

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. RP98-361-000]****Equitrans, L.P.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff**

August 4, 1998.

Take notice that on July 31, 1998, Equitrans, L.P. (Equitrans) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the following pro forma tariff sheet, with an effective date of September 1, 1998:

Fifth Revised Sheet No. 10

Equitrans requests that the Commission impose the minimum suspension period for the effectiveness and grant any other waivers necessary to permit a September 1 effective date.

Equitrans states that his filing implements changes in retainage factors applicable to storage, transportation, and gathering service which are intended to reimburse Equitrans in kind for fuel, loss and unaccounted for gas required to provide service to Equitrans' customers. Equitrans maintains that the retainage factors proposed in this filing have been agreed to by Equitrans' customers as part of a comprehensive settlement which has been negotiated in Equitrans' on-going Section 4(e) rate case in Docket No. RP97-346. The settlement documents in that proceeding are currently being finalized, and Equitrans anticipates that a Stipulation and Agreement supported or not opposed by all parties and the Commission Staff will be filed with the presiding Administrative Law Judge in the month of August. However, to give early implementation to a provision of the settlement, Equitrans states that it is proposing to adopt revised retainage factors in its tariff beginning on September 1.

The retainage percentages proposed as part of this filing are 3.25% for transmission, 5.00% for gathering and .65% for storage. Equitrans states that these retainage levels represent an integrated package in the Docket No. RP97-346 settlement, unaccounted for on the Equitrans system which customers are willing to bear. Equitrans submits that Commission approval of this retainage filing in its entirety will satisfy all parties and facilitate the ultimate approval of the overall settlement in Docket No. RP97-346.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C.

20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed as provided in 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 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 in the Public Reference Room.

David P. Boergers,*Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. MG98-14-000]****Kansas Pipeline Company; Notice of Filing**

August 4, 1998.

Take notice that on July 31, 1998, Kansas Pipeline Company (KPC) submitted an Emergency motion requesting a temporary waiver of certain standards of conduct under Order Nos. 497 *et seq.*¹ and Order Nos. 566, *et seq.*² KPC states that the single employee of its marketing affiliate, MarGasCo

¹ Order No. 497, 53 FR 22139 (June 14, 1988), FERC Stats. & Regs. 1986-1990 ¶30,820 (1988); Order No. 497-A, *order on rehearing*, 54 FR 52781 (December 22, 1989), FERC Stats. & Regs. 1986-1990 ¶30868 (1989); Order No. 497-B, *order extending sunset date*, 55 FR 43291 (December 28, 1990), FERC Stat. & Regs. 1986-1990 ¶30,908 (1990); Order No. 497-C, *order extending sunset date*, 57 FR 9 (January 2, 1992), FERC Stats. & Regs. 1991-1996 ¶30934 (1991), *rehearing denied*, 57 FR 5815 (February 18, 1992), 58 FERC ¶61,139 (1992); *Tenneco Gas v. FERC* (affirmed in part and remanded in part), 969 F. 2d 1187 (D.C. Cir. 1992); Order No. 497-D, *order on remand and extending sunset date*, 57 FR 58978 (December 14, 1992), FERC Stats. & Regs. 1991-1996 ¶30,958 (December 4, 1992); Order No. 497-E, *order on rehearing and extending sunset date*, 59 FR 243 (January 4, 1994), FERC Stats. & Regs. 1991-1996 ¶30,987 (December 23, 1993); Order No. 497-F, *order denying rehearing and granting clarification*, 59 FR 15336 (April 1, 1994), 66 FERC ¶61,347 (March 24, 1994); and Order No. 497-G, *order extending sunset date*, 59 FR 32884 (June 27, 1994), FERC Stats. & Regs. 1991-1996 ¶30,996 (June 17, 1994).

² Standards of Conduct and Reporting Requirements for Transportation and Affiliate Transactions, Order No. 566, 59 FR 32885 (June 27, 1994), FERC Stats. & Regs. 1991-1996 ¶30,997 (June 17, 1994); Order No. 566-A, *order on rehearing*, 59 FR 52896 (October 20, 1994), 69 FERC ¶61,044 (October 14, 1994); Order No. 566-B, *order on rehearing*, 59 FR 65707, (December 21, 1994), 69 FERC ¶61,334 (December 14, 1994).

Partnership ("MarGasCo"), resigned unexpectedly and, until a new employee is hired and trained, KPC has designated an operating employee of KPC to perform the day-to-day duties of MarGasCo. KPC requests a 90-day waiver of standards of conduct E, F and G, 18 CFR 161.3 (e), (f) and (g) (1998), so that the operating employee may temporarily perform marketing activities without violating the rules.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a 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 285.211 or 385.214). All such motions to intervene or protest should be filed on or before August 10, 1998. 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.

David P. Boergers,*Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. RP98-362-000]****Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff**

August 4, 1998.

Take notice that on July 31, 1998, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Sixth Revised Volume No. 1, certain tariff sheets to be effective September 1, 1998.

Natural states that the purpose of this filing is to implement a negotiated rate provision in its tariff consistent with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) "Statement of Policy and Request for Comments" issued January 31, 1996 in Docket Nos. RM95-6 and RM96-7.

Natural requested waiver of the Commission's Regulations to the extent necessary to permit the tariff sheets submitted to become effective September 1, 1998.

Natural states that the copies of the filing are being mailed to its customer