

comments must be received no later than May 23, 1997.

Dated: April 1, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-230-001]

Florida Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

April 1, 1997.

Take notice that on March 26, 1997, Florida Gas Transmission Company (FGT) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1 the following tariff sheets, with an effective date of April 1, 1997:

Second Revised Sheet No. 115

Original Sheet No. 115A

FGT states that on January 16, 1997, FGT filed revised Tariff sheets in Docket, No. RP97-230-000 (January 16 Filing) to eliminate the shipper option to, submit written nominations for scheduling pipeline capacity except in certain emergency circumstances. FGT proposed an effective date of April 1, 1997 to coincide with FGT's implementation of the Gas Industry Standards Board's (GISB) standards on that date. FGT explained that it would not be able to meet the GISB timeline requirement of communicating scheduled volumes by 4:30 p.m. if written nominations were not received by FGT until 11:45 a.m.

Subsequent to the January 16 Filing, to address certain issues raised by parties to this proceeding, FGT proposed to expand the definition of the emergency circumstances which would permit the submission of written nominations, and to institute a three month transition period during which shippers could continue to submit written nominations as long as the written nominations were received by FGT no later than 10:30 a.m.

FGT states that in the March 13 Order, the Commission accepted FGT's proposed changes subject to the outcome of the proceedings in Docket No. RP97-21 (FGT's GISB Compliance Docket) and subject to the FGT submitting revised tariff sheets reflecting the three month transition period and the expanded provisions regarding the emergency circumstances

under which written nominations would still be permitted. The instant filing is in compliance with the March 13 Order.

Any person desiring to protest said 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 Rules and Regulations. All such protests should be filed on or before April 18, 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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-8-001]

Granite State Gas Transmission Inc.; Notice of Tariff Filing

April 1, 1997.

Take notice that on March 27, 1997, Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc. (Granite State) tendered for filing the revised tariff sheets listed below in its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, accompanied by a motion pursuant to Section 4(e) of the Natural Gas Act and Section 154.206 of the Commission's Regulations to make the tariff sheets effective April 1, 1997:

Eighth Revised Sheet No. 21

Ninth Revised Sheet No. 22

Eighth Revised Sheet No. 23

According to Granite State, on October 1, 1996, it filed revised Base Tariff Rates on the above tariff sheets for firm transportation services under its Rate Schedules FT-NN and FT-1 and for interruptible transportation service under its Rate Schedule IT, for effectiveness on November 1, 1996. On October 31, 1996, the Commission issued an order accepting and suspending the tariff sheets, subject to refund and establishing hearing procedures. *Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc.*, 77 FERC ¶61,094. In the order, the Commission suspended the effectiveness of the tariff sheets and the Base Tariff Rates until April 1, 1997.

According to Granite State, copies of its filing was served on its firm and

interruptible customers, the regulatory agencies of the States of Maine, Massachusetts and New Hampshire and the parties on the official service list maintained by the Secretary in Docket No. RP97-8-000.

Any person desiring to protest said 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 Rules of Practice and Procedure. All such 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. Copies of Granite State's filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-300-000]

Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Filing Tariff Sheets

April 1, 1997.

Take notice that on March 27, 1997, Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc. (Granite State) tendered for filing with the Commission the original and revised tariff sheets listed below in its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, for effectiveness on April 1, 1997:

Original Sheet No. 333, 334 and 335

First Revised Sheet No. 200

First Revised Sheet Nos. 336-339

According to Granite State, Original Sheet Nos. 333, 334 and 335 add a new article to the General Terms and Conditions of its tariff to establish a tracking methodology to pass through to its firm transportation customers certain electric power costs for which Granite State is obligated to compensate Portland Pipe Line Corporation (Portland Pipe Line). Granite State leases an 18-inch pipeline from Portland Pipe Line; the line extends from a connection with Granite State's pipeline system near Portland, Maine, to the U.S.-Canadian border. Granite State further states that, until an alternate delivery system is available, the leased pipeline provides significant and indispensable transportation capacity

for the receipt and delivery of Canadian gas supplies for Bay State Gas Company and Northern Utilities, Inc.

