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Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-232-000]

Southern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes to FERC Gas Tariff

April 4, 2000.

Take notice that on March 31, 2000, Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Seventh Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets with the proposed effective date of April 1, 2000.

Tariff Sheets Applicable to Contesting Parties:

Fiftieth Revised Sheet No. 14
Seventy First Revised Sheet No. 15
Fiftieth Revised Sheet No. 16
Seventy First Revised Sheet No. 17

Tariff Sheets Applicable to Settling Parties:

Thirty Sixth Revised Sheet No. 14a
Forty Second Revised Sheet No. 15a
Thirty Sixth Revised Sheet No. 16a
Forty Second Revised Sheet No. 17a

Southern submits the revised tariff sheets to its FERC Gas Tariff Seventh Revised Volume No. 1, to reflect a change in FT/FT-NN Southern Energy Cost Surcharge, due to an increase in the FERC interest rate effective April 1, 2000.

Southern states that copies of the filing were served upon all parties listed on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in these proceedings.

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://ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

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Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2964]

City of Sturgis; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

April 4, 2000.

On March 31, 1998, the City of Sturgis, licensee for the Sturgis Project No. 2964, filed an application for a new or subsequent license pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Commission's regulations thereunder. Project No. 2964 is located on the St. Joseph River in St. Joseph County, Michigan.

The license for Project No. 2964 was issued for a period ending March 31, 2000. Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year to year an annual license to the then licensee under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in Section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA. If the project's prior license waived the applicability of Section 15 of the FPA, then, based on Section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for

a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to Section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 2964 is issued to the City of Sturgis for a period effective April 1, 2000, through March 31, 2001, or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first. If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before March 31, 2001, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

If the project is not subject to Section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that the City of Sturgis is authorized to continue operation of the Sturgis Project No. 2964 until such time as the Commission acts on its application for subsequent license.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-229-000]

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Tariff Filing

April 4, 2000.

Take notice that on March 31, 2000, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1, the revised tariff sheets identified in Appendix A to the filing. Tennessee proposes that the foregoing tariff sheets be made effective on May 1, 2000.

Tennessee states that as part of its transition to interactive Internet communications in compliance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Order No. 587-1, Tennessee has undertaken a major rewrite of its critical computer system functions. In conjunction with the rewrite, Tennessee further states that it is taking the opportunity to initiate additional modifications to its computer systems in order to streamline certain of