

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP00-59-001]

Petal Gas Storage, L.L.C.; Notice of Amendment

March 2, 2000.

Take notice on February 24, 2000, Petal Gas Storage, L.L.C. (Petal),¹ 229 Milam Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101, filed in Docket No. CP00-59-001, an amendment to its application in Docket No. CP00-59-000, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity, pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations, to construct and operate storage, pipeline, compression, and appurtenant facilities all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may be viewed at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Mr. David Hayden, Petal Gas Storage, L.L.C., 229 Milam Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101 or call (318) 677-5511.

By this amendment Petal seeks to withdraw from consideration all of the facilities proposed in its original application except for:

(1) 5.5 miles of 36-inch diameter pipeline that will loop Petal's existing 5.5 mile, 20-inch diameter storage header in Forrest County, Mississippi; and

(2) Four compressor units totaling 20,000 horsepower together with valves and appurtenant flowlines at the Petal storage facility in Forrest County, Mississippi;

In addition Petal now proposes to expand its existing interconnect with Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee), also located in Forest County, Mississippi. Petal proposes an in-service date of May 31, 2001 for the facilities.

Petal also no longer seeks authority to provide transportation pursuant to Part 284 and withdraws for consideration the pro-forma transportation tariff contained in the original application. However, Petal states that it still seeks approval of certain pro-forma changes to Volume 1, Part A of its effective FERC storage services tariff. Petal intends that the changes will become effective upon the

in-service date of the facilities. Petal says it intends to continue charging market-based rates for storage services and does not seek any changes in its current authorization to charge market-based rates. Additionally, Petal requests certain waivers of the Commission's regulations.

Any person desiring to participate in the hearing process or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before March 23, 2000, 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. The Commission's rules require that protestors provide copies of their protests to the party or parties directly involved. 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.

A person obtaining intervenor status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by every one of the intervenors. An intervenor can file for rehearing of any Commission order and can petition for court review of any such order. However, an intervenor must submit copies of comments or any other filing it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as 14 copies with the Commission.

A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have comments considered. A person, instead, may submit two copies of comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents and will be able to participate in meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties, or issued by the Commission and will not have the right to seek rehearing or appeal the Commission's final order to a federal court.

The Commission will consider all comments and concerns equally, whether filed by commenters of those requesting intervenor status.

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 a grant of the certificate is 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 provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Petal 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. RP96-200-051]

Reliant Energy Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

March 3, 2000.

Take notice that on February 29, 2000, Reliant Energy Gas Transmission Company (REGT) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets to be effective March 1, 2000:

Second Revised Sheet No. 8F

Third Revised Sheet No. 8H

Third Revised Sheet No. 8L

REGT states that the purpose of this filing is to reflect the implementation of two new negotiated rate contracts and a change to an existing negotiated rate contract.

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

¹ Effective January 4, 2000, Petal Gas Storage Company converted to Petal Gas Storage, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company, in accordance with the provisions of Section 18-214 of the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act.