

issued February 27, 1997 in Docket No. RM91-11-006 which established a five (5) maximum contract term among the permissible criteria for evaluating bids for available transportation capacity on interstate pipelines.

Granite State further states that its filing has been served on its firm transportation customers and on the regulatory commissions of the States of Maine, Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

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, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.211 and 385.214 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. CP80-556-001]

Great River Gas Company; Notice of Application To Amend Service Area Determination

September 12, 1997.

Take notice that on September 4, 1997, Great River Gas Company (Great River) filed an application to amend the authorization it received in Docket No. CP80-556-000 when it was granted a service area determination. Great River wants to amend its Section 7(f) service area determination by substituting the name of Atmos Energy Corporation (Atmos), in place of Great River, as the holder of the determination.

Great River explains that its Section 7(f) service area determination covers its operations as a public utility engaged in the sale, storage, and distribution of natural gas to customers in two contiguous, but unconnected, service areas in Iowa and Missouri. The determination order authorized Great River to construct a two-mile, 6-inch

pipeline interconnecting its separate facilities in Iowa and Missouri.

Great River states that on March 10, 1989, United Cities Gas Company (United Cities) acquired all the stock of Great River and assumed Great River's status in all FERC proceedings. Great River asserts that since 1989, its properties have been operated as part of a division of United Cities.

Great River relates that on July 31, 1997, United Cities and Atmos merged, and that the merged company bears the name Atmos Energy Corporation. Therefore, Great River would like its Section 7(f) service area determination amended to reflect the name of Atmos as the holder of the determination.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before September 25, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 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 385.214 and 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. Any person wishing to become a party in any proceeding herein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's rules. 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. RP96-331-007]

National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

September 12, 1997.

Take notice that on September 9, 1997, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National Fuel) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1, Original Sheet No. 12, to be effective November 1, 1997.

National Fuel states that the filing is made to implement a firm storage agreement between National Fuel and

Engage Energy U.S., L.P. (Engage), that provides for negotiated rates pursuant to GT&C Section 17.2 of National Fuel's tariff and the Commission's policy regarding negotiated rates. National Fuel states that under its agreement with Engage, firm storage service would be provided under its FSS Rate Schedule at a formula rate based upon the difference between the price of gas at Niagara, as published by Gas Daily, applicable at the time of injection, and such price applicable at the time of withdrawal. The specific formula is set forth in the agreement, which accompanies National Fuel's tariff filing.

National states that it is serving copies of the filing with its firm customers and interested state commissions. Copies are also being served on all interruptible customers as of the date of the filing.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with 18 CFR 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 this proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and 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. DR97-5-000]

Northern States Power Company (MN and Subs); Notice of Filing

September 12, 1997.

Take notice that on August 19, 1997, Northern States Power Company (Minnesota) and its subsidiaries tendered for filing the existing Exhibit IX specification of depreciation rates currently used as stated in Docket ER97-312-000 and its previous depreciation rates used as stated in Docket ER96-226-000.

NSP believes that previous revised exhibits submitted in Docket Nos. ER94-113-000, ER95-147-000, ER96-226-000, and ER97-312-000 satisfy the Commission's depreciation rate change filing requirements under Section 302 of

the Federal Power Act. Specifically, the revised exhibits relate to the Agreement to Coordinate Planning and Operation and Interchange Power and Energy between Northern States Power Company (Minnesota) and Northern States Power Company (Wisconsin). Depreciation rate changes under Section 302 are for accounting purposes only.

Exhibit IX sets forth the specification of depreciation rates certified by the Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSCW) and the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC). The exhibit shows the annual impact of any depreciation rate changes in the form of an annual depreciation rate percentage for each utility function.

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.W., 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 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before October 14, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make the protestants parties in 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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-728-000]

Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

September 12, 1997.

Take notice that on September 8, 1997, Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company (Williston Basin), 200 North Third Street, Suite 300, Bismarck, North Dakota 58501, filed in Docket No. CP97-728-000 a request pursuant to §§ 157.205, 157.211 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.211 and 157.216) for authorization to upgrade an existing meter and regulator station in South Dakota, under Williston Basin's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-487-000

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.

Williston Basin states that the existing Villa Ranchaero regulator system and meter, located in Pennington County, South Dakota, are currently old and unreliable and the relief valves do not have a bubble-tight shut-off mechanism. As a result, Williston Basin must replace the existing regulator system, meter and relief valves. The station capacity will increase slightly due to the regulator system replacement and Williston Basin is requesting to upgrade the facilities by abandoning certain existing facilities and constructing and operating upgraded facilities as a result of the necessary replacement of such existing facilities. The facility to be upgraded is located entirely on existing right-of-way. All work proposed herein will be done within an existing building at the site and there will be no dirt work associated with this project. The total upgrade cost is approximately \$17,000.

Williston Basin states that it provides natural gas transportation deliveries through the Villa Ranchaero metering site to Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a local distribution company, for ultimate use by the residents of the Villa Ranchaero subdivision in Pennington County, South Dakota.

Williston Basin states that this upgrade is not prohibited by its existing tariff and that it has sufficient capacity to accomplish deliveries without detriment or disadvantage to other customers. This upgrade will not have an effect on Williston Basin's peak day and annual deliveries and the total volumes delivered will not exceed total volumes authorized prior to this request.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after 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 § 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 therefor, 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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EG97-83-000, et al.]

Corby Power Ltd., et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

September 11, 1997.

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

1. Corby Power Ltd.

[Docket No. EG97-83-000]

On September 8, 1997, Corby Power Ltd. (Corby), filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to Part 365 of the Commission's Regulations.

Corby owns and operates an generating facility with a net capacity of approximately 350 MW consisting of two 119 MW gas turbines, three generators, a 114 MW steam turbine and an air-cooled condenser. The facility is located in Corby, Northhamshire, England.

Comment date: October 2, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

2. Pennsylvania Power & Light Company

[Docket Nos. ER96-930-000, ER96-931-000, ER96-932-000, and ER96-933-000]

Take notice that on July 23, 1997, Pennsylvania Power & Light Company tendered for filing its compliance refund report in the above-referenced dockets.

Comment date: September 24, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

3. New York State Electric & Gas Corporation

[Docket No. ER96-3139-000]

Take notice that on August 19, 1997, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation tendered for filing a Notice of Withdrawal in the above-referenced docket.

Comment date: September 25, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.