According to Granite State, Portland Pipe Line initially constructed and operated the 18-inch line and a parallel 24-inch pipeline from South Portland, Maine, to refineries in the vicinity of Montreal, Quebec, to provide an overland crude oil transportation system for the delivery of off-shore crude to the refineries. It is stated that the 18-inch line was idled in 1986 because the capacity in the 24-inch pipeline at that time was sufficient to supply the refineries. Granite State leased the 18-inch pipeline with the purpose of converting the 166-miles of the line from Portland to the U.S.-Canadian border to natural gas service, and operating the pipeline to import Canadian gas supplies for its system and its customers. According to Granite State, the Commission issued a limited-term certificate to Granite State, extending to March 31, 1996, to operate the leased pipeline because Portland Pipe Line had reserved an option to terminate the lease as of that date.

After Portland Pipe Line gave notice of its intent to terminate the lease on March 31, 1996, Granite State and Portland Pipe Line negotiated an extension of the lease to March 31, 1997 and the Commission extended the limited-term certificate to that date. In the negotiation of the extension (the First Amendment) it was recognized that the crude oil throughput on the 24-inch line could increase during the lease extension period. According to Granite State, the pumps on the 24-inch line are electric powered and power consumption increases with throughput and power usage on the 24-inch operating singly is greater than transporting the same volume through both the 18-inch and 24-inch lines.

In the First Amendment extending the lease, Granite State agreed to compensate Portland Pipe Line for increased power usage for the electric pumps on the 24-inch pipeline when throughput increased above a base level of an average of 177,000 barrels daily.

Granite State further states that it is currently operating the leased pipeline on a further extension of the lease under a Second Amendment and an extension of the limited-term certificate to April 30, 1998. The electric power compensation provision for increased usage of power by the pumps in the 24-inch line has been incorporated in the Second Amendment, according to Granite State, and Granite State is currently being invoiced for such costs.

Because of the monthly variable in power usage, Granite State proposes in

Original Sheet Nos. 333, 334 and 335 to establish a Power Cost Adjustment tracking mechanism, beginning April 1, 1997 and changing quarterly, based on projected electric costs provided by Portland Pipe Line. The tracking mechanism would be used to derive a surcharge per Dth applied to the reservation billing determinants for firm transportation services under Granite State's Rate Schedules FT-NN and FT-1. The first proposed quarterly surcharge, beginning April 1, 1997, is \$0.1737 per Dth shown in materials submitted with the tariff filing. The tracking mechanism would establish deferred accounts for over and under collections in relation to invoiced costs from Portland Pipe Line. Carrying charges would be applied to the deferred account balances, either over or under invoiced costs and the account balances would be reconciled semi-annually.

Granite State also states that it filed a rate increase on October 1, 1996 in Docket No. RP97-8-000 which was accepted by the Commission and suspended until April 1, 1997. According to Granite State it filed its proposed Power Cost Adjustment tracking procedure as *pro forma* tariff sheets in the Docket No. RP97-8-000 which the Commission noted in the suspension order with the observation that the mechanism could be considered as part of the resolution of that proceeding. Granite State further states that it has moved to put the suspended rates in Docket No. RP97-8-000 into effect on April 1, 1997.

According to Granite State, copies of its filing was served on its firm and interruptible customers, the regulatory agencies of the States of Maine, Massachusetts and New Hampshire and the parties on the official service list maintained by the Secretary in Docket No. RP97-8-000.

Any person desiring to intervene or protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. 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 Granite State's filing are on file with

the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-64-004]

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Supplemental Compliance Filing

April 1, 1997.

Take notice that on March 26, 1997, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Sixth Revised Volume No. 1, Alternate First Revised Sheet No. 315 to become effective May 1, 1997.

Natural states that the purpose of this filing is to revise Section 19.18 of the General Terms and Conditions to reflect the formulas for converting between monthly and daily rates that are contained in Version 1.1 of Standard 5.3.22 which was just incorporated by reference into the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Regulations by Order No. 587-C. Natural asks that this alternate tariff sheet be accepted instead of First Revised Sheet No. 315 that was submitted in Docket No. RP97-64-002 on February 28, 1997.

Natural requests whatever waivers may be necessary to permit the tariff sheet submitted to become effective on May 1, 1997.

Natural states that copies of the filing are being mailed its jurisdictional customers, interested state regulatory agencies and all parties set out on the official service list at Docket No. RP97-64.

Any person desiring to protest said 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 Rules and Regulations. All such 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. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public