

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. 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 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 or 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 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 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 herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Northern 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. RP00-438-000]

Pine Needle LNG Company; LLC; Notice of Tariff Filing

August 11, 2000.

Take notice that Pine Needle LNG Company, LLC (Pine Needle) tendered for filing on August 7, 2000 certain revised tariff sheets to its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1. The proposed effective date of such tariff sheets is March 27, 2000.

Pine Needle states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission's Regulation of Short-Term Natural Gas Transportation Services and Regulation of Interstate Natural Gas Transportation Services in Docket Nos. RM98-10-000 and RM98-12-000 (Order No. 637). Among other things, the Commission in Order No. 637 revised its regulations regarding releases of capacity for less than one year (short-term releases). The Commission waived the rate ceiling for short-term releases until September 30, 2002, and clarified its posting and bidding requirements for short-term releases.

The changes to the capacity release regulations became effective on March 26, 2000, however the Commission allowed pipelines to remove inconsistent tariff provisions within 180 days of the issuance of Order No. 637. In compliance, Pine Needle is making the following revisions to its tariff sheets. First, Section 4.1 of Rate Schedule LNG-R is being changed to state that the maximum rate ceiling does not apply to short-term releases until September 30, 2002. Second, Section 4.1 of the aforementioned rate schedule is being modified to state that the rates for short-term releases in this time frame are not subject to refund. Third, Section 20 of the General Terms and Conditions is being changed to reflect the

Commission's modifications to the posting and bidding requirements for short-term releases of capacity and to incorporate the waiver of the maximum rate ceiling as described above.

Pine Needle states that copies of the instant filing are being mailed to customers, State Commissions and other interested parties. In accordance with the provisions of Section 154.16 of the Commission's Regulations, copies of this filing are available for public inspection, during regular business hours, in a convenient form and place a Pine Needle's main offices, at 2800 Post Oak Boulevard in Houston, Texas.

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).

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Docket No. RP00-435-000]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Filing

August 11, 2000

Take notice that on August 4, 2000, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) certain revised tariff sheets to its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, which sheets are enumerated in Appendix A attached thereto.

Transco states that the purpose of the instant filing is track rate changes attributable to transportation service