

tendered tariff sheets to become effective May 10, 1999 as submitted.

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).

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-524-000]

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Application

May 21, 1999.

Take notice that on May 18, 1999, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural), 747 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois 60148 filed an application with the Commission in Docket No. CP99-524-000 pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for permission and approval to abandon by sale to MidCon Texas Pipeline Operator, Inc. (MidCon Texas), an affiliated intrastate pipeline, various contiguous facilities located in Arkansas and Refugio Counties, Texas, and authorized in Docket Nos. G-19086, as amended in Docket No. CP61-111, CP66-96, CP76-493, CP80-86, CP82-402-000, and CP85-519-000, all as more fully set forth in the application which is open to the public for inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Natural proposes to abandon its contiguous St. Charles, Zoller, Fulton Beach, and Nine Mile Point laterals and related meter, tap, and appurtenant facilities located in Arkansas and Refugio Counties. Natural states that these facilities were originally constructed as a means of receiving gas

purchased from various producers for Natural's system supply to support Natural's merchant function. Natural's merchant function terminated effective December 1, 1993. Consequently, Natural states that it no longer needs the said facilities to receive its own gas supply and no longer has any gas purchase obligations regarding these facilities. Moreover, Natural states that the transportation value to Natural of the above facilities has been greatly reduced.

Natural proposes to abandon a total of approximately 52 miles of pipeline laterals and related meter, tap, and appurtenant facilities. Natural states that it proposes to transfer these facilities to MidCon Texas for their cumulative net book value as of the closing date specified in its assets sale agreement with MidCon Texas.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before June 11, 1999, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 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 NGA (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 NGA 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 permission and approval for the proposed 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 Natural to appear or be represented at the hearing.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-39-020]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Distribution of Refunds Paid

May 21, 1999.

Take notice that on May 18, 1999, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), tendered for filing worksheets reflecting the distribution of refunds paid to jurisdictional sales customers on August 14, 1998 and April 15, 1999. Northern states that these refunds are being made pursuant to the Commission's Order in Public Service Company of Colorado, *et al.*, Docket No. RP97-369-000, *et al.*

The Commission ordered that "any first seller that collected revenues in excess of the applicable maximum lawful price established by the NGPA as a result of the reimbursement of the Kansas ad valorem taxes for sales based upon a tax bill rendered on or after October 3, 1983, shall refund any such excess revenues to the purchaser." The interstate pipelines were then required to make lump-sum cash payments of the Kansas ad valorem tax refunds to the customers who were overcharged. Included with Northern's payments is interest on any amounts received from producers held longer than 30 days by Northern, covering the period from the date Northern received the refund from the producers until the date that refunds were paid out to its customers.

Northern states that a copy of this report is being mailed to each of Northern's affected jurisdictional sales customers.

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