

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