

The above address must also be used when submitting applications by U.S. Postal Service Express, any commercial mail delivery service, or when hand carried by the applicant.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In selecting applications for funding, the DOE Office of Fusion Energy Sciences will give priority to applications that can produce experimental results within three to five years after grant initiation. Theoretical research will be accepted for consideration under this Notice when "bundled" with and in support of an experimental application. The detailed description of the proposed project should contain the following items: (1) A detailed experimental research plan, (2) The specific results or deliverable expected at the end of the project period, (3) Goal of the experiment, (4) Synopsis of the experimental program plan, (5) Adequacy of the facilities and budget, (6) Discussion of why this research would have an important impact on the prospects for fusion energy power plants, and (7) Discussion of how the experiment would elucidate the physics principles of the innovation.

Applications concerned with scientific assessment of new concepts which are not ready for experimental investigation should have a well defined scope and a duration of no more than two years. These applications will be considered non-renewable. The product of such assessment would be a clear scientific description of the concept and its operation, its physics and engineering basis, critical analysis of major difficulties to be overcome in developing the concept as a net producer of energy through the fusion process, and an analysis of what would be achieved by moving to experimental research.

It is anticipated that up to \$3,000,000 in FY 1998 will be available to start new projects from applications received in response to this Notice. The number of awards and range of funding will depend on the number of applications received and selected for award. Future year funding is anticipated to be greater but will depend on the nature of the applications, suitable experimental progress and the availability of funds. Because of the total amount of anticipated available funding and because of the intent to have a broadly

based program, experimental applications with an annual requirement in any year in excess of \$1,500,000 are unlikely to be funded. The cost-effectiveness of the application will be considered when comparing applications with differing funding requirements. Applications for scientific assessment of new concepts will be limited to a maximum of \$150,000 in any year. Applications requiring annual funding as low as \$50,000 are welcome and encouraged. To enable all reviewers to read all applications, the application must be limited to a maximum of twenty (20) pages (including text and figures) plus not more than one page each of biographical information and publications of the principal investigator, plus any additional forms required as a part of the standard grant application. An original and seven copies of each application must be submitted. Due to the anticipated number of reviewers, it would be helpful for each applicant to submit an additional seven copies of each application. In lieu of the seven additional copies, applicants may provide a 3.5-inch diskette containing the application in Portable Document Format (PDF). The label on the diskette must clearly identify the institution, principal investigator, and title of the application. (If the applicant elects to submit a diskette, an original and seven copies of the application must still be submitted.) Applications will be subjected to formal merit review and will be evaluated against the following criteria, which are listed in descending order of importance as set forth in 10 CFR Part 605:

1. Scientific and/or technical merit of the project;
2. Appropriateness of the proposed method or approach;
3. Competency of the applicant's personnel and adequacy of the proposed resources; and
4. Reasonableness and appropriateness of the proposed budget.

The evaluation will include program policy factors such as the relevance of the proposed research to the terms of the announcement and the agency's programmatic needs. General information about development and submission of applications, eligibility, limitations, evaluations and selection processes, and other policies and procedures may be found in the Application Guide for the Office of Energy Research Financial Assistance Program and 10 CFR Part 605. Electronic access to the Application Guide is possible via the Internet using the following Web site address: [http://](http://www.er.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html)

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The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for this program is 81.049, and the solicitation control number is ERFAP 10 CFR Part 605.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-63-002]

Notice of Tariff Compliance Filing

March 4, 1997.

Take notice that on February 28, 1997, Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG), tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the tariff sheets listed in Appendix A to the filing, to be effective May 1, 1997.

CIG states the tariff sheets are filed in compliance with Order No. 587, and the order issued January 16, 1997, in Docket No. RP97-63-000, as well as Section 154.203 of the Commission's regulations. CIG further states the tariff sheets filed are the same as the pro forma tariff sheets filed by CIG on November 1, 1996 to comply with Order No. 487 except (1) the tariff sheets have been revised to reflect tariff filings made between the November 1, 1996 filing and the date of this filing, (2) changes have been made to comply with the requirements of the order issued January 16, 1997 in Docket No. RP97-63-000 and, (3) as required in Order No. 587-B issued January 30, 1997, CIG is incorporating by reference into its tariff the Electronic Delivery Mechanism (EDM) standards adopted in that rule.

CIG has further requested any waivers necessary to change its Gas Day to the GISB Standard effective April 7, 1997.

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 Regulations. All such protests must be filed on or before March 21, 1997. 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. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are

available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. TM97-9-23-000]

**Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company;
Notice of Tariff Filing**

March 4, 1997.

