Subtitle B-Other Authorities and Requirements

SEC. 311. AUTHORIZATION OF CERTAIN SALES AND TRANSPORTA-TION.

15 USC 3371.

(a) Commission Approval of Transportation .-

(1) Interstate pipelines.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission may, by rule or order, authorize any interstate pipeline to transport natural gas on behalf of-

(i) any intrastate pipeline; and (ii) any local distribution company.

(B) JUST AND REASONABLE RATES.—The rates and charges of any interstate pipeline with respect to any transportation authorized under subparagraph (A) shall be just and reasonable (within the meaning of the Natural Gas Act).

15 USC 717w.

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(2) Intrastate pipelines.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission may, by rule or order, authorize any intrastate pipeline to transport natural gas on behalf of-

(i) any interstate pipeline; and
(ii) any local distribution company served by any interstate pipeline.

(B) RATES AND CHARGES.—

(i) MAXIMUM FAIR AND EQUITABLE PRICE.—The rates and charges of any intrastate pipeline with respect to any transportation authorized under subparagraph (A), including any amount computed in accordance with the rule prescribed under clause (ii), shall be fair and equitable and may not exceed an amount which is reasonably comparable to the rates and charges which interstate pipelines would be permitted to charge for providing similar transportation service.

(ii) Commission Rule.—The Commission shall, by rule, establish the method for calculating an amount nec-

essary to—