

problems caused by the existing software and market flaws. Accordingly, MSCG requests fast track processing of its complaint by the Commission.

Copies of the filing were served upon the NYISO and other interested parties.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before September 5, 2000. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties of 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. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Answers to the complaint shall also be due on or before September 5, 2000.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-513-006]

#### Questar Pipeline Company; Notice of Tariff Filing

August 24, 2000.

Take notice that on August 18, 2000, pursuant to 18 CFR 154.7 and 154.203, and as provided by Section 30 (Negotiated Rates) to the General Terms and Conditions of Part 1 of Questar Pipeline Company's (Questar) FERC Gas Tariff, Questar filed a tariff filing to implement a negotiated-rate contract as authorized by Commission orders issued October 27, 1999, and December 14, 1999, in Docket Nos. RP99-513, *et al.* The Commission approved Questar's request to implement a negotiated-rate option for Rate Schedules T-1, NNT, T-2, PKS, FSS and ISS shippers. Questar submitted its negotiated-rate filing in accordance with the Commission's Policy Statement in Docket Nos. RM95-6-000 and RM96-7-000 (Policy Statement) issued January 31, 1996.

Sixth Revised Sheet No. 7 and Original Sheet No. 7A revise Questar's Tariff to implement a new negotiated-rate transportation service agreement between Questar and River Gas Corporation. Questar requested waiver of 18 C.F.R. 154.207 so that the tendered tariff sheets may become effective August 1, 2000.

A copy of this filing has been served upon Questar's customers, the Public Service Commission of Utah and the Public Service Commission of Wyoming.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in 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).

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL00-95-000 and Docket No. EL00-98-000]

#### San Diego Gas & Electric Company, Complainant, v. Sellers of Energy and Ancillary Services Into Markets Operated by the California Independent System Operator and the California Power Exchange, Respondent; Investigation of Practices of the California Independent System Operator and the California Power Exchange; Notice of Initiation of Proceeding and Refund Effective Date

August 24, 2000.

Take notice that on August 23, 2000, the Commission issued an order in the above-indicated dockets initiating a proceeding in Docket No. EL00-98-000 under section 206 of the Federal Power Act.

The refund effective date in Docket No. EL00-98-000 will be 60 days after

publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER00-3473-000]

#### Sempra Energy Trading Corp.; Notice of Filing

August 24, 2000.

Take notice that on August 23, 2000, Sempra Energy Trading Corp. (SET) tendered for filing pursuant to section 205 of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 824d, SET's Rates Schedules FERC Nos. 12 and 13, providing for the sale of electric energy and ancillary services to San Diego Gas & Electric Company ("SDG&E"), an affiliate of SET.

SET states that its currently effective rate schedules do not provide for sales to SDG&E. It further states that SDG&E has, until recently been required by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to purchase all of the power required for its bundled retail customers through the California Power Exchange Corporation (the PX). Recently, however, the CPUC has authorized other utilities to make bilateral purchases in order to increase their ability to hedge against volatile prices. The utilities' purchases under such contracts are to be deemed reasonable by the CPUC. SET states, if they have completed certain specified pre-clearance procedures. According to SET, SDG&E has applied for such authorization in an emergency motion filed with the CPUC on August 9, 2000.

The purpose of the instant filing, SET states, is to enable SET to make sales of energy and ancillary services to SDG&E on a bilateral basis, under the conditions approved by the CPUC, or, alternative, under the requirement of open, competitive bidding contained in the CPUC's Affiliate Rules. In order to respond to an August 22, 2000 request for bids by SDG&E, SET asks for Commission action on its filing by September 5, 2000, and proposes an effective date for the tendered rate schedules of September 1, 2000.

SET states that it has served a copy of its filing on the CPUC.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888

First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before August 31, 2000. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine 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. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP99-580-002 and CP99-582-003]

#### Southern LNG Inc.; Notice of Petition to Amend

August 24, 2000.

