

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).

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*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-189-000]

#### Southern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Cost Recovery Filing

March 3, 2000.

Take notice that on February 29, 2000, Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Seventh Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets with the proposed effective date of April 1, 2000.

Fiftieth Revised Sheet No. 14  
Seventy-First Revised Sheet No. 15  
Fiftieth Revised Sheet No. 16  
Seventy-First Revised Sheet No. 17

Southern sets forth in the filing its revised demand surcharges for the recovery of Order No. 636 transition costs associated with Southern LNG Inc. from the period November 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999. These costs have arisen as a direct results of restructuring under Order No. 636.

Southern states that copies of the filing were served upon Southern's customers and interested state commissions.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-195-000]

#### TransColorado Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Tariff Filing

March 3, 2000.

Take notice that on March 1, 2000, pursuant to 18 CFR 154.7 and 154.203, and in compliance with the Commission letter order issued May 26, 1999 (May 26 order), in Docket No. RP99-106-003, TransColorado Gas Transmission Company (TransColorado) tendered for filings its first annual Fuel Gas Reimbursement Percentage (FGRP) filings as provided by Section 12.8 of its FERC Gas Tariff (Fuel Gas Reimbursement). TransColorado has requested that the Commission find that TransColorado's initial 1% FGRP was the appropriate level for the period March 31, 1999, through March 31, 2000.

TransColorado also tendered for filing and acceptance, to be effective April 1, 2000, Third Revised Sheet No. 247 to Original Volume No. 1 of its FERC Gas Tariff that sets TransColorado's FGRP at 1.4% and suspends all other aspects of TransColorado's FGRP tariff provision until such time as TransColorado's transportation quantities increase and stabilize. TransColorado further proposed that its FGRP tariff provision be reviewed in connection with its February 1, 2001, cost and revenue report that is required to be filed in compliance with the Commission letter order dated January 14, 2000, (January 14 order) in Docket Nos. RP99-106-000 and 004.

TransColorado stated that a copy of this filing has been served upon its customers, the New Mexico Public Utilities Commission and the Colorado Public Utilities Commission.

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).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2077-016]

#### USGen New England Inc.; Notice Extending Deadline for Filing Comments, Final Terms and Conditions, Recommendations and Prescriptions, and Requesting Reply Comments

March 3, 2000.

On November 26, 1999, the Appalachian Mountain Club, Connecticut River Joint Commission, Connecticut River Watershed Council, Conservation Law Foundation, New Hampshire Rivers Council, Trout Unlimited Vermont Chapter, and Trout Unlimited New Hampshire Chapter (NGOs),<sup>1</sup> collectively, requested an extension to June 1, 2000, for filing comments, final terms and conditions, and recommendations and prescriptions for the Fifteen Mile Falls Project, located on the Connecticut River, in Grafton and Coos Counties, New Hampshire, and Caledonia and Essex Counties, Vermont. The NGOs referenced an agreement between the settlement's stakeholders and USGen to complete draft management plans governing Fisheries, Forest and

<sup>1</sup> The NGOs are also signatories to the Settlement Agreement for the project.

Wildlife, Threatened and Endangered Species, and Recreation by June 1, 2000. The NGOs then requested an extension of time, until June 1, 2000, to file comments on the applicant-prepared environmental assessment (APEA), and final terms and conditions, prescriptions and recommendations for the new license.

In response, the Commission, by notice of January 12, 2000,<sup>2</sup> granted an extension of time, to June 1, 2000, for the filing of comments, final terms and conditions, prescriptions and recommendations, but only concerning the subject of the draft management plans. The deadline for filing other comments, final terms and conditions, prescriptions and recommendations, remained January 31, 2000, as had been established by notice of November 22, 1999.<sup>3</sup>

On January 31, 2000, the NGOs renewed the request for extension to June 1, 2000. The NGOs stated that the results of the studies leading to the management plans will bear on more than just the management plans, and will affect conditions identified in the settlement agreement. The request is supported by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Vermont Agency for Natural Resources, two resource agencies that have statutory authority to make recommendations under Section 10(j) of the Federal Power Act.

The Commission is concerned with the swift progress of proceedings under the Alternative Licensing Process (ALP). The goal of the ALP is to resolve issues during pre-filing consultation in a collaborative manner so that the Commission may accelerate the environmental review process and licenses may receive speedy review of the filed license application. Therefore, the Commission carefully scrutinizes delays or time extension requests for license applications prepared under the ALP.

In this instance, we recognize the close connection between the management plans and other aspects of the license application, and the benefit to the stakeholders of resolving as many issues as possible before they submit their prescriptions, final terms and conditions, recommendations and comments. We will therefore, pursuant to Rule 2008 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure,<sup>4</sup> extend the deadline for filing all prescriptions, final terms and conditions,

recommendations and comments to June 1, 2000.

The applicant contact is Mr. Cleve Kapala, USGen New England, Inc., 46 Centerra Parkway, Lebanon, NH 03766. The FERC contact is William Guey-Lee, E-mail address: william.gueylee@ferc.fed.us, or telephone (202) 219-2808.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St. NE, Washington, DC 20426. The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, the intervenor must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

All filing must: (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," "PRESCRIPTIONS," or "REPLY COMMENTS;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application and APEA to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Any of these documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies required by the Commission's regulations to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. An additional copy must be sent to: Director, Division of Licensing and Compliance, Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above address. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

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*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulation Commission

[Docket No. RP00-190-000]

#### Viking Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Tariff Filing

March 3, 2000.

Take notice that on February 29, 2000, Viking Gas Transmission Company (Viking) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1 the following tariff sheets to become effective April 1, 2000:

Fourth Revised Sheet No. 6B

Viking states that the purpose of this filing is to make Viking's annual adjustment to its Load Management Cost Reconciliation Adjustment in accordance with Section 154.403 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, 18 CFR § 154.403 (1998) and Section 27 of the General Terms and Conditions of Viking's FERC Gas Tariff.

Pursuant to Rule 207 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, 18 CFR § 385.207 (1999), Viking also respectfully petitions the Commission for a limited waiver of its FERC Gas Tariff to allow Viking to defer surcharging the Load Management Deferred Account Balance and to surcharge only the carrying charges associated with that balance at this time.

If the Commission declines to grant Viking's request, then Viking respectfully submits for filing an original and fourteen copies of the tariff sheet listed below to be part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1 to be effective on April 1, 2000:

Alternate Fourth Revised Sheet No. 6B

Viking states that copies of the filing have been mailed to all of its jurisdictional customers and to affected state regulatory commissions.

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. Protest 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

<sup>2</sup> 65 FR 2943 (2000).

<sup>3</sup> 64 FR 66632 (1999).

<sup>4</sup> 18 CFR 385.2008.