

obligation to the sum of the MDTQ and the applicable fuel and loss allowance. National Fuel states that in connection with the implementation of the Distribution FT service, Lamont will be added as a delivery point under the Distribution EFT service and Roystone will be added as a receipt point. National Fuel asserts that it is not intended that receipts of gas from and deliveries of gas into the new Lamont to Roystone facilities will reduce Distribution's aggregate entitlements to deliver and receive gas at its pre-existing points.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to David W. Reitz, Assistant General Counsel for National Fuel, 10 Lafayette Square, Buffalo, New York 14203 at (716) 857-7949.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make a protest with reference to said application should on or before March 14, 2000, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or 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 protestant a party 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 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 construction and 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 procedures herein provided for, unless otherwise advise, it will be unnecessary

for National Fuel to appear or to be represented at the hearing.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99 176 012]

#### Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Proposed Change in FERC Gas Tariff

February 29, 2000.

Take notice that on February 23, 2000, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural) tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Sixth Revised Volume No. 1, Original Sheet No. 26D, to be effective April 1, 2000.

Natural states that the purpose of this filing is to implement a Negotiated Rate transaction with Nicor Gas Company (Nicor Gas) under Rate Schedules FTS, DSS and NSS pursuant to Section 49 of the General Terms and Conditions of Natural's Tariff.

Natural concurrently tenders by a separate filing in this docket with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) a copy of the executed negotiated rate agreement between Natural and Nicor Gas, together with a copy of the current Exhibits A and B, the primary receipt and delivery points, respectively, for each of the associated service agreements.

Natural requests waiver of the Commission's Regulations to the extent necessary to permit Original Sheet No. 26D to become effective April 1, 2000.

Natural states that the negotiated rate agreement may deviate in certain respects from the applicable form of service agreement in Natural's Tariff. Specifically, the following categories of provisions may constitute such deviations: MDQ reduction rights, with attendant audit rights, limited contract extension and MDQ reduction rights, shipper limited waiver of Section 5 rights, LN option rights, and certain limited restoration rights upon a change in rate design and service terms.

Natural states that these items do not change the character or nature of the service provided, or the operational conditions of the service. These items were critical to the Agreement by both parties to the resulting negotiated rates. Natural asks the Commission to accept

the Agreement to become effective April 1, 2000.

Natural states that copies of the filing are being mailed to its customers, interested state commissions and all parties set out on the Commission's official service list in Docket No. RP99-176.

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, N.E., Washington, D.C. 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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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-162-002]

#### Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

February 29, 2000.

Take notice that on February 24, 2000, Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company (Panhandle) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, those pro forma tariff sheets listed on Appendix A attached to the filing.

Panhandle states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with Ordering Paragraph (B) of the Commission's Order, 90 FERC ¶61,119 (February 9, 2000) (Order) in the above-referenced proceeding.

Panhandle states that copies of this filing are being served on all affected customers, applicable state regulatory agencies and parties to the proceeding.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,