

asserted that retention of the line will make available to MRT's customers additional capacity of 19,630 MMBtu equivalent of natural gas per day. It is explained that there are outstanding requests in MRT's firm transportation queue establishing an unmet demand for additional capacity in MRT's market area.

MRT states that it has determined this proposal to be the most economical, efficient and timely alternative to providing the additional capacity required. It is asserted that the segment has remained in an operational ready state. It is further asserted that returning the segment to service would have no rate impact on MRT's existing customers, and that all costs would be absorbed by MRT during the limited period. MRT estimates that it will spend \$2.1 million to operate the segment over the 3-year period.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before August 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 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 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 MRT to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER97-3329-000]

NEPOOL Executive Committee; Notice of Filing

August 15, 1997.

Take notice that on July 23, 1997, The NEPOOL Executive Committee tendered for filing an amendment in the above-referenced docket.

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 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 August 26, 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. 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-301-000]

Overthrust Pipeline Company; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

August 18, 1997.

Take notice that the informal settlement conference will be convened in this proceeding on Wednesday, August 27, 1997, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, for the purpose of exploring a possible settlement of the above-referenced proceeding.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant, as

defined in 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 385.214).

For additional information, please contact Sandra J. Delude at 208-0583 or Kathleen M. Dias at (202) 208-0524.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No CP97-691-000]

Southern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application

August 15, 1997.

Take notice that on August 8, 1997, Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern), P.O. Box 2563, Birmingham, Alabama 35202-2563, filed in Docket No. CP97-691-000 an application, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing it to construct and operate mainline looping and measurement facilities, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Southern states that it has executed contracts with three shippers, Alabama Power Company, Kimberly Clark Corporation, and Interconn Resources, Inc., to provide new firm transportation services under Southern's Rate Schedule FT. It is indicated that the shippers have subscribed a total of 34,125 Mcf per day (Mcf) of new FT service.

To provide capacity to render the additional FT services, Southern proposes to construct and operate 3.3 miles of 30-inch pipeline loop extending from Mile Post 180.356 to Mile Post 183.659 on the South Main 3rd loop line in Dallas County, Alabama. In addition, Southern proposes to install a meter station at Mile Post 208.498 which would consist of two 6-inch meter runs and appurtenant facilities. Southern proposes to place the facilities in service by November 1, 1998. Southern estimates that the project would cost \$4,191,300, which would be financed, initially, through short-term instruments and cash available from operations.

In addition to the basic project cost, Southern states that it has agreed to make a Contribution in Aid of

Construction to Alabama Gas Corporation (Alagasco) to cover the cost of construction of certain facilities necessary for Alagasco to provide a distribution service to Alabama Power Corporation for the volumes transported on Southern's system. Southern states that the cost of Alagasco facilities is estimated at \$3,000,000. Southern explains that its cost of service calculations reflect the Alagasco contribution.

Southern requests that the Commission issue a predetermination that rolled-in rates are appropriate for the proposed facilities. Southern asserts that the facilities will be physically and operationally integrated with Southern's existing facilities and will be used for the benefit of all customers on the system. Specifically, Southern notes revenues generated by the project will exceed expenses and that the loop will enhance system reliability downstream of the Selma Compressor Station.

Any person desiring to participate in the hearing process or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before September 5, 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.

A person obtaining intervenor status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by every one of the intervenors. An intervenor can file for rehearing of any Commission order and can petition for court review of any such order. However, an intervenor must submit copies of comments or any other filing it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as 14 copies with the Commission.

A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have comments considered. A person, instead, may submit two copies of comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing

list, will receive copies of environmental documents and will be able to participate in meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission and will not have the right to seek rehearing or appeal the Commission's final order to a federal court.

The Commission will consider all comments and concerns equally, whether filed by commenters or those requesting intervenor status.

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 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 Southern to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER97-2757-000]

Southwestern Public Service Company; Notice of Filing

August 15, 1997.

Take notice that on July 22, 1997, Southwestern Public Service Company tendered for filing an amended quarterly report for the period January 1, 1997 through March 31, 1997.

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 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before August 27, 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 proceedings. 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-143-006]

TCP Gathering Co.; Notice of Tariff Filing

August 16, 1997.

Take notice that on August 12, 1997, TCP Gathering Co. (TCP) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, the following revised tariff sheets, to be effective June 1, 1997:

Original Volume No. 1
Second Revised Sheet No. 18
First Revised Sheet No. 18A
Second Revised Sheet No. 46
Second Revised Sheet No. 47
First Revised Sheet No. 47A
Second Revised Sheet No. 103

In addition, TCP submits for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, the following revised tariff sheets to be effective August 1, 1997:

Original Volume 1
Third Revised Sheet No. 103
Substitute Third Revised Sheet No. 103

TCP states that these tariff sheets are being filed to comply with an OPR Letter Order in Docket Nos. RP97-143-003, 004 and 005 issued July 28, 1997, directing TCP to submit revised pagination for tariff sheets related to Order No. 587.

TCP states that copies of the filing were served upon TCP's jurisdictional customers, interested public bodies, and all parties to the proceedings.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All such protests must be filed as provided in