

lines 15 through 28). FGT does not believe this deficiency can be ascribed to any "gaming" behavior on the part of shippers, but is instead reflective of the relationship between gas price levels and throughput (and the resulting fuel use) on FGT's system. FGT's fuel reimbursement percentage is based on average fuel usage during prior seasonal periods. Therefore, during periods of relatively high gas prices, the reduced throughput and fuel usage may result in an over recovery of fuel by FGT, which is then valued at the high gas price which led to the reduced throughput and over recovery of fuel. Conversely, low gas prices encourage high throughput and fuel consumption, resulting in under recovered fuel, which is valued at the low gas prices at least partially responsible for increased throughput and under recovery of fuel. FGT believes the significant under recovery of fuel during the production months of December 1999 and January 2000 is attributable to higher than projected throughput as a result of low gas prices relative to alternate fuels. The negative impact of this phenomenon in the annual true-up system balancing costs is directly offset, however, in the calculation of the unit fuel surcharges through which shippers pay lower prices for undercollections by FGT and receive higher prices for overcollections. FGT has discussed this phenomenon with shippers at previous Operating Committee meetings and believe further discussions are warranted in light of the current data.

After further analysis by FGT and further discussions with its shippers of the issues reflected in the results of this Settlement Period, FGT may propose prospective tariff changes at a future time.

Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspections.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must 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 proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP96-320-034]

#### Koch Gateway Pipeline Company; Notice of Negotiated Rate Filing

January 3, 2001.

Take notice that on December 22, 2000, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company ("Koch") filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("Commission") contracts between Koch and the following companies for disclosure of recently negotiated rate transactions. As shown on the contracts, Koch requests an effective date of January 1, 2001.

Special Negotiated Rate Between

Koch Gateway Pipeline and Mobile Energy LLC

Koch Gateway Pipeline and Koch Energy Trading Company

Koch states that copies of the filing are being made available for public inspection during regular business hours in Koch's offices in Houston, Texas. In addition, Koch states that it has served copies of this filing upon all parties on the official service list created by the Secretary in this proceeding.

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, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must 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 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. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for

assistance). Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

**David P. Boergers,**  
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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP-177-004]

#### Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

January 3, 2001.

Take notice that on December 22, 2000, Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C. ("Maritimes") tendered for filing and acceptance by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("Commission") the following tariff sheet to its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, to become effective on January 1, 2001:

Fifth Revised Sheet No. 9

Maritimes states that it is filing the above tariff sheet to implement two negotiated rate agreements pursuant to Rate Schedule MN365 and Section 24 of the General Terms and Conditions of Maritimes' FERC Gas Tariff.

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, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must 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 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. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions