

The Sales Tariff was accepted by the Commission by letter order issued on February 10, 1995 in *Jersey Central Power & Light Co., Metropolitan Edison Co. and Pennsylvania Electric Co.*, Docket No. ER95-276-000 and allows GPU and ENTERGY to enter into separately scheduled transactions under which the GPU Operating Companies will make available for sale, surplus operating capacity and/or energy at negotiated rates that are no higher than the GPU Operating Companies' cost of service.

GPU requests a waiver of the Commission's notice requirements for good cause shown and an effective date of July 24, 1996 for the Service Agreement.

GPU has served copies of the filing on regulatory agencies in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Comment date: August 15, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

11. Jersey Central Power & Light Company, Metropolitan Edison Company, and Pennsylvania Electric Company

[Docket No. ER96-2551-000]

Take notice that on July 29, 1996, GPU Service Corporation (GPU), on behalf of Jersey Central Power & Light Company, Metropolitan Edison Company and Pennsylvania Electric Company (jointly referred to as the GPU Operating Companies), filed an executed Service Agreement between GPU and Vastar Power Marketing, Inc. (VASTAR), dated July 24, 1996. This Service Agreement specifies that VASTAR has agreed to the rates, terms and conditions of the GPU Operating Companies' Operating Capacity and/or Energy Sales Tariff (Sales Tariff) designated as FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 1. The Sales Tariff was accepted by the Commission by letter order issued on February 10, 1995 in *Jersey Central Power & Light Co., Metropolitan Edison Co. and Pennsylvania Electric Co.*, Docket No. ER95-276-000 and allows GPU and VASTAR to enter into separately scheduled transactions under which the GPU Operating Companies will make available for sale, surplus operating capacity and/or energy at negotiated rates that are no higher than the GPU Operating Companies' cost of service.

GPU requests a waiver of the Commission's notice requirements for good cause shown and an effective date of July 24, 1996 for the Service Agreement.

GPU has served copies of the filing on regulatory agencies in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Comment date: August 15, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

12. Louisville Gas and Electric Company

[Docket No. ER96-2552-000]

Take notice that on July 29, 1996, Louisville Gas and Electric Company, tendered for filing copies of a service agreement between Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Sonat Power Marketing under Rate GSS.

Comment date: August 15, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

13. Louisville Gas and Electric Company

[Docket No. ER96-2553-000]

Take notice that on July 29, 1996, Louisville Gas and Electric Company, tendered for filing copies of a service agreement between Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Entergy Power Marketing Corp. under Rate GSS.

Comment date: August 15, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

14. Maine Public Service Company

[Docket No. ER96-2554-000]

Take notice that on July 29, 1996, Maine Public Service Company (Maine Public), filed an executed Service Agreement with New England Power Company.

Comment date: August 15, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraph

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. 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 proceeding. 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96-583-000, et al.]

**MidCon Texas Pipeline Corp., et al;
Natural Gas Certificate Filings**

July 29, 1996.

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

1. MidCon Texas Pipeline Corp.

[Docket No. CP96-583-000]

Take notice that on June 19, 1996, MidCon Texas Pipeline Corp. (MidCon Texas), located at 3200 Southwest Freeway, Houston, TX 77027-7523, filed in Docket No. CP96-583-000, an application pursuant to Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, Part 153 of the Commission's Regulations, Executive Order Nos. 10485 and 12038, and the Secretary of Energy's Delegation Order No. 0204-112. MidCon Texas seeks a Presidential Permit and Section 3 authority to site, construct, connect, operate, and maintain certain pipeline and metering facilities (the border crossing facilities) near Roma, Starr County, Texas, at a point on the International Boundary between the United States and the Republic of Mexico. MidCon Texas' proposal is more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

MidCon Texas states that the border crossing facilities would consist of a dual-12-inch meter on the U.S. side of the Rio Grande River and approximately 800 feet of 24-inch pipe extending to the international Boundary in the middle of the river. The border crossing facilities are said to have a design capacity of 270 Mmcfd and are estimated to cost \$520,000.

The border crossing facilities will connect to a new 24-inch pipeline to be constructed in Mexico by MidCon Gas Natural de Mexico, S.A. de C.V., an affiliate of MidCon Texas. MidCon Texas states that it will extend its existing intrastate pipeline system in southwest Texas by constructing 15.6 miles of 24-inch pipeline to connect to the proposed border crossing facilities.

