

in Docket No. CP99-56-000 an application pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Section 284.224 of the Commission's Regulation for issuance of a blanket certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing LBU as a Hinshaw natural gas company to provide natural gas storage service in interstate commerce and approval of market based rates, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

LBU states that it is a joint venture comprised of Cambridge Resources, Inc. and P.D.C. Resources, Inc. and it provides storage services in Tennessee and is regulated by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (TRA), with its rates and services subject to the jurisdiction of the TRA. LBU asserts that in 1994, it began development of the underground gas storage facility located in the Lick Branch Field, Scott County, Tennessee. LBU claims that the only pipeline connection that was then, and is now, available to the Lick Branch storage facility is an interconnection with the eight-inch diameter pipeline of Citizens Gas Utility District (Citizens), a municipality serving customers in North-Central Tennessee.

LBU also states that it commenced operations in December 1994, providing gas storage service to Tenneco Gas Marketing Company (Tenneco) under an August 31, 1994 agreement (Agreement) which provided that Tenneco had rights to all of the capacity of the storage facility. LBU indicates that Tenneco's interest in the Agreement was subsequently purchased by El Paso Energy Marketing (El Paso Marketing) and thereafter El Paso Marketing transferred its interest to Duke Energy and Trading Company (Duke Trading). LBU claims that Duke Trading currently provides capacity from the storage facility to three customers, each of which is located in Tennessee.

LBU explains that while it currently operates as a Hinshaw pipeline, certain issues which implicate Commission jurisdiction may arise in the future as a result of the open nature of the nation's gas industry and integration of intrastate and interstate markets. LBU states that it seeks, by this application, to be able to provide interstate storage service while retaining its status as a Hinshaw pipeline pursuant to Section 284.224.

Additionally, LBU requests, pursuant to Sections 284.122 and 284.123 of the Commission's regulations, approval of market-based rates. LBU asserts that its application includes a Market Power Analysis which demonstrates that market-based rates for LBU's Part 284 service are fair and equitable.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before December 8, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 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 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 jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulation 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 LBU 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. PR94-9-003]

#### Michigan Consolidated Gas Company; Notice of Compliance Filing and Request for Extension of Time

November 18, 1998.

Take notice that on November 9, 1998, Michigan Consolidated Gas

Company (MichCon), in compliance with the Commission's Order on Remand issued on October 19, 1998, filed rates for firm transportation service under its Section 284.224 blanket certificate. MichCon further requests that the effective date of such rates for existing contracts be postponed from the effective date directed by the Commission's Order on Remand, December 1, 1998, until March 1, 1999.

MichCon states this additional time would enable MichCon to address shipper concerns regarding existing contracts for Section 284.224 service, and to pursue settlement as suggested in the Commission's Order on Remand.

Any person desiring to be heard or protest said filing must file a motion to intervene or a 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 Procedures. All such motions or protests must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission on or before December 2, 1998. Copies of MichCon's submittal 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

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[Docket No. RP99-70-002]

#### Michigan Gas Storage Company; Notice of Refiled FERC Gas Tariff Sheet

November 18, 1998.

Take notice that on November 16, 1998, Michigan Gas Storage Company (MGSCo) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, Sub Fourth Revised Tariff Sheet No. 54A.

MGSCo states that the filing is being made in compliance with Order No. 587-H, regarding Gas Industry Standards Board (GISB) standards, and a letter order issued in above-referenced docket on November 3, 1998. The letter order accepted the sheet effective November 2, 1998.

MGSCo states that copies of its filing has been mailed upon all customers and applicable state regulatory agencies and on all those on the official service lists in Docket Nos. RP97-152-000 and RP99-70-000.