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§ 156.1 Who may apply.

Any person or municipality as defined in section 2 of the Natural Gas Act engaged or legally authorized to engage in the local distribution of natural or artificial gas to the public may file with the Commission an application pursuant to the provisions of section 7(a) of the Natural Gas Act for an order of the Commission directing a natural gas company to extend or improve its transportation facilities, to establish physical connection of its transportation facilities with the facilities of, and sell natural gas to such person or municipality, and for such purpose to extend its transportation facilities to communities immediately adjacent to such facilities or to territory served by such natural gas company.

§ 156.2 Purpose and intent of rules.

(a) Applications filed pursuant to the provisions of section 7(a) of the Natural Gas Act shall contain all information necessary to advise the Commission fully concerning the applicant, the service which applicant requests the Commission to direct the natural gas company to render together with a description of any improvement or extension of facilities which the natural gas company would be required to make in connection with the rendition of the service, applicant's present and proposed operations, construction, service, and sales together with a description of any extension or improvement of facilities by applicant which would be required to enable applicant to engage in the local distribution of natural gas.

(b) Every requirement of this part shall be considered as an obligation upon the applicant which can be avoid-

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ed only by a definite and positive showing that the information or data required by the applicable section of the regulations is not necessary to the consideration and ultimate determination of the application.

(c) This part will be strictly applied to all applications as submitted and the burden of adequate presentation in understandable form as well as justification for omitted data or information rests with the applicant.

(d) Under this part, the natural gas company from which applicant is seeking the service is a party respondent to the proceeding.

§ 156.3 Applications; number of copies; general requirements.

(a) *Applicable rules.* An original and 7 conformed copies of an application under this part shall be filed with the Commission. The Commission reserves the right to request additional copies. In all other respects applications shall conform to the requirements of §§ 156.1 through 156.5. Amendments to or withdrawals of applications shall be filed in accordance with the requirements of §§ 385.213 and 385.214 of this chapter.

(b) *General content of application; filing fee.* Except as provided in paragraph (d) of this section, each application shall be accompanied by the fee prescribed in part 159 of this subchapter and shall set forth the following information:

(1) The exact legal name of the applicant; the name of the natural gas company (respondent) from which applicant is seeking an extension or improvement of transportation facilities, physical connection of facilities or service of natural gas together with a concise description of the extension, improvement, physical connection of facilities or service sought from such company including the estimated volumes of natural gas involved to meet annual and maximum day requirements for the estimated first three years of proposed operation.

(2) Applicant's principal place of business; whether applicant is an individual, corporation or municipality as defined in section 2 of the Natural Gas Act; State under the laws of which applicant is incorporated, organized or authorized; and the name, title, and

mailing address of the person or persons to whom communications concerning the application are to be addressed.

(3) The facts relied upon by applicant to show that the proposed extension or improvement of transportation facilities, physical connection of facilities or service and sale of natural gas are necessary or desirable in the public interest.

(4) A concise description of applicant's operations, if any, at the time the application is filed.

(5) A concise description of applicant's proposed operations, construction, service and sales together with a description of any extension or improvement of facilities by applicant which would be required to enable applicant to engage in the local distribution of natural gas and including the proposed dates for the beginning and completion of construction and commencement of operations.

(6) A full statement concerning and description of any certificate of public convenience and necessity, franchise or other authorization which applicant has applied for or received from any State commission or municipality covering its proposed operations.

(7) A full statement as to whether any other application must be or is to be filed by applicant with any other Federal or State body, or other political subdivision or agency of a State to enable applicant to engage in the local distribution of natural gas in the territory it proposes to serve.

(8) Each application shall contain a table of contents which shall list all exhibits and documents filed in compliance with §§ 156.1 through 156.2, as well as other documents and exhibits filed therewith, identifying them by their appropriate titles and alphabetical letter designations specified in § 156.5. The alphabetical designation specified in § 156.5 must be adhered to strictly and any additional exhibits submitted on applicant's own volition, pursuant to § 156.5(b) shall be designated in sequence under the letter designation Z (Z1, Z2, Z3, etc.). Together with each exhibit applicant shall set forth a full and complete explanation of the data submitted, the manner in which it was

obtained, and the reasons for the conclusions which are derived therefrom.

(c) *Incorporation by reference.* Any information required by this part which is already on file with the Commission may be incorporated by reference.

(d) *Small distributors.* A distributor requesting natural gas service of less than 2000 Mcf per day to serve a single community may file the information required by the form of application represented in § 250.6 of this chapter.

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§ 156.4 Form of exhibits to be attached to applications.

(a) *General requirements.* Each exhibit shall contain a title page showing applicant's name, Docket No. CP- _____ (number designation to be left blank), title of exhibit, and if exhibit consists of 10 or more pages a table of contents citing by page, section number or subdivision the component elements or matters contained therein.

(b) *Measurement base.* All gas volumes shall be stated upon a uniform basis of measurement, and, in addition, if the uniform basis of measurement used in any application is other than 14.73 p.s.i.a., then the volume or volumes of natural gas to be received from any source and delivered by applicant shall also be stated upon a basis of 14.73 p.s.i.a. Similarly, total volumes on all summary sheets, as well as grand totals of volumes in any exhibit, shall also be stated upon a basis of 14.73 p.s.i.a. if the basis of measurement used is other than 14.73 p.s.i.a.

§ 156.5 Exhibits.

(a) *Exhibits to be submitted with application.* All of the following exhibits shall be submitted with the application when tendered for filing. Such exhibits may be attached to the application or furnished in a separate volume or separate volumes designated "Exhibits to Application." Such separate volume or volumes shall indicate on the cover thereof applicant's name and bear Docket No. CP- _____ (number designation to be left blank).