Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is December 29, 1997. Copies of the full text of the order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98–84–000]

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Filing

December 10, 1997.

Take notice that on December 5, 1997, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee), pursuant to Section 4 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 154 of the Regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) filed original and revised tariff sheets setting forth Tennessee's policy regarding the construction and financing of new facilities on its system for the receipt, delivery or measurement of natural gas supplies (Receipt and Delivery Facilities).

Tennessee states that its existing lateral line policy is set forth in Article XVII of the General Terms & Conditions of Tennessee's FERC Tariff, Volume No. 1 to satisfy the requirements of Section 154.109(b) of the Commission's Regulations which requires that the General Terms & Conditions of a pipeline's tariff set forth the pipeline's policy regarding the construction and financing of delivery laterals, including when the pipeline will pay for or contribute to the construction cost. Tennessee's existing policy provides that Tennessee will not build or contribute to the cost of building any service lateral. However, Tennessee has the right to seek a waiver of that policy during any proceeding before the Commission instituted under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Tennessee states that this policy is too inflexible in the competitive marketplace which exists today. Thus, Tennessee is proposing to eliminate the current provisions of Article XVII.

Tennessee states that the proposed tariff sheets establish and define two categories of Receipt and Delivery Facilities—Tap Facilities and Connecting Facilities. The proposed tariff sheets also establish two categories of cost reimbursement—prior to the construction of the facilities and over time with interest. Additionally, the proposed tariff sheets eliminate the current provisions of Article XVII and permit Tennessee to contribute to the cost of constructing service laterals as Connecting Facilities without obtaining a waiver from the Commission. Tennessee states that these proposed changes to its tariff will enable Tennessee to compete on a level playing field with other pipelines.

Although Tennessee states that it is not obligated to construct Tap Facilities or Tap and Connecting Facilities for any requesting party, the proposed tariff sheets provide that, subject to certain conditions specified in the tariff sheets, Tennessee will construct Tap Facilities or Tap and Connecting Facilities for any requesting party who agrees to pay for the cost of constructing such facilities. With respect to the financing of Tap Facilities constructed by Tennessee, the proposed tariff sheets provide that the requesting party will generally pay Tennessee for the cost of such facilities prior to the construction of the Connecting Facilities but always prior to the commencement of service at the Tap Facilities. With respect to the financing of Connecting Facilities, the proposed tariff sheets provide that the requesting party shall pay Tennessee for the cost of such facilities either prior to the construction of the Tap Facilities but always prior to the commencement of service at the Connecting Facilities, over time with interest or through some combination thereof.

Further, the tendered tariff sheets enable Tennessee to pay all or a portion of the costs of constructing Connecting Facilities which are economically or operationally beneficial to Tennessee. The proposed tariff sheets set forth the criteria that Tennessee will evaluate in determining whether the construction of Connecting Facilities is economically or operationally beneficial to Tennessee.

The proposed tariff provisions also permit Tennessee to condition its construction of Connecting Facilities on the reimbursement by the requesting party of related costs such as operating and maintenance expenses, administrative and general expenses, gross-up for state and federal income taxes, taxes other than income taxes, depreciation costs and the time value of money. These provisions recognize that, in certain circumstances, it may be appropriate to recover costs of this nature from the requesting party rather than the system as a whole. Tennessee's decision not to seek recovery of these costs from a requesting party would not preclude Tennessee from seeking to recover such costs in its general system rates in a Section 4 rate filing.

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 Section 385.211 and 385.214 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests should be filed in accordance with 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 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 in the Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EG98–13–000, et al.]

Ogden Energy China, (Beta) Ltd., et al. Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

December 9, 1997.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

1. Ogden Energy China (Beta) Ltd.

[Docket No. EG98–13–000]

On December 1, 1997, Ogden Energy China (Beta) Ltd., (OECB) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to Part 365 of the Commission's Regulations.

OECB will own a sixty percent equity interest in a 24 MW eligible facility located in Zibo, Shandong Province, Peoples Republic of China. OECB states that it will be engaged directly and exclusively in the business of owning and/or operating all or part of one of more eligible facilities (as defined in Section 32(a)(1) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act) and selling electricity at wholesale to the Huantian Power Bureau and at retail to consumers none of which will be located within the United States.

Comment date: December 29, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E