

inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to James J. McElligott, Senior Vice President, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, 747 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois 60148 at (630) 691-3525.

Specifically Natural requests:

(1) permission and approval to abandon, by sale to East Breaks Gathering Company, L.L.C. ("East Breaks"), a nonjurisdictional gathering company, interests in an aggregate of 39.98 miles of various diameter offshore laterals including related tap, meter and "non-mainline" compression facilities and appurtenances in the West Cameron ("WC") and Vermilion ("VR") Areas, offshore Louisiana. Specifically, Natural seeks to abandon its interests in lateral facilities connecting gas supply in VR 221A, VR 340A, VR 348A, WC 170A, WC 172CB, WC 212C, WC 533 (meter and "non-mainline" compressor only), WC 534A (meter only), WC 537A, WC 551A/New, WC 564A and WC 630 (meter only). Natural will also sell to East Breaks facilities interests in an aggregate of 15.62 miles of previously abandoned and retired in place lateral facilities, which specifically had connected gas supply in East Cameron ("EC") 281B, offshore Louisiana, EC 347A, WC 264A #1, WC 540A and WC 551A/Old; 1/ and

(2) a determination in the Commission's order in the present docket that following abandonment, and upon transfer to East Breaks, the subject facilities interests to be abandoned here and those in the previously abandoned and retired in place laterals to be sold will become part of East Breaks' system and will be nonjurisdictional and not subject to NGA regulation by the Commission.

Natural states that its interests in the subject facilities were originally constructed as a means of receiving gas purchased from various suppliers for Natural's system supply to support Natural's merchant function. Natural's merchant function terminated effective December 1, 1993. Consequently, Natural states that it no longer has a need for the facilities interests to be abandoned in the present application. Natural states that it proposes to abandon and transfer these facilities interests, as well as Natural's interests in five (5) previously abandoned and retired in place laterals, to East Breaks for \$5,137,618.

Any person desiring to be heard or make any protest with reference to said application should on or before July 3, 2000, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20426, a petition 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 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 protestants parties 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 petition 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 Federal Energy Regulatory 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 petition 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 petition for leave 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 Natural 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. RP98-52-000]

Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc.; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

June 12, 2000.

On March 13 and 28, 2000, the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) sponsored two informal settlement conferences for the purpose of initiating settlement discussions potentially leading to a resolution of all the Kansas *ad valorem* proceedings. During the March 28 conference, the participants agreed that settlement negotiations among all interested parties should be pursued separately for each pipeline involved with the Kansas *ad valorem* tax refund issues.

An informal settlement conference in the above docket will be held on July,

11, 2000, at the offices of Shook, Hardy & Bacon, 1 Kansas City Place, 1200 Main Street, Kansas, Missouri. The Director of the Commission's Dispute Resolution Service and the KCC will attend the conference and facilitate the settlement negotiations.

All interested parties in the above dockets are requested to attend the informal settlement conference. If a party has any questions respecting the conference, please call Richard Miles, the Director of the Dispute Resolution Service. His telephone number is 1 877 FERC ADR (337-2237) or 202-208-0702 and his e-mail address is richard.miles@ferc.fed.us.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EC00-97-000, et al.]

Atlantic City Electric Company, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

June 9, 2000.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

1. Atlantic City Electric Company, Delmarva Power & Light Company and Conectiv Energy Supply, Inc.

[Docket No. EC00-97-000]

Take notice that on June 1, 2000, Atlantic City Electric Company (Atlantic), Delmarva Power & Light Company (Delmarva) and Conectiv Energy Supply, Inc. (CESI) (collectively, the Applicants) tendered an application under the provisions of Section 203 of the Federal Power Act involving the assignment of Atlantic and Delmarva's rights and obligations under certain of their wholesale power sales agreements ("Agreements") to CESI.

The Applicants respectfully request an effective date of June 1, 2000, the date of filing.

The Applicants state that copies of this joint application have been served upon Atlantic and Delmarva's counter parties in the Agreements and the pertinent state regulatory commissions.

Comment date: July 3, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.