

processing times for Commission workload. The goal of this comprehensive information management system will be the development of a common, multipurpose, standards-based infrastructure that accepts electronic filings and maintains all Commission data in a data repository accessible electronically by Commission staff and eventually the public. Electronic filing pilots through the Commission's Web Site will assist in the development of standards, minimize the number of filing types and streamline filing requirements. When completed, electronic filing will substantially reduce the cost of paper, copying, postage, and messenger services for those who file at the Commission.

The initial pilot will allow the following categories of documents to be submitted electronically with the Commission in accordance with its regulations in 18 CFR Part 385:

- Motions to Intervene and Notices to Intervene § 385.214;
- Protests filed pursuant to §§ 385.208 and 385.211;
- Comments filed in rulemaking proceedings and in connection with Environmental Impact Statements;
- Comments on pleadings other than those set for hearing under Subpart E of the regulations and settlement comments;

- Answers to pleadings and rulemaking comments filed in accordance with § 385.213, other than those in proceedings set for hearing under Subpart E of the regulations;
- Withdrawals of comments in pleadings and rulemakings in accordance with § 385.206, other than those in proceedings set for hearing under Subpart E of the regulations;
- Amendments to such pleadings and rulemaking comments pursuant to § 385.215, other than those in proceedings set for hearing under Subpart E of the regulations;

These documents were selected for this pilot because of the lack of complexity in the information that is submitted to the Commission. During the pilot phase, participants will still be required to file paper copies in accordance with the Commission's current regulations in addition to filing the electronic submission.

Further impetus for expanding the use of electronic filing at the Commission is to ensure its compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (Pub. L. 104-13) and its commitment to the provisions of OMB's regulations at 5 CFR 1320 and corresponding guidance in OMB Circular A-130. The PRA calls

upon agencies to "promote the use of information technology by the Federal Government to improve productivity, efficiency, and effectiveness of Federal Programs, including through dissemination of public information and the reduction of information collection burdens on the public." (44 U.S.C. 3504(h)(5)). The goal is to have regulated entities file with the Commission fewer, and ultimately no, paper documents, as appropriate. The electronic submission also creates a transaction where documents can be accessed and retrieved faster and, as a result, the Commission response will be measurably faster.

The Commission is seeking emergency clearance for this pilot because the normal clearance procedures would disrupt the Commission's planned implementation of an electronic filing program and the Commission's strategic goal of reducing the regulatory burden on industries through the generation of better and more timely information for use by industries, minimizing the filing burden and reducing workload processing times for both industries and Commission staff.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. TM00-1-148-000]

Garden Banks Gas Pipeline, LLC; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

September 2, 1999.

Take notice that on August 27, 1999, Garden Banks Gas Pipeline, LLC (GBGP) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, Second Revised Sheet No. 6, to become effective October 1, 1999.

GBGP states that the purpose of this filing is to implement the tracking of the ACA Unit Surcharge authorized by the Commission to be applied to rates in 1999 for recovery of 1999 current year annual charges. The ACA Unit Surcharge authorized by the Commission for fiscal year 1999 is \$0.0022 per Dth.

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. 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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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. RP99-486-000]

Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Tariff Filing

September 2, 1999.

Take notice that on August 27, 1999, Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc. (Granite State) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1 the following tariff sheets, with an effective date of August 1, 1999:

Third Revised Sheet No. 202
Second Revised Sheet No. 210
First Revised Sheet No. 276A
Second Revised Sheet No. 278
Tenth Revised Sheet No. 289
First Revised Sheet No. 330

Granite State states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with Order No. 587-K issued on April 2, 1999. The revised tariff sheets reflect certain Version 1.3 standards promulgated by the Gas Industry Standards Board which were adopted by the Commission and incorporated by reference in Commission's Regulations. Granite State also proposes to reflect in its FERC Gas Tariff several GISB standards that were erroneously omitted from previous GISB compliance filings.

Granite State requests waiver of the Commission's regulations to permit the proposed tariff sheets to become effective on August 1, 1999.

According to Granite State, copies of the filing have been mailed to all affected customers and applicable state regulatory agencies.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion