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 Northwest Pipeline Corporation.  
 Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Company.  
 South Georgia Natural Gas Company.  
 Southern Natural Gas Company.  
 Southwest Gas Corporation.  
 Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, a Division  
 of Tenneco, Inc.  
 Tennessee Natural Gas Lines.  
 Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation.  
 Texas Gas Transmission Corporation.  
 The Inland Gas Company.  
 Transwestern Pipeline Company.  
 Trunkline Gas Company.  
 United Gas Pipe Line Company.  
 Western Gas Interstate Company.

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**§ 281.203 Definitions and cross references.**

(a) *Definitions.* For purposes of this subpart:

(1) *Direct sale customer* means an essential agricultural user of high priority use which purchases natural gas directly from an interstate pipeline and consumes such natural gas for a high-priority use or an essential agricultural use.

(2) *Essential agricultural use* means any use of natural gas which is certified by the Secretary of Agriculture as an "essential agricultural use" under section 401(c) of the NGPA, as identified in 7 CFR part 2900, *et seq.*

(3) *Essential agricultural user* means a person who uses natural gas for an essential agricultural use.

(4) *High-priority use* means any use of natural gas which qualifies the user as a high-priority user.

(5) *High-priority user* means any person who uses natural gas:

- (i) In a residence;
- (ii) In a small commercial establishment;
- (iii) In a school or a hospital; or
- (iv) For police protection, for fire protection, in a sanitation facility or a correctional facility.

(6) *End-use curtailment plan* means a provision in the tariff of an interstate pipeline that requires that under circumstances of supply shortage natural gas deliveries will be curtailed based at least in part upon factors which consider the end-use of the natural gas.

(7) *Indirect sale customer* of an interstate pipeline means an essential agricultural end-user served by a local dis-

tribution company which is served directly by the interstate pipeline.

(8) *Residence* means a dwelling using natural gas predominantly for residential purposes such as space heating, air conditioning, hot water heating, cooking, clothes drying, and other residential uses and includes apartment buildings and other multi-unit buildings.

(9) *Small commercial establishment* means any establishment (including institutions and local, state and Federal Government agencies) engaged primarily in the sale of goods or services where natural gas is used:

(i) In amounts of less than 50 Mcf on a peak day; and

(ii) For purposes other than those involving manufacturing or electric power generation.

(10) *Hospital* means a facility, the primary function of which is delivering medical care to patients who remain at the facility including nursing and convalescent homes. Outpatient clinics or doctors' offices are not included in this definition.

(11) *School* means a facility, the primary function of which is to deliver instruction to regularly enrolled students in attendance at such facility. Facilities used for both educational and noneducational activities are not included under this definition unless the latter activities are merely incidental to the delivery of instruction.

(12) *Local distribution company* means a local distribution company served directly by an interstate pipeline.

(13) *Rolling base period* means a time period in which entitlements of the customers of an interstate pipeline are established pursuant to the pipeline's currently effective curtailment plan and which is periodically updated to reflect recent gas requirements of such customers.

(14) *Entitlements* of a direct sale customer or a local distribution company customer with respect to a particular interstate pipeline means the amount of natural gas that customer is permitted to receive under the interstate pipeline's currently effective curtailment plan.

(15) *Interstate pipeline purchaser* means an interstate pipeline which received deliveries of natural gas from another interstate pipeline.

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(16) *Alternative fuel* means alternative fuel as it is defined in Subpart C of this part.

(b) *Cross references.* (1) Essential agricultural requirements are calculated in accordance with § 281.208.

(2) *Index of entitlements* is that index of entitlements prepared in accordance in § 281.204(b).

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### § 281.204 Tariff filing requirements.

(a) *General rule.* Each interstate pipeline listed in § 281.202 shall file tariff sheets, in accordance with § 154.4 of this chapter, including an index of entitlements, which provides that if the interstate pipeline is in curtailment, natural gas will be delivered in accordance with the provisions of this subpart. If the interstate pipeline has curtailment provisions in its currently effective tariff, the tariff sheets or sections shall amend the existing curtailment provisions. If the interstate pipeline has no curtailment plan in its currently effective tariff, when it files tariff sheets or sections to amend its currently effective tariff to include a curtailment plan such curtailment plan shall comply with the requirements of this subpart. The tariff sheets or sections shall be filed no later than October 1, 1979, with a proposed effective date of November 1, 1979. The Data Verification Committee report prepared in accordance with § 281.213 shall be filed with the tariff sheets.

(b) *Index of entitlements.* (1) The index of entitlements for an interstate pipeline shall identify the natural gas entitlements in priority of service categories 1 and 2 (established in accordance with § 281.205(a)) for each direct sale customer, each local distribution company customer and each interstate pipeline purchaser on a daily, monthly, seasonal or other periodic basis used in the currently effective curtailment plan.

(2) *Periodic update.* Each interstate pipeline shall update its index of entitlements annually to reflect changes in Priority 2 entitlements. The new index of requirements shall be filed on September 15 of each year with a proposed effective date of November 1, except

that if the interstate pipeline uses a rolling base period in its currently effective curtailment plan it shall file its new index of entitlements on the date upon which other end-uses of the customers of the interstate pipeline are updated in accordance with the currently effective tariff.

(3) *Alternative fuel determination.* The index of entitlements shall not include the volumes of natural gas for which volumes the essential agricultural user has the ability to use an alternative fuel, as determined under Subpart C of this part. Each interstate pipeline shall amend its index of entitlements pursuant to paragraph (b)(2) of this section to remove from the priority 2 entitlements and place in an appropriate priority of service category any such volumes or natural gas included in any index of entitlements that is effective on or after October 31, 1979.

(c) *Other tariff provisions.* (1) Every tariff filed under this subpart shall contain provisions that will require the interstate pipeline:

(i) To provide for deliveries of sufficient volumes of natural gas to respond to emergency situations (including environmental emergencies) during periods of curtailment where additional supplies are required to forestall irreparable injury to life or to property; and

(ii) To provide for deliveries of sufficient volumes of natural gas to provide for minimum plant protection when the plant is shut down.

(2) *Volumetric delivery requirements.* Notwithstanding any other provisions of this subpart, an interstate pipeline which is delivering natural gas in accordance with this subpart shall not be required to deliver to any customer volumes of natural gas on a daily, monthly, seasonal or other periodic basis which exceed the volumes of natural gas that the interstate pipeline may deliver to such customer without causing the interstate pipeline to violate any daily, monthly, seasonal or other periodic volumetric limitations