

Commission's Regulations requesting permission and approval to abandon in place by sale to Dominion Gas Ventures, Inc. (Dominion), a gas gatherer, a lateral and related meter facilities located in Dewitt County, Texas. The application is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Natural states that the facilities were originally constructed as a means of receiving gas purchased from Westland Oil Development corporation, a producer. These facilities are no longer related to any gas purchase contracts of Natural, which no longer performs a traditional merchant function. Specifically, Natural proposes to abandon approximately 2.8 miles of 6-inch pipeline lateral ("North Gohlke"), and two 3-inch meters, in Dewitt County, Texas. There are no firm transportation agreements containing primary receipt points that need to be terminated in connection with the proposed sale of the North Gohlke Lateral. As for interruptible transportation agreements under Natural's Rate Schedule ITS, shippers are entitled to utilize all points in Natural's Electronic Catalog of Receipt and Delivery Points ("Catalog of Points"). Upon transfer of the facilities at issue here, Natural will simply delete the existing points from its catalog of Points. After closing, to assure continuity of service to existing customers, Dominion will provide gathering service on an open access basis and will undertake to negotiate satisfactory arrangements with the existing shippers. Natural states that, presently, Dominion is the only shipper utilizing the North Gohlke Lateral. Natural states the facilities will be retained in place by Dominion.

The subject facilities are proposed to become part of and interconnect with Dominion's existing non-jurisdictional gathering system. Therefore, Natural requests that the Commission specify in its order in this docket that following abandonment, and transfer to Dominion, the subject facilities will be non-jurisdictional and not subject to regulation by the Commission.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before March 19, 1999, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., 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 385.211 and 385.214) 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 in any proceeding herein 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 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 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 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 Natural to appear or to be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. MG98-6-002]

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Filing

February 26, 1999.

Take notice that on February 19, 1999, Natural Gas Pipeline, Company of America (Natural) filed an update to its February 17, 1998 Compliance Plan as required by the Commission's Order Following Staff Audit Report and Notice of Proposed Penalties. 82 FERC ¶ 61,038 (1998). Natural also states that it revised its standards of conduct to reflect addition of Standard L, to be codified at 18 CFR 161.3 (1), under Order No. 599.¹

Natural states that it has served copies of the filing upon all of its customers, all interested state Commissions and all

¹ Reporting Interstate Natural Gas Pipeline Marketing Affiliates on the Internet, Order No. 599, 63 FR 43075 (August 12, 1998), FERC Stats. & Regs. 31,064 (1998).

parties on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding.

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.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 or 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 or 385.214). All such motions to intervene or protest should be filed on or before March 15, 1999. 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. CP99-126-000]

Reliant Energy Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Motion To Vacate

February 26, 1999.

Take notice that on February 18, 1999, Reliant Energy Gas Transmission Company (REGT), 1111 Louisiana, Houston, Texas 77002-5231, filed in Docket No. GP99-126-000 a request seeking to vacate the authority that NorAm Gas Transmission Company (Now REGT) received in Docket No. CP99-126-000 (prior notice filing) which was filed pursuant to 157.205 and 157.211 on December 18, 1998. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

The prior notice filing involved a request for authorization to construct and operate two 2-inch delivery taps, first cut regulators and one 4-inch meter station to serve ARKLA a division of NorAm Energy Corp. (Now a division of Reliant Energy Inc.), under REGT's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-384-000 and CP82-384-001. The prior notice filing was noticed December 24, 1998, and no protest were filed during the notice period which expired February 8, 1999.

REGT states that the taps and meter stations approved in the application have not been installed. REGT further