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NGT states that the filing revises the capacity release provisions of NGT's FERC Gas Tariff to provide for a Form of Master Capacity Release Service Agreement (MCRSA) and Addendum to be executed by replacement Shippers. Currently, a replacement Shipper must execute a Service Agreement under the appropriate Rate Schedule for each individual release.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this 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 214 and 211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214, 385.211). All such motions or protests should 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP97-237-000]

Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Company and Southwest Gas Storage Company; Notice of Application

February 13, 1997.

Take notice that on February 7, 1997, Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company (Panhandle) and Southwest Gas Storage Company (Southwest), both located at P.O. Box 1642, Houston, Texas 77251-1642, filed in Docket No. CP97-237-000 an application, pursuant to Sections 7(b) and (c) of the Natural Gas Act, authorizing (1) Panhandle to abandon its Howell (Michigan), Waverly Illinois, and North Hopeton (Oklahoma) storage fields, including all cushion gas and appurtenant facilities, along with the cushion gas supplied by Panhandle to Southwest's Borchers North (Kansas) Storage Field, by transfer to Southwest; (2) Panhandle to abandon the lease of cushion gas to Southwest under Rate Schedule LS-1; (3) Southwest to acquire and operate all of Panhandle's storage field assets; and (4) Southwest to abandon storage service provided to

Panhandle under Rate Schedule S-1, all as more fully set forth in the application, which is on file with the Commission and open for public inspection.

It is indicated that Southwest is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Panhandle. It is also indicated that Panhandle will transfer the assets at net book value. Also, it is stated that Southwest would provide 35 Bcf of storage service to Panhandle under Rate Schedule FSS in Panhandle's field zone from the North Hopeton and Borchers North Storage Fields. It is indicated that Southwest would also provide 21.4 Bcf of storage service to Panhandle in Panhandle's market zone from the Waverly and Howell Storage fields. Panhandle states that it would in turn continue to provide unbundled, open-access storage and transportation to its customers using storage capacity provided by Southwest and third parties.

Southwest states that the existing injection and withdrawal profiles in its tariff are based on the performance of its single storage field, Borchers North Storage Field. It is indicated that, with the addition of the three storage fields, Southwest must modify the injection and withdrawal profiles by combining the Borchers North and North Hopeton areas as the West Area Storage Facilities and the Waverly and Howell storage fields as the East Area Storage Facilities. Southwest also proposes to modify its Rate Schedule FSS to reflect the addition of the East Area Storage facilities and a new delivery point for West Area Storage Facilities and to make minor modifications to Rate Schedules FSS and ISS. Southwest also proposes to institute a fuel tracker mechanism within Rate Schedules FSS and ISS to allow Southwest to track projected fuel requirements against actual fuel usage from the combined storage fields, with bi-annual adjustments to the fuel reimbursement rate at April 1 and November 1 of each year to coincide with the beginning of the injection and withdrawal periods, respectively.

It is stated that the Commission's approval of the abandonment and certificate authorization would permit Panhandle to further streamline its business operations in conjunction with the industry's restructuring under Order No. 636 and allow all of Panhandle's storage facilities to be owned by a single, non-jurisdictional company.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before March 6, 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 or 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 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 the 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 application 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 and permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are 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 Panhandle or Southwest to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP97-185-002]

Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

February 13, 1997.

Take notice that on February 10, 1997, Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company (Panhandle) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the tariff sheets listed on Appendix A attached to the filing, proposed to be effective January 9, 1997. Panhandle asserts that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission's order issued January 9, 1997 in docket No. RP97-185-000, 78 FERC ¶ 61,011 (1997).

Panhandle states that this compliance filing (1) deletes the indemnification clause in the exhibits to the negotiated