Comment date: August 19, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

2. Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America

[Docket No. CP96-640-000]

Take notice that on July 15, 1996, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural), 701 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois 60148, filed in Docket No. CP96-640-000 an application

pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for permission and approval to abandon certain certificated and uncertificated facilities to Mitchell Gas Services, Inc. (Mitchell), all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Natural proposes to abandon the facilities which make up its Wise County Gathering system in Wise County, Texas. It is also requested that the Commission determine the future jurisdiction of the entire Wise Gathering System. It is stated that if this abandonment is granted a request under NGA Section 4 would be made to terminate the services performed by these facilities.

It is also stated that services would continue to be performed until the closing date of the sale.

Comment date: August 19, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

3. Destin Pipeline Company Inc.

[Docket Nos. CP96-655-000, CP96-656-000 and CP96-657-000]

Take notice that on July 24, 1996, Destin Pipeline Company Inc. (Destin), P.O. Box 2563, Birmingham, Alabama 35202-2563, filed in Docket Nos. CP96-655-000, CP96-656-000 and CP96-657-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and Parts 284 and 157 of the Commission's Regulations for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct, own and operate natural gas pipeline facilities subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission, to provide open-access firm and interruptible transportation service through such facilities and to engage in certain routine activities, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Destin states that it is a new company which seeks authorization to construct and operate a new large diameter interstate pipeline to transport gas from the Gulf of Mexico to interconnections with five interstate pipelines in the State of Mississippi. Destin states that the development of deepwater and corridor prospects in the Mississippi Canyon, DeSoto Canyon, Viosca Knoll, Main Pass, Destin Dome and Mobile areas in the Gulf of Mexico (Destin Corridor) is expected to make large volumes of gas supply available for downstream markets beginning in 1999; however, there are capacity constraints in much of the existing pipeline infrastructure in southeastern Louisiana. Destin states that the proposed new pipeline, which will interconnect with pipelines at points well downstream of

significant existing pipeline capacity constraints, will enable these deepwater gas supplies to flow directly into downstream markets.

In Docket No. CP96-655-000, Destin requests authorization to construct and operate one gathering platform in Main Pass Block 248, Gulf of Mexico; one junction platform in Viosca Knoll Block 119, Gulf of Mexico; one 14,100 horsepower compressor station in Jackson County, Mississippi; one 11,600 horsepower compressor station in Greene County, Mississippi; 207 miles of 36-inch and 30-inch pipeline, and two miles of 16-inch pipeline extending from the proposed gathering platform northward to shore near Pascagoula, Mississippi and further to interconnections with Southern Natural Gas Company, Florida Gas Transmission Corporation, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation and Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company in Mississippi; and related pipeline interconnection, measurement and appurtenant facilities. Destin states that these pipelines serve a large portion of the natural gas markets and provide access to numerous other interstate pipelines through which the Destin Corridor reserves can be delivered to practically any area of the eastern United States through separate transportation arrangements. Destin states that an additional delivery point to Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation in Mississippi is planned through one such separate transportation arrangement with Southern and an application for approval of this arrangement will be filed shortly. In addition, Destin states that a third-party, non-jurisdictional processing plant, near Pascagoula, Mississippi, is contemplated as a separate component of the proposed project.

Destin maintains that the proposed pipeline project will accommodate the transportation of approximately 1 Bcf of natural gas per day for delivery to downstream pipeline interconnections in Mississippi. Destin estimates the cost of the facilities to be \$294 million which will be financed by equity and long-term debt.

Destin requests a Preliminary Determination on non-environmental issues by January 15, 1997, with final approval on all issues by August 1, 1997, so that the proposed facilities can be placed in service by February 1, 1999. Destin states that it does not have executed firm transportation contracts at this time and anticipates that it will require executed 10-year firm transportation agreements for at least 700 Mmcfd per day, the approximate level which Destin states is required in

order to go forward with this project. Destin states that it will hold an open season from August 1, 1996 to December 15, 1996 and expects to file with the Commission executed firm transportation agreements within 60 days after issuance of the requested Preliminary Determination.

In Docket No. CP96-656-000, Destin requests a blanket transportation certificate of public convenience and necessity under Part 284 of the Commission's Regulations in which to provide open-access, self-implementing firm and interruptible transportation service on behalf of interstate pipelines and other shippers. Destin states that it will offer two firm transportation services. It is stated that service under Rate Schedule FT-1 will apply to any shipper that contracts for firm transportation service for a term of 10 years or more. Destin states that it proposes to charge for this service a traditional cost of service rate methodology that is levelized over a 10-year period matching the 10-year commitment term of the initial service agreements. In addition, Destin states that the billing determinants for the Rate Schedule FT-1 service reflect a build-up matching the expected development profile of the Destin Corridor deliverability in the first three years of operation and an assumed 100 percent subscription in the next seven years. Destin states that it expects the vast majority of its throughput will be under Rate Schedule FT-1, or a negotiated 10-year rate. It is stated that service under Rate Schedule FT-2 will apply to shippers contracting for firm transportation service for a term of less than 10 years. In addition, it is stated that service under Rate Schedule IT will be applicable to any shipper contracting for interruptible transportation regardless of contract term. Destin states that in order to tailor its commercial negotiations to the needs of its customers, its *pro forma* tariff provides that Destin may file negotiated rates consistent with Commission policy. Destin states that the recourse rate for negotiated rate transactions of 10 years or longer will be the FT-1 rate, and for shorter transactions, the recourse rate will be the FT-2 rate.

