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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. OR00-2-000]

#### ExxonMobil Pipeline Company; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order

March 15, 2000.

Take notice that on March 9, 2000, pursuant to Rules 207(a)(2) and 212 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.207, 385.212, ExxonMobil Pipeline Company (EMPCo.) tendered for filing a petition for a declaratory order regarding the proposed rate for transportation service to be provided through a new crude oil pipeline from the Diana and Hoover Fields in the offshore Gulf of Mexico, to onshore facilities at Quintana and Freeport, Texas.

EMPCo. seeks regulatory assurance regarding its initial Hoover Offshore Oil Pipeline System (HOOPS) rate, which it states is based on the Commission's customary oil pipeline ratemaking formula with two narrow variations. First, EMPCo requests authority to use the unit of throughput (UOT) method of depreciation, rather than straight-line or some other form of remaining life depreciation. Second, EMPCo seeks authority to develop its initial rate based on a five-year "levelized" rate approach.

EMPCo. anticipates a June 15, 2000 start-up of operations, and requests that the Commission issue an expedited order declaring (1) that the unit of throughput depreciation approach may be used for HOOPS rates; (2) that the initial HOOPS rate may be based on projected costs and revenues levelized over the first five years of HOOPS operations. EMPCo states that it proposes to charge the initial rate of \$2.104 per barrel set forth in Attachment B-10 to the filing, if its petition is accepted before start-up subject to changes only as permitted or required by the Commission's indexing rules. EMPCo states that absent the grant of its petition before start-up it would be required to charge \$2.35 per barrel, as set forth in Attachment B-6 to the filing.

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 March 30, 2000, with replies to any protests due April 10, 2000. 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

[Docket No. ER99-2489-000]

#### Green Mountain Energy Resources, L.L.C.; Notice of Issuance of Order

March 15, 2000.

Green Mountain Energy Resources, L.L.C. (Green Mountain) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which Green Mountain will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. Green Mountain also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, Green Mountain requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Green Mountain.

On June 2, 1999, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Rate Applications, Office of Electric Power Regulation, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by Green Mountain should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of

Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, Green Mountain is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of Green Mountain's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is March 30, 2000.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. The Order may also be viewed on the Internet 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. RP00-215-000]

#### Northern Border Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

March 15, 2000.

Take notice that on March 10, 2000, Northern Border Pipeline Company (Northern Border) tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets to become effective April 10, 2000:

Third Revised Sheet Number 159  
Second Revised Sheet Number 160

Northern Border proposes to revise section 5.0 and remove section 5.1 under Rate Schedule T-1. The herein proposed changes do not result in a change in Northern Border's total revenue requirement.

Northern Border states that copies of this filing have been sent to all of Northern Border's contracted shippers

and interested 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, 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).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-83-002]

#### Texas Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

March 15, 2000.

Take notice that on March 10, 2000, Texas Gas Transmission Corporation (Texas Gas) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets to become effective January 14, 2000:

Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 79  
Substitute Original Sheet No. 80  
Substitute Original Sheet No. 80G  
Substitute Original Sheet No. 80H

On November 29, 1999, Texas Gas filed proposed tariff sheets to establish a new Summer No-Notice Service (SNS). The Commission Order issued January 12, 2000, suspended the effective date of those tariff sheets until June 14, 2000, subject to refund, the conditions set forth within the Order, and the outcome of a technical conference. Texas Gas states that the tariff sheets submitted herein reflect changes to the SNS Rate Schedule, which Texas Gas agreed to as a result of the recent technical conference.

Texas Gas states that copies of the revised tariff sheets are being mailed to

all parties on the Commission's official service list as well as to Texas Gas's jurisdictional customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 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).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. RP97-71-019 and RP97-312-008]

#### Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

March 15, 2000.

Take notice that on March 7, 2000, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) tendered for filing to its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, certain revised tariff sheets which tariff sheets are enumerated in Appendix A attached to the filing. The tariff sheets are proposed to be effective April 1, 2000.

On January 20, 1998, Transco filed a Stipulation and Agreement (Settlement) in Docket No. RP97-71 which, among other things, resolved Transco's cost of service, overall throughput level, and mix of throughput for the RP97-71 rate period. Article VI, Section B of the Settlement, as approved by the June 12 Order, requires Transco, "[t]o the extent necessary to prevent Transco from over-collecting its costs", to make a limited Section 4 rate filing to adjust the cost of service, cost allocations, throughput and throughput mix underlying Transco's existing rates "coincident with the 'spin-down' of all or a portion of Transco's gathering or transmission (as currently functionalized) facilities."

On February 17, 1998, in Docket No. CP98-242-000, Transco filed for approval to abandon by sale to Williams Gas Processing-Gulf Coast Gathering Company, L.P. the Tilden/McMullen Gathering System. On May 4, 1999, the Commission issued an order approving the abandonment of certain limited gathering facilities (the Facilities) and permitting Transco one year to effectuate the spin-down. In compliance with the Settlement and the Commission's order, Transco proposes to effectuate the spin-down of the Facilities on April 1, 2000.

Transco states that it is serving copies of the instant filing to its affected customers, State Commissions and other interested parties.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 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).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-114-000]

#### Trunkline Gas Company; Notice of Application

March 15, 2000.

Take notice that on March 9, 2000, Trunkline Gas Company (Trunkline), 5444 Westheimer Road, Houston, Texas 77056-5306, filed an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and the Commission's Regulations thereunder, for an order permitting and approving the abandonment of 720 miles of mainline transmission facilities by transfer to CMS Trunkline Pipeline