

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory  
Commission**

[Docket No. RP96-200-074]

**Reliant Energy Gas Transmission  
Company; Notice of Tariff Filing and  
Negotiated Rate**

September 5, 2001.

Take notice that on August 31, 2001, 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 September 1, 2001:

First Revised Sheet No. 640

First Revised Sheet No. 641

REGT states that the purpose of this filing is to reflect the revision of an existing negotiated rate contract and the expiration of 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 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. This filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site under the "e-Filing" link.

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Secretary.*

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[Docket Nos. CP01-434-000, CP01-435-000, and CP01-436-000]

**Seneca Lake Storage, Inc.; Notice of  
Application**

September 5, 2001.

Take notice that on August 27, 2001, Seneca Lake Storage, Inc. (SLSI), 81 State Street, Binghamton, New York, 13901, filed an application in the above-referenced docket numbers pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, as amended, and Parts 157 and 284 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, for: (1) a certificate of public convenience and necessity, pursuant to Part 157, Subpart A, authorizing SLSI to construct and operate, at market based rates, a natural gas storage facility capable of delivering 50,000 dekatherms/day, consisting of storage caverns and other associated and appurtenant facilities; (2) a blanket certificate authorizing SLSI to construct, acquire and operate additional facilities under Part 157, Subpart F following construction of the facilities for which authorization is being sought under Part 157, Subpart A; (3) a blanket certificate authorizing SLSI to provide storage services on the behalf of others under Part 284, Subpart G; and (4) a blanket certificate pursuant to Part 284, Subpart J authorizing SLSI to provide unbundled sales service for the limited purpose of disposing of gas in storage that shippers fail to remove. The application is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (please call (202) 208-2222 for assistance).

SLSI further requests approval of its FERC Gas Tariff included in Exhibit P of the application. SLSI also requests that if its request for approval of market based rates is granted, the Commission (1) waive the requirements of section 284.8(d) of its regulations, which require that rates be designed using a straight fixed-variable rate design methodology; (2) waive the requirements of 157.14 of its regulations with respect to Exhibits K, L, N, and O of the application; (3) waive the accounting and reporting requirements under Parts 201 and 260.2 of its regulations; (4) waive the requirement to provide total gas supply information, pursuant to section 157.14(a)(10) of its regulations; and (5) waive all other regulations to the extent such waivers

may be necessary to grant each of the authorizations requested in the application.

Further, SLSI requests the Commission grant confidential treatment to the Resource Report 6 and Exhibit M-1 that accompany the application, pursuant to 18 CFR 388.122, because these materials contain geological, technological, and financial information.

The storage facilities which SLSI seeks to construct and operate will be located in Schuyler County, New York. The storage facilities will consist of a gallery of two connected underground storage caverns (Gallery No. 2) and approximately 600 feet of 8.625 inch diameter interconnecting pipeline to connect the storage facilities to an existing compressor station owned by New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG). The SLSI storage facilities will be integrated into the existing NYSEG control system. Daily operations and maintenance of the storage facilities will be performed by NYSEG under an Administrative Services Agreement. The gas stored in the SLSI facilities will be transported by existing interstate pipelines. With the exception of a limited amount of brine removal, Gallery No. 2 has been completely developed through a pre-existing salt mining operation, and has been previously used by others for propane storage. The proposed storage facilities have a maximum working gas volume of approximately 595.8 MMcf.

The storage services to be offered by SLSI will be available on a firm and interruptible basis, based upon the terms and conditions that are consistent with the requirements of Order No. 636. The proposed terms and conditions, as well as the rate schedules on which service will be offered, are included in the tariff attached to the application. SLSI requests that it be permitted to charge and collect market-based rates for the storage services.

Any questions regarding the application are to be directed to Mark A. Cole, Manager Gas Engineering & Project Management, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, Corporate Drive, Kirkwood Industrial Park, Binghamton, New York 13902-5224, telephone (607) 762-4294, or fax to (607) 762-8045.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before September 26, 2001, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with