Destin states that it will provide certain special features of transportation service which includes a transportation banking provision and, for an interim period prior to commercial operation of the pipeline, the allocation of delivery point capacity on a pro rata basis.

In Docket No. CP96-657-000, Destin requests a blanket certificate of public convenience and necessity under Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations

authorizing the various activities stated in Subpart F of Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations.

Comment date: August 19, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

4. CNG Transmission Corporation
Columbia Gulf Transmission Company
Texas Eastern Transmission
Corporation, Transcontinental Gas Pipe
Line Corporation, Texas Gas
Transmission Corporation

[Docket No. CP96-658-000]

Take notice that on July 23, 1996, CNG Transmission Corporation (CNG), 445 West Main Street, Clarksburg, West Virginia 26302-2450; Columbia Gulf Transmission Company (Columbia Gulf), P.O. Box 1273, Charleston, West Virginia 25325-1273; Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (Texas Eastern), P.O. Box 1642, Houston, Texas 77521-1642; Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco), P.O. Box 1396, 2800 Post Oak Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77251-1396; and Texas Gas Transmission Corporation (Texas Gas), 3800 Frederica Street, Owensboro, Kentucky 42301 filed an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations for an order granting permission and approval to abandon certain X-Rate Schedules in Volumes 2 and 2A of the above-named companies' respective FERC Gas Tariffs for transportation and/or exchanges of natural gas in the Gulf of Mexico area, on and offshore Louisiana, and offshore Texas, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

The X-Rate Schedules for which abandonment authority is requested are:

Company	Rate schedule
CNG	X-13, X-16, X-17, X-18, X-19, X-22, X-27
Columbia Gulf	X-18, X-19, X-52
Texas Eastern	X-70, X-74
Transco	X-72
Texas Gas	X-54, X-78

CNG states that these X-Rate Schedule transportation and exchange agreements utilized capacity in the "Southern State" facilities for which CNG received abandonment authority from the Commission in Docket Nos. CP93-340, CP93-596, and CP94-148. Therefore, the companies named above seek to abandon the subject X-Rate Schedules since they are no longer necessary.

Comment date: August 19, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

5. Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company
[Docket No. CP96-664-000]

Take notice that on July 24, 1996, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee), P.O. Box 2511, Houston, Texas 77252 filed an abbreviated application for an Order Approving Abandonment in the above-referenced docket.

By its application, Tennessee seeks approval to abandon a 1,000 horsepower turbine compressor unit and related facilities at Tennessee's Compressor Station 230B in East Aurora, New York. Tennessee states that the unit is not currently being utilized and that the abandonment will not affect service to any customer.

Comment date: August 19, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

6. Williams Natural Gas Company
[Docket No. CP96-665-000]

Take notice that on July 25, 1996, Williams Natural Gas Company (Williams), P.O. Box 3288, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101, filed in Docket No. CP96-665-000 a request pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) for authorization to abandon in place approximately 700 feet of 12-inch lateral pipeline and to construct approximately 900 feet of 4-inch replacement pipeline in Oklahoma County, Oklahoma, under Williams' blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-479-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Williams states that the projected volume of delivery will remain unchanged.

Williams states further that construction cost is estimated to be \$30,936 which will be fully reimbursed.

Comment date: September 12, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

7. Ozark Gas Transmission System
[Docket No. CP96-666-000]

Take notice that on July 25, 1996, Ozark Gas Transmission System (Ozark), 13430 Northwest Freeway, Suite 1200, Houston, Texas 77040, filed in Docket No. CP96-666-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212) for authorization to operate in interstate commerce certain facilities previously constructed or operated to effectuate transportation services pursuant to

Section 311 of the Natural Gas Policy Act (NGPA) under Ozark's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP85-134 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Ozark seeks authorization to operate in interstate commerce certain existing delivery points which were initially installed under Section 311 of the NGPA. The points at issue are the ONG 6" Delivery Point located in Haskell County, Oklahoma, the AOG/Stevens McBride Delivery Point located in Sebastian County, Arkansas, and the AECC Delivery Point located in Franklin County, Arkansas.