Take notice that on August 15, 2000, Southern LNG Inc. (Southern LNG), 1900 Fifth Avenue North, P.O. Box 2563, Birmingham, Alabama 35202-2563, filed an application pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for limited amendment to the Order Issuing Certificate, section 3 Authorization, And Denying Request For Rehearing issued in this proceeding on March 16, 2000.<sup>1</sup> Southern LNG requests the Commission's authorization for limited modifications to the sendout system (Sendout Modification) at the liquefied natural gas (LNG) import terminal on Elba Island, in Chatham County, Georgia (Elba Island Terminal). The Sendout Modification will increase the peak vaporization capacity from 540 Mmcfd to 675 Mmcfd.

Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. The application may be viewed on the web at [www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm](http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm) (Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance). Any questions regarding the application may

be directed to Patrick B. Pope, General Counsel, P.O. Box 2563, Birmingham, Alabama 35202-2563, (205) 325-7126.

The Sendout Modification is required to enhance the flexibility and reliability of firm service at Elba Island Terminal, because it will enable the terminal to receive LNG from various sources. El Paso Merchant Energy-Gas, Ltd. (Merchant Energy), which holds the capacity at Elba Island Terminal, now anticipates importing LNG purchased from Enron Americas LNG Company, in addition to Point Fortin LNG Exports Ltd., with supplies coming from various foreign production areas. The Sendout Modification will not alter the marine transfer or storage systems at the Elba Island Terminal. Southern LNG proposes the following modifications to the sendout system:

- Remove five existing Ryan Industries LNG vaporizers with capacity of 108 Mmcfd each, having submerged combustion, six-burner configuration and replacing these existing units with five state-of-the-art, natural gas-fired vaporizers with high efficiency, single burner configuration and submerged combustion water bath heaters. The new vaporizers will provide a sendout rate of up to 135 Mmcfd per unit. In addition, Southern LNG will install a spare secondary LNG pump and associated transfer piping.

- Installing facilities to control a heating value of vaporized LNG delivered at the tailgate of the Elba Island Terminal. The imported LNG cargoes may have varying heating values, some of which may exceed the maximum in Southern LNG's tariff of 1,075 Btu per standard cubic foot (scf). Therefore, Southern LNG has developed two design alternatives for Btu stabilization facilities: (1) Injection of 2% Nitrogen into the Sendout Stream which will allow receipt of approximately 1,090 Btu/scf, and (2) injection of 3.8% air which will allow receipt of approximately 1,117 Btu/scf. Southern LNG will propose a final design for Btu stabilization after further progress in the on-going discussions with downstream shippers.

The Sendout Modification will not involve any greenfield construction. The construction will be confined to an onshore area within previously disturbed and currently maintained property owned by Southern LNG and addressed in the environmental assessment (EA) and March 16, 2000 order.

Southern LNG states that no subsidy from the existing customers exists in this proposal. Southern LNG proposes to roll the cost of the Sendout Modification into initial rates approved

in the March 16, 2000 order. The rolled-in rate treatment allocates 100% of the cost to Merchant Energy, who holds 100% of the capacity.

The estimates of the capital cost for the Sendout Modification is \$32,698,837 using air injection, and \$42,197,710 using nitrogen injection, with the decision on the method to be made after further discussions. The cost and rate design effects of these two options are shown in Exhibit P of the amendment.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before September 14, 2000, file with the Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., 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 and 385.214) 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. 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 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.

A person obtaining intervenor status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents issued by the Commission, filed by the applicant, or filed by all other intervenors. An intervenor can file for rehearing of any Commission order and can petition for court review of any such order. However, an intervenor must serve copies of comments or any other filing it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as filing an original and 14 copies with the Commission.

A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have comments considered. A person, instead, may submit two copies of such comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of environmental documents, and will be able to participate in meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, Commenters will not receive copies of all documents

<sup>1</sup> On April 17, 2000, Southern LNG filed a motion for clarification of the authorization in the March 16, 2000 order in Docket No. CP99-579-002 which is being considered in conjunction with this petition to amend.