Take notice that on February 27, 1997, Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company (Eastern Shore) tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, certain revised tariff sheets, with a proposed effective date of April 1, 1997.

Eastern Shore states that the purpose of the filing is to track the cost of storage service purchased from Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation under their Rate Schedules FSS and SST, the costs of which are included in the rates payable under Eastern Shore's Rate Schedules CWS and CFSS, respectively.

Eastern Shore states that copies of the filing are being mailed to affected customers and interested State Commissions.

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 Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or 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 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 in the Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP96-366-004]

**Florida Gas Transmission Company;
Notice of Filing of Revised Rates and
Motion To Place Suspended Rates, As
Revised, and Suspended Tariff Sheets
Into Effect**

Take notice that on February 27, 1997, the Florida Gas Transmission Company

(FGT) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1 the revised tariff sheets identified on Attachment A hereto.

FGT states that pursuant to Section 4(e) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Sections 154.7, 154.201, et seq., and 154.301, et seq. of the Regulations of the Federal Regulatory Commission (Commission), it filed on August 30, 1996 in the instant docket, revised tariff sheets to effectuate increases in rates and changes in the terms and conditions applicable to FGT's jurisdictional services, proposed to become effective on October 1, 1996.

FGT states that by order dated September 30, 1996 (September 30 Order), the Commission accepted the revised tariff sheets for filing and suspended them to become effective on March 1, 1997, subject to refund and subject to conditions stated in the September 30 Order. Ordering Paragraph (A) of the September 30 Order directed FGT to refile tariff sheets to reflect the correct Annual Charge Adjustment (ACA) and the elimination of costs of facilities not in service by the end of the test period, at the time FGT filed its motion to place the suspended rates into effect.

FGT also states that on December 10, 1996, FGT and its customers filed a settlement in the instant docket, which resolved certain operational issues (Operational Settlement). The Operational Settlement was approved by the Commission order dated January 16, 1997 (January 16 Order). The Operational Settlement provided that FGT would withdraw its request to acquire third party storage capacity and remove the costs associated with such storage from its proposed rates.

FGT states that the rates contained on the tariff sheets filed herewith reflect the elimination of the costs of facilities not in service by the end of the test period and the removal of the costs associated with FTS's proposed acquisitions of third party storage capacity. FGT has moved that such rates be placed in effect on March 1, 1997.

In addition, FGT states that it is moving into effect the tariff sheets listed on Attachment B hereto which have not been revised from FGT's filing on August 30, 1996.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a motion 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 should be filed on or before March 11, 1997. 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. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

Attachment A

2nd Substitute Eighteenth Revised Sheet No. 8A

2nd Substitute Eleventh Revised Sheet No. 8A.01

2nd Substitute Tenth Revised Sheet No. 8A.02

2nd Substitute 16th Revised Sheet No. 8B

2nd Substitute Ninth Revised Sheet No. 8B.01

Attachment B

Third Revised Volume No. 1

First Revised Sheet No. 35

Third Revised Sheet No. 37

Third Revised Sheet No. 39

Fourth Revised Sheet No. 46¹

Second Revised Sheet No. 181

Fifth Revised Sheet No. 183

First Revised Sheet No. 197D¹

First Revised Sheet No. 482

First Revised Sheet No. 484

Third Revised Sheet No. 486

First Revised Sheet No. 488

Second Revised Sheet No. 490

First Revised Sheet No. 492

First Revised Sheet No. 511

First Revised Sheet No. 513

Third Revised Sheet No. 515

First Revised Sheet No. 517

Second Revised Sheet No. 519

First Revised Sheet No. 521

Third Revised Sheet No. 36

First Revised Sheet No. 38

Third Revised Sheet No. 40

First Revised Sheet No. 149D

Fourth Revised Sheet No. 182

Third Revised Sheet No. 184

First Revised Sheet No. 481

Second Revised Sheet No. 483

Second Revised Sheet No. 485

First Revised Sheet No. 487

First Revised Sheet No. 489

First Revised Sheet No. 491

First Revised Sheet No. 510

Second Revised Sheet No. 512

Second Revised Sheet No. 514

First Revised Sheet No. 516

First Revised Sheet No. 518

First Revised Sheet No. 520

Original Volume No. 3

Substitute Tenth Revised Sheet No. 181

Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 182

Substitute Tenth Revised Sheet No. 395

Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 452

Substitute Tenth Revised Sheet No. 453

Substitute Seventh Revised Sheet No. 486

¹ As to the elimination of revenue crediting; the changes to these sheets related to Western Division provisions were approved by Commission Order issued January 16, 1997 in Docket No. RP96-366-002.