Ozark states that its request is being filed to improve its operational flexibility and attendant market responsiveness to the increasingly competitive natural gas industry. Ozark further states that granting its request would make the subject facilities available to any shipper desiring the transportation of natural gas in interstate commerce.

Comment date: September 12, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraphs

F. Any person desiring to be heard or make any protest with reference to said filing should on or before the comment date file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) 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 motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to 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 filing 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 the applicant to appear or be represented at the hearing.

G. Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96-639-000, et al.]

National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation, et al.; Natural Gas Certificate Filings

July 31, 1996.

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

1. National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation

[Docket No. CP96-639-000]

Take notice that on July 15, 1996, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National), 10 Lafayette Square, Buffalo, New York 14203 filed in Docket No. CP96-639-000, a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.211) for authorization to construct and operate a new sales tap that will render service to an existing firm transportation customer, National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation (Distribution), and perform construction at and operate an existing sales tap that also serves Distribution, under National's blanket authorization issued in Docket No. CP83-4-000, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request

which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

National proposes to construct and operate a new sales tap in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, on National's Line S. National says the proposed annual quantity of gas at this sales tap is about 42,825 Mcf. National states that this tap will provide service to Distribution, pursuant to National's EFT Rate Schedule. National relates that the estimated cost of the sales tap will be about \$1,500, for which National will be reimbursed by the end-user customer of Distribution, International Timber & Veneer L.C., whose need for gas created the need for this new sales tap.

National also proposes to perform construction at and operate its Caledonia station, an existing sales tap in Livingston County, New York, to enable it to meet the pressure requirements at this interconnection with Distribution. National states it delivers gas to Distribution at the Caledonia station under National's EFT Rate Schedule. National explains that the proposed construction consists principally of replacing approximately 324 feet of 4-inch pipe and associated valving with approximately 324 feet of new coated 6-inch pipe running along the same path as the retired 4-inch pipe, allowing for a higher maximum operating pressure. National says it is also constructing some "auxiliary installations" pursuant to 18 CFR Section 2.55(b) (mostly an odorizer) at the Caledonia station. National states that the estimated annual quantity of gas at this sales tap will remain 5,300 Mcf per day but the potential deliverability of the station would be about 15,400 Mcf per day.

National relates that the estimated cost of work at the sales tap will be about \$70,000, for which National will be reimbursed by Distribution for \$45,000.

Comment date: September 16, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

2. Northwest Pipeline Corporation

[Docket No. CP96-650-000]

Take notice that on July 22, 1996, Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Northwest), 295 Chipeta Way, Salt Lake City, Utah 84108, filed in Docket No. CP96-650-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.211) for authorization to construct and operate the new Sandy Meter Station to provide natural gas service to new distribution facilities of Northwest Natural Gas Company in Clackamas County, Oregon, all under Northwest's

blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-433-000, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Northwest states that the proposed Sandy Meter Station will consist of a four-inch tap, one four-inch turbine meter, four three-inch regulators in monitor configuration, relief valve, and appurtenances. Northwest says the new meter station will have a maximum design delivery capacity of approximately 9,015 Dth per day at a 400 psig delivery pressure.

Northwest states that firm transportation service to the proposed meter station will be subject to Northwest's Rate Schedule TF-1; while interruptible service will be subject to Northwest's Rate Schedule TI-1. Northwest reports that the total cost to construct the proposed meter station is estimated at approximately \$560,000.

Comment date: September 16, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

3. Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation

[Docket No. CP96-669-000]

Take notice that on July 26, 1996, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), a Delaware corporation, having its principal place of business at 1700 MacCorkle Avenue, S.E., Charleston, West Virginia 25314-1599, filed an abbreviated application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act for certificate authorization for the following:

(1) To increase the certificated horsepower at the Greencastle Compressor Station located in Franklin County, Pennsylvania of an existing Solar Turbines, Inc. (Solar) Centaur unit from 3,300 to 3,830 horsepower (an increase of 530 actual horsepower), resulting in 7,070 total station horsepower.

(2) To increase the certificated horsepower at the Gettysburg Compressor Station located in Adams County, Pennsylvania of an existing Solar Centaur unit from 2,710 horsepower to 3,830 horsepower (an increase of 1,120 horsepower reflecting both an actual change in horsepower and a change in rating standard from NEMA to ISO resulting in 7,500 total station horsepower).

Both Greencastle and Gettysburg compressor stations are located on Lines 1804 and 10240, a portion of Columbia's transmission pipeline system which traverses southern Pennsylvania. The increased horsepower at Greencastle and Gettysburg is available in both Centaur units without any further modification to the engine or compressors. Columbia states that the horsepower increases proposed herein