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place the proposed change of rate, charge, classification, or service into effect at the end of the suspension period, the change will go into effect, subject to refund, on the authorized effective date.

§ 154.207 Notice requirements.

All proposed changes in tariffs, contracts, or any parts thereof must be filed with the Commission and posted not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days prior to the proposed effective date thereof, unless a waiver of the time periods is granted by the Commission.

§ 154.208 Service on customers and other parties.

(a) On or before the filing date, the company must serve, upon all customers as of the date of the filing and all affected state regulatory commissions, an abbreviated form of the filing consisting of: The Letter of Transmittal; the Statement of Nature, Reason, and Basis; the changed tariff sheets; a summary of the cost-of-service and rate base; and, summary of the magnitude of the change.

(b) On or before the filing date, the company must serve a full copy of the filing upon all customers and state regulatory commissions that have made a standing request for such service.

(c) Within two business days of receiving a request for a complete copy from any customer or state commission that has not made a standing request, the company must serve a full copy of any filing.

(d) A customer or other party may designate a recipient of service. The filing company must serve the designated recipient, in accordance with paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this section, instead of the customer or other party. For the purposes of this section, service upon such designated recipient will be deemed service upon the customer or other party.

[Order 582, 60 FR 52996, Oct. 11, 1995, as amended by Order 582A, 61 FR 9628, Mar. 11, 1996]

§ 154.209 Form of notice for Federal Register.

The company must file a form of notice suitable for publication in the

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FEDERAL REGISTER. The company must also submit a copy of the notice on a separate 3½" diskette in ASCII format. Each diskette must be labelled with the name of the company and the words "notice of filing." The notice must be in the following form:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

(Name of Company) Docket No.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN FERC GAS TARIFF (OR NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE FILING)

Take notice that on (date),(name of company) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Volume No. (number), the following tariff sheets, to become effective (insert effective date). (List tariff sheets). [The following language in the first paragraph applies only to compliance filings.] (Name of company) asserts that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission's order issued (insert issue date), in (docket). [The following language in the first paragraph applies only to rate change filings.] The proposed changes would (increase/decrease) revenues from jurisdictional service by (dollar amount) based on the 12-month period ending (date), as adjusted. [For proposed changes other than changed rates and charges, the company must state concisely the nature of these changes.]

[The company must briefly describe the reasons for the proposed changes in the second paragraph.]

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with §385.214 and §385.211 of the Commission's rules and regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed on or before (insert date 12 days after filing date). 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 proceeding. 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.

§ 154.210 Protests, interventions, and comments.

(a) Unless the notice issued by the Commission provides otherwise, any protest, intervention or comment to a tariff filing made pursuant to this part must be filed in accordance with §385.211 of this chapter, not later than 12 days after the subject tariff filing. A

protest must state the basis for the objection. A protest will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make the protestant a party to the proceeding. A person wishing to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene.

(b) Any motion to intervene must be filed not later than 12 days after the subject tariff filing in accordance with § 385.214 of this chapter.

Subpart D—Material To Be Filed With Changes

§ 154.301 Changes in rates.

(a) Except for changes in rates pursuant to subparts E, F and G, of this part, any natural gas company filing for a change in rates or charges, except for a minor rate change, must submit, in addition to the material required by subparts A, B, and C of this part, the Statements and Schedules described in § 154.312.

(b) A natural gas company filing for a minor rate change must file the Statements and Schedules described in § 154.313.

(c) A natural gas company filing for a change in rates or charges must be prepared to go forward at a hearing and sustain, solely on the material submitted with its filing, the burden of proving that the proposed changes are just and reasonable. The filing and supporting workpapers must be of such composition, scope, and format as to comprise the company's complete case-in-chief in the event that the change is suspended and the matter is set for hearing. If the change in rates or charges presented are not in full accord with any prior Commission decision directly involving the filing company, the company must include in its working papers alternate material reflecting the effect of such prior decision.

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§ 154.302 Previously submitted material.

(a) If all, or any portion, of the information called for by this part has already been submitted to the Commis-

sion within six months of the filing date of this application, or is included in other data filed pursuant to this part, specific reference thereto may be made in lieu of resubmission.

(b) If a new FERC Form No. 2 or 2-A is required to be filed within 60 days from the end of the base period, the new FERC Form No. 2 or 2-A must be filed concurrently with the rate change filing. There must be furnished to the Director, Office of Pipeline Regulation, with the rate change filing, one copy of the FERC Form No. 2 or 2-A.

§ 154.303 Test periods.

Statements A through M, O, P, and supporting schedules, in § 154.312 and § 154.313, must be based upon a test period.

(a) If the natural gas company has been in operation for 12 months on the filing date, then the test period consists of a base period followed by an adjustment period.

(1) The base period consists of 12 consecutive months of the most recently available actual experience. The last day of the base period may not be more than 4 months prior to the filing date.

(2) The adjustment period is a period of up to 9 months immediately following the base period.

(3) The test period may not extend more than 9 months beyond the filing date.

(4) The rate factors (volumes, costs, and billing determinants) established during the base period may be adjusted for changes in revenues and costs which are known and measurable with reasonable accuracy at the time of the filing and which will become effective within the adjustment period. The base period factors must be adjusted to eliminate nonrecurring items. The company may adjust its base period factors to normalize items eliminated as nonrecurring.

(b) If the natural gas company has not been in operation for 12 months on the filing date, then the test period must consist of 12 consecutive months ending not more than one year after the filing date. Rate factors may be adjusted as in paragraph (a)(4) of this section but must not be adjusted for occurrences anticipated after the 12-month period.