro forma* FT-A Agreement.

Shippers were given the option of selecting negotiated rates of recourse rates. Tennessee states that the negotiated rates provide for fixed reservation and commodity charges, for the primary term of the shipper's transportation agreement, in the amounts of \$3.22 per Dth/month for the reservation charge, and, for the commodity charge, \$0.0643 for the first five years and \$0.0543 for the second five years. The recourse rates are the applicable maximum reservation and commodity rates for transportation service within Zone 6 under Tennessee's Rate Schedule FT-A. Tennessee states that all shippers selected negotiated rates, and that revenues collected during the primary terms of the contracts will exceed the incremental cost-of-service for the project over a 10-year period.

Tennessee states that the proposed project will enable gas supplies accessed by Portland Natural Gas Transmission System and Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline L.L.C. pipelines to be delivered to existing and new markets in New England. Tennessee requests that the Commission grant the requested authorizations by December 31, 1999, so that Tennessee can place the project in service by November 1, 2000.

Any person desiring to be heard or making any protest with reference to said application should on or before April 16, 1999, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in