

support of El Paso's high pressure South System as well as deliver gas to serve Southern Union's distribution system in the City of El Paso, Texas.

In addition, El Paso proposes to abandon 2.92 miles of Line No. 2043, extending from El Paso Electric Co. Line to Southern Union Central Delivery Point, and associated taps and meters in El Paso County, Texas. El Paso states that this segment of Line No. 2043 is currently utilized to deliver gas to Southern Union at one meter and two taps. El Paso states that it will retain and continue to utilize the remaining 3.14 miles of Line No. 2043, located upstream, to provide service to existing direct industrial and residential customers on the west side of El Paso, Texas.

El Paso states that Line Nos. 1000 and 2043 and the associated delivery facilities proposed to be abandoned essentially serve a local distribution, end-use function, rather than an interstate mainline transmission function. El Paso states that such facilities serve customers at numerous delivery points and will, upon transfer, be utilized by Southern Union in conjunction with Southern Union's existing distribution system in the El Paso, Texas, area.

Also, El Paso proposes to abandon the certificated service at one meter and nine taps located in or near the Town of Monahans, Ward County, Texas. El Paso states that it is no longer directly serving Southern Union at these delivery points. El Paso states that Southern Union has informed El Paso that it will obtain gas supply and transportation services for the 10 delivery points from Sid Richardson Gasoline Company.

El Paso states that it will sell the subject facilities to Southern Union at the net book value.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Patricia A. Shelton at (915) 496-2600, El Paso Natural Gas Company, Post Office Box 1492, El Paso, Texas 79978.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before July 29, 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 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 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 El Paso 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. RP97-287-035]

El Paso Natural Gas Company; Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

July 8, 1999.

Take notice that on July 1, 1999, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso) tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1-A, the following tariff sheets, to become effective July 1, 1999:

Twenty-Fifth Revised Sheet No. 30
Seventeenth Revised Sheet No. 31
Original Sheet No. 31A

El Paso states that the above tariff sheets are being filed to implement two negotiated rate contracts pursuant to the Commission's Statement of Policy on Alternatives to Traditional Cost-of-Service Ratemaking for Natural Gas Pipelines and Regulation of Negotiated Transportation Services of Natural Gas Pipelines issued January 31, 1996 at Docket Nos. RM95-6-000 and RM96-7-000.

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).

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-427-000]

Gulf States Transmission Corporation; Notice of Waiver of Electronic Data Interchange Requirement

July 8, 1999.

Take notice that on July 1, 1999, Gulf States Transmission Corporation (Gulf States), tendered for filing and acceptance a Motion for Waiver of Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Requirement.

Gulf States states that it is seeking a waiver of the Commission's requirement in Order No. 587-I that interstate pipelines conduct business transactions through an EDI format by June 1, 2000. Gulf States further states that it currently has only two customers with valid contracts and that neither customer uses nor desires EDI transactions with Gulf States. Gulf States further states that it seeks a waiver of only the EDI requirement and that it intends to fully comply with all other Commission approved GISB standards related to communications on the Internet.

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 on or before July 16, 1999. Protests will be