

the application, which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) filed an application pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act in a related proceeding in Docket No. CP97-116-000, for permission and approval to abandon the Cobb and Boldman Plants. MarkWest states that it built the Boldman Plant and leased it to Columbia. According to MarkWest, Columbia is now selling the Cobb Plant (to MarkWest) and canceling its Boldman Plant lease with MarkWest.

Previously, in similar proceedings that are still pending before the Commission, Columbia filed an application in Docket No. CP96-118-000, for permission and approval to abandon (by sale to MarkWest) its Kenova Gas Processing Plant, in Wayne County, West Virginia, and MarkWest filed a companion petition in Docket No. CP96-121-000, for a declaratory order disclaiming jurisdiction over the new gas processing plant that MarkWest was building at the old Kenova Plant site. MarkWest incorporates (by reference) in Docket No. CP97-134-000, its reasoning and support for the disclaimer of jurisdiction that it sought in Docket No. CP96-121-000.

MarkWest states that the natural gas liquids (NGL) extracted from the Cobb and Boldman Plants have been part of the same sales contract covering NGL extraction from the Kenova Plant. MarkWest states that Columbia filed a comprehensive settlement on November 22, 1996, in Docket No. RP95-408-000, *et al.* MarkWest further states that, as part of Columbia's comprehensive settlement of its pending rate case, in Docket No. RP95-408-000, under section 4 of the Natural Gas Act, and in other proceedings, Columbia is completing the unbundling of gathering and products extraction, spinning-off all of its products extraction services to MarkWest.

MarkWest states that all consenting parties to Stipulation II of Columbia's November 22, 1996 settlement proposal either support or do not oppose Columbia's proposed abandonment of the Cobb and Boldman Plants, as set forth in Columbia's application in Docket No. CP97-116-000. MarkWest states that the consenting parties also support or do not oppose the Kenova transfer in Dockets CP96-118-000 and CP96-121-000. MarkWest further states that Commission authorization of the spin-off transfer of the Kenova, Cobb, and Boldman Plants to MarkWest, as specified in the aforementioned dockets, is a condition precedent to the

Commission's final approval of the overall settlement.

Accordingly, MarkWest requests the Commission to issue an order finding that the Cobb and Boldman Extraction Plants are outside the Commission's certificate jurisdiction under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Any person desiring to be heard, or to make any protest with reference to said application should, on or before December 30, 1996, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C., 20426, a motion to intervene or 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 the proceeding, or to participate as a party in any hearing therein, must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company; Notice Rescinding Prior Notice and Rescheduling Technical Conference

December 6, 1996.

The informal technical conference that was scheduled by the Commission's Notice of Technical Conference issued November 21, 1996 is hereby cancelled. An informal technical conference will be convened to discuss issues raised by certain parties as directed by the Commission in its November 4, 1996 order in these proceedings. Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company (Panhandle) should be prepared at the technical conference to address such issues and provide further support. With respect to discussion or examination of certain materials for which Panhandle requests confidential treatment, attendance at the technical conference is limited to parties who execute a protective agreement with Panhandle.

The conference to address the issues has been rescheduled for Tuesday, January 7, 1997 at 1:30 P.M. in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,

888 First Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket Nos. CP96-248-000, CP96-248-003, CP96-249-000, and CP96-249-003]

Portland Natural Gas Transmission System, Notice of Site Visit

December 6, 1996.

On December 11, 12, and 13, 1996, the Office of Pipeline Regulation (OPR) staff will inspect the Portland Natural Gas Transmission System's (PNGTS) proposed route from the Canadian border near Pittsburg, New Hampshire, to Shelburne, New Hampshire via Beecher Falls, Vermont.

On December 11, 1996, the OPR staff will conduct an overflight of the PNGTS' route in New Hampshire with PNGTS personnel.

Those planning to attend the site inspections must provide their own transportation.

For further information on procedural matters, call Mark Jensen at (202) 208-0828.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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South Georgia Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes to FERC Gas Tariff

December 9, 1996.

Take notice that on December 4, 1996, South Georgia Natural Gas Company (South Georgia) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the pro forma Tariff sheets set forth on Appendix A to the filing in compliance with the Commission's Order No. 587 to become effective June 1, 1997.

On July 17, 1996, the Commission issued Order No. 587 which revised its regulations governing interstate natural gas pipelines to require such pipelines to follow standardized business practices issued by the Gas Industry Standards Board (GISB) and adopted by the Commission. 18 CFR 284.10(b). The standards govern certain aspects of the following practices of natural gas pipelines: nominations, allocations, balancing, measurement, invoicing, and capacity release. The order required South Georgia to submit its compliance filing by December 1, 1996, for