operate approximately 15 miles of 16-inch pipeline, with appurtenances, to loop the Elk River branchline located in Anoka and Sherburne Counties, Minnesota. Northern stated that the loop line is necessary to meet third through fifth year Peak Day 2000 firm obligations for Minnegasco, and (NSP–NM). A number of protests were filed, including one filed by Commission staff that offered an alternative route, all of which resulted in the request being converted to a Section 7(c) application.

In this filing, Northern specifically states that unless it is given authority to construct a six mile section of the Elk River Loop, by September 20, 1999, that it will not be able to serve the third year Peak Day 2000 firm entitlement during the upcoming heating season. Phase I of the Elk River Loop 1999 is needed to serve Northern's local distribution company (LDC) customer's incremental markets by November 1, 1999. Northern, therefore, requests approval to construct and operate, in Phase I, approximately six miles of 16-inch pipeline between milepost 8.48 and milepost 14.7, along its proposed route in order to serve the Peak Day 2000 firm entitlement for the third year for—Reliant Energy Minnegasco, a Division of Reliant Energy Resources Corp. (Minnegasco) and Northern States Power Company-Minnesota (NSP).

Northern states that it would follow the construction procedures and mitigation measures described in its original application, supplements, and responses to staff data requests during the construction of the subject facilities.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said amendment should on or before September 17, 1999, file with the Federal 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 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.211) 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. 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. All persons who have heretofore filed need not file again.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99–608–000]

Southern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

September 2, 1999.

Take notice that on August 31, 1999, Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern), filed a request with the Commission in Docket No. CP99–608–000, pursuant to §§ 157.205, 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to construct and operate a new delivery point for service to Interconn Resources, Inc. (Interconn) authorized in blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82–406–000, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm (call 202–208–2222 for assistance).

Southern proposes to construct and operate certain measurement and other appurtenant facilities in order to provide transportation service to Interconn at the Marglen Industries Plant in Floyd County, Georgia (Plant). Such service will be provided at a new delivery point to be located at approximately Mile Post 54.481 on Southern's 12″ Chattanooga Branch Loop Line in Floyd County, Georgia. The estimated cost of the construction and installation of the facilities is approximately $189,900. Interconn. has complied with all of the requirements under Section 36 of the General Terms and Conditions of Southern's FERC Gas Tariff for the installation of the direct delivery connection by Southern and will reimburse Southern for the cost of constructing and installing the proposed facilities.

Southern states that it will transport gas on behalf of Interconn under its Rate Schedule IT. Southern states that the installation of the proposed facilities will have no adverse effect on its ability to provide its firm deliveries.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after the Commission has issued this notice, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to § 157.205 of the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the allowed time, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the NGA.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99–487–000]

Southern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Tariff Filing

September 2, 1999.

Take notice that on August 30, 1999, Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern) tendered for filing, pursuant to Section 4 of the Natural Gas Act, a notice of termination of gathering service that will apply to gathering service provided by J. R. Pounds, Inc. (Pounds) upon the transfer by Southern to Pounds of certain gathering facilities located in Dexter Field, Marion and Walthall Counties, Mississippi. Southern proposes the effective date of such termination of gathering services to be September 30, 1999.

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 § 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be file in accordance with § 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://