

Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process.

Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission may issue a preliminary determination on non-environmental issues prior to the completion of its review of the environmental aspects of the project.

This preliminary determination typically considers such issues as the need for the project and its economic effect on existing customers of the applicant, on other pipelines in the area, and on landowners and communities. For example, the Commission considers the extent to which the applicant may need to exercise eminent domain to obtain rights-of-way for the proposed project and balances that against the non-environmental benefits to be provided by the project. Therefore, if a person has comments on community and landowner impacts from this proposal, it is important either to file comments or to intervene as early in the process as possible.

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 under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

If the Commission decides to set the application for a formal hearing before an Administrative Law Judge, the Commission will issue another notice describing that process. At the end of the Commission's review process, a final Commission order approving or denying a certificate will be issued.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Alliance Pipeline L.P.; Notice of Compliance Filing

February 13, 2003.

Take notice that on February 6, 2003., Alliance Pipeline L.P. (Alliance) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 253, proposed to become effective February 1, 2003.

On December 31, 2002, Alliance filed First Revised Sheet No. 253 to amend the General Terms and Conditions (GTC) of its FERC Gas Tariff to permit Alliance to terminate a temporary release of capacity, upon 30-days written notice to the replacement shipper, where (i) Alliance has terminated the releasing shipper's Firm Transportation Agreement or Master Capacity Release Agreement in accordance with GTC Section 8 (Default and Termination); and (ii) the rate stated in the replacement shipper's applicable Capacity Release Schedule is less than the rate that the releasing shipper was obligated to pay Alliance.

Alliance further proposed that a replacement shipper may avoid termination of the temporary release if, prior to the end of the 30-day notice period, the replacement shipper agrees that, beginning the first day after the end of the 30-day notice period, it will pay, for the remainder of the term of the release, either the rate the former releasing shipper was obligated to pay Alliance, the maximum applicable Recourse Reservation and Usage

Charges as stated in the tariff for the applicable service, or a rate mutually agreed upon by Alliance and the Shipper.

By order issued January 30, 2003, the Commission accepted Alliance's filing, to be effective February 1, 2003, subject to Alliance filing clarifying language specifying that the replacement shipper may retain the released capacity by agreeing to pay the "lesser of" the available rate options. By its filing, Alliance is proposing to add the required clarifying language. Alliance states further that, because the relative relationship between its recourse and negotiated rates will not necessarily remain static over the term of any particular release of capacity, it is also adding further clarifying language to provide the replacement shipper with the right to determine which of the available rate options will provide the lowest effective rate over the remaining term of a capacity release.

Alliance states that copies of its filing have been mailed to all customers, state commissions, and other interested parties.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such 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. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For Assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. *See* 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. *Protest Date:* February 18, 2003.

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