

required because NGPL was granted authority, on June 7, 1999, in Docket No. CP99-546,² to construct and operate alternative interconnect facilities which, among other things, provide the capability for Alliance to deliver to NGPL up to 1.6 Bcfd, the same level authorized by the Alliance certificate order.

Additionally, Aux Sable Liquid Products L.P. (Aux Sable) has decided to construct a twin-train processing plant, as opposed to its originally contemplated one-train facility. Alliance explains that the redundancy built into the two-train design results in excess compression capability within the Aux Sable plant when both trains are operational. Alliance states that it may meet any need for spare or backup compression capability by utilizing the redundant compression capability within the Aux Sable plant.

Alliance states that, in its calculation of the initial rates filed in its August 4, 2000, application in Docket No. CP97-168-004, *et al.*, Alliance has reflected both the savings associated with the deletion of the spare unit at Tampico and the actual costs attributable to the alternative interconnect approved in the NGPL proceeding. Alliance argues that, while there may be costs associated with Alliance's use of the compression capability within the Aux Sable plant, it is far more cost effective and efficient for Alliance to rely upon that excess Aux Sable plant compression than to incur the \$14 million capital cost of the spare unit at Tampico.

Alliance concludes that because this application involves the deletion of facilities previously certificated there will be no negative impact on the environment and no landowner will be affected. Additionally, Alliance avers that deletion of the subject facilities will have no effect upon Alliance's presently certificated services as the NGPL interconnect is replaced by an alternate interconnect with the same capability to deliver 1.6 Bcfd to NGPL, and, since no authorization had been granted to operate the spare compressor unit at Tampico, its elimination likewise has no effect on Alliance's ability to provide service to its customers.

Any person desiring to participate in the hearing process or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before September 29, 2000, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a 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 NGA (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. The Commission's rules require that protestors provide copies of their protests to the party or parties directly involved. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the NGA and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the certificate is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Alliance to appear or be represented at the hearing.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-537-000]

Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

September 8, 2000.

Take notice that on September 1, 2000, Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company (Eastern Shore) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the revised tariff sheets listed on Appendix A to the filing, proposed to be effective on March 27, 2000 and October 1, 2000, respectively.

Eastern Shore states that the purpose of this filing is to: (1) Remove the maximum price cap for capacity release transactions of less than one year; and (2) make certain modifications to its Right of First Refusal provisions, in order to comply with the requirements of FERC Order Nos. 637, 637-A and 637-B, respectively.

Eastern Shore states that a copy has been mailed to its customers and interested state commissions.

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).

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP00-453-000]

Michigan Gas Storage Company; Notice of Application

September 8, 2000.

Take notice that on September 1, 2000, Michigan Gas Storage Company (MGSCo), 212 West Michigan Avenue, Jackson, Michigan 49201, filed a request with the Commission in Docket No. CP00-453-000 pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to construct and operate four wells and associated facilities in its Cranberry Lake Storage Field, Clare County, Michigan, all as more fully set forth in the application which is open to the public for inspection. This application may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/>

² *Natural Gas Pipeline Company*, 90 FERC ¶ 62,013 (2000).