

Commission's Rules and Regulations. 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 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.

David P. Boergers,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-254-000]

Richfield Gas Storage System; Notice of Application

March 4, 1998.

Take notice that on February 25, 1998, Richfield Gas Storage System (Richfield), Two Warren Place, 6120 S. Yale, Suite 1200, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74136 filed an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations thereunder for an order granting permission and approval to abandon, in place, by sale to its affiliate, Duke Energy Field Services, Inc. (Duke), certain facilities located in Morton and Stevens Counties, Kansas, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Richfield proposes to abandon its storage field, 2578 horsepower of compression, approximately 66.4 miles of 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12 inch pipeline, its injection/withdrawal and observation wells located in the storage field, and its remaining recoverable base gas. The facilities will be transferred to Duke at net book value estimated to be \$11,481,571. Richfield states that existing storage customers will not be affected by the proposal, since March 31, 1998, is the last day for storage withdrawals pursuant to Richfield's tariff. All customers have been notified that all gas for their account in the storage field should be withdrawn by April 30, 1998. Thus, with the final withdrawal of customer storage volumes by April 30, 1998, Richfield will be effectively out of the storage business.

In addition, although not anticipated to be necessary, Richfield also requests

authorization to withdraw any customer-owned gas from the storage facilities to be abandoned in the event that any such gas may be remaining in the field subsequent to April 30, 1998.

Richfield states that upon approval of the requested abandonment, the facilities will be operated as a part of Duke's gathering system. Coincident with this application, Duke has filed a Petition for Declaratory Order in Docket No. CP98-252-000 seeking an affirmative declaration that the facilities, once acquired and operated by Duke, are gathering facilities exempt from NGA Jurisdiction under Section 1(b).

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before March 11, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a petition 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 petition 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 petition 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 petition for leave 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 provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Richfield to appear or be represented at the hearing.

David P. Boergers,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Southern Natural Gas Company; Notice of GSR Cost Recovery Filing

March 4, 1998.

Take notice that on February 27, 1998, Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Seventh Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheets with a proposed effective date of April 1, 1998.

Tariff Sheets Applicable to Contesting Parties:

Thirty Eighth Revised Sheet No. 14
Fifty Ninth Revised Sheet No. 15
Thirty Eighth Revised Sheet No. 18
Fifty Ninth Revised Sheet No. 17
Fortieth Revised Sheet No. 29

Tariff Sheets Applicable to Supporting Parties:

Twenty Second Revised Sheet No. 14a
Twenty Eighth Revised Sheet No. 15a
Twenty Second Revised Sheet No. 16a
Twenty Eighth Revised Sheet No. 17a

Southern sets forth in the filing its revised surcharges for the recovery of Account No. 858 and Southern Energy costs during the period November 1, 1997 through January 31, 1998. Southern also removes the GSR surcharge from tariff sheets associated with its recovery from parties contesting the Global Settlement approved by the Commission in Docket No. RP89-224 et al. Southern states that the only remaining protest to its GSR costs has been withdrawn.

Southern states that copies of the filing were served upon Southern's customers and interested state commissions.

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, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All such motions or protests should 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 proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of Southern's filing