

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. ER01-1159-000]****MidAmerican Energy Company; Notice of Issuance of Order**

March 26, 2001.

MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which MidAmerican will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions at market-based rates. MidAmerican also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, MidAmerican requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by MidAmerican.

On March 20, 2001, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Corporate Applications, Office of Markets, Tariffs and Rates, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by MidAmerican 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).

Absent a request to be heard in opposition within this period, MidAmerican is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of MidAmerican's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is April 19, 2001.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The Order may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments, protests, and interventions 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>.

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David P. Boergers,*Secretary.*

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BILLING CODE 6717-01-M**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. RP01-273-000]****Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff**

March 26, 2001.

Take notice that on March 21, 2001, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Sheet No. 414, with an effective date of April 20, 2001.

Natural states that the purpose of this filing is to update its list of non-conforming agreements by including a Discount Rate Agreement with Green Valley Chemical Corporation under Natural's Rate Schedule FTS.

Natural states that it is concurrently tenders for filing under separate cover letter in this docket, copies of the Firm Transportation Rate Discount Agreement and the associated Rate Schedule FTS service agreement.

Natural states that copies of the filing have been mailed to its customers and interested state regulatory agencies.

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, protests, and interventions 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>.

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BILLING CODE 6717-01-M**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. RP00-260-007]****Texas Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff**

March 26, 2001.

Take notice that on March 21, 2001, Texas Gas Transmission Corporation (Texas Gas) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets to become effective March 1, 2001:

Thirty-Seventh Revised Sheet No. 10
Twentieth Revised Sheet No. 10A
Third Revised Sheet No. 10A.01
Second Revised Sheet No. 10A.02
Thirty-Third Revised Sheet No. 11
Twenty-First Revised Sheet No. 11B
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 11C
Third Revised Sheet No. 11D
Thirty-Fifth Revised Sheet No. 12
Third Revised Sheet No. 12.01
Fifteenth Revised Sheet No. 13
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 13A
Fourteenth Revised Sheet No. 15
Fifteenth Revised Sheet No. 16
Fourteenth Revised Sheet No. 17
Ninth Revised Sheet No. 18

Texas Gas, Commission Staff, and other parties have participated in a number of settlement conferences to attempt to settle the RP00-260 rate proceeding and avoid a formal hearing. As a result of the conferences, Texas Gas, Commission Staff, and all parties were able to reach an agreement in principle with regard to the total cost of service. While such agreement is contingent upon resolution of certain remaining cost allocation and rate design issues before a proposed stipulation and agreement can be filed, Texas Gas has agreed, as a part of such cost of service agreement, to file a motion to implement interim reduced base tariff rates on a month-to-month basis, pending further settlement discussions.

Accordingly, Texas Gas is filing to place into effect on March 1, 2001, the