

Middlesex County, Massachusetts to a proposed point of interconnection with the existing facilities of Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc. near Wells, York County, Maine. The new pipeline will be 24-inches in diameter and have a capacity of 60,000 MMBtu per day. The estimated cost of the new pipeline is \$82 million, and the facilities are proposed to be in-service by November 1, 1997.

Maritimes & Northeast says that it will have the ability to redeliver 60,000 MMBtu per day of domestic natural gas from the North American pipeline grid and will provide several significant and operational benefits to the Maritimes & Northeast shippers and Northeast markets. Maritimes & Northeast has signed two firm transportation precedent agreements with two affiliates, both dated January 31, 1996. One is with PanEnergy Gas Services, Inc. for 40,000 MMBtu per day for a term of 20 years, and the other is with Mobil Natural Gas, Inc. for 20,000 MMBtu per day, also for 20 years.

Maritimes & Northeast says that the rates proposed to recover the cost of the project are cost-based straight fixed variable rates, levelized over the first seven years in order to reflect market requirements. The rates are designed to recover the costs of the facilities proposed herein over the life of those facilities. Maritimes & Northeast says that market conditions in the area to be served by Phase I require a levelized rate in the first seven years of operation so that shippers may effectively compete on a delivered cost basis in peak period consumer markets in Maine. Maritimes & Northeast proposes to record four percent annual depreciation for accounting purposes. The difference between the levelized and straight line methods would be recorded in a regulatory asset account.

Maritimes & Northeast also requests approval of its *pro forma* tariff governing the terms and conditions of the transportation services it proposes. Maritimes & Northeast proposes to offer four different types of firm transportation service and interruptible transportation service. Maritimes & Northeast says that it has conformed this *pro forma* tariff to the applicable requirements of the Commission's Order No. 636.

Comment date: March 6, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

##### 5. Northwest Pipeline Corporation

[Docket No. CP96-182-000]

Take notice that on February 9, 1996, Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Northwest), 295 Chipeta Way, Salt Lake

City, Utah 84158, filed in Docket No. CP96-182-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.216(b) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.216(b)) for authorization to abandon by removal its Chemical Lime Meter Station (Chemical Lime M.S.), located in Baker County, Oregon, under the blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-433-000, pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Northwest states that Chemical Lime M.S. was constructed to deliver gas to Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade) for service to a single end-user, the Chemical Lime Company. Northwest claims that Chemical Lime M.S. consisted of a tap, meter and regulating equipment located on Northwest's 22-inch mainline. Additionally, Northwest asserts that no deliveries have been made to the Chemical Lime delivery point since the Chemical Lime plant ceased operations in 1983. Northwest notes that it disconnected the Chemical Lime M.S. effective July 11, 1990, because the facilities were obsolete and there did not appear to be a future use for them.

Northwest states that it currently has no contractual obligation to provide service to the Chemical Lime delivery point, and by a letter dated May 1, 1995, Cascade stated that it had no objections to the abandonment by removal of the Chemical Lime M.S. Northwest claims that the Chemical Lime M.S. has been dismantled from the site and that the removal was completed January 12, 1995. Northwest asserts that due to an administrative oversight, it did not request or receive approval prior to abandoning this meter station.

Northwest notes that the actual cost of removing this meter station was \$9,742.

Comment date: April 1, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

##### Standard Paragraphs

F. Any person desiring to be heard or make any protest with reference to said filing should on or before the comment date file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) 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.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority conferred in and subject to jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this filing if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the certificate is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for the applicant to appear or be represented at the hearing.

G. Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, 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 Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, 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 Natural Gas Act.

Lois D. Cashell,  
Secretary.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5428-4]

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; National Estuary Program**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) renewal has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: National Estuary Program, OMB Control Number 2040-0138, expiring 03/31/96. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before March 25, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CALL:**

Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, and refer to EPA ICR No. 1500.03.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Title: National Estuary Program (OMB Control No. 2040-0138; EPA ICR No. 1500.03) expiring 03/31/96. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

**Abstract:** Under the National Estuary Program, EPA collects information from the participating State or local agency which will receive funds under section 320 of the Clean Water Act. The regulations requiring this information are found at 40 CFR Part 35. Prospective recipients apply to receive grant funds to carry out a three to five-year program resulting in the completion of a Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan for an estuary.

To continue to receive grant funds, grantees must submit an annual workplan to EPA. EPA provides guidance on how to prepare the workplan and issues planning targets to each grantee. The workplan is the only information required from the grantee beyond that which is required in the standard government grant application. It provides the basis for the scope of work written into the grant agreement and consists of two parts: progress on projects funded previously, and new projects proposed with dollar amounts and completion dates. Once incorporated into the grant agreement, the workplan is used to track performance.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR Part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15. The Federal Register Notice required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection

of information was published on 10/23/95 (60 FR 54349); no comments were received.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 132 hours per respondent. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities: States.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 28.

Frequency of Response: Annual.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 3,700 hours.

Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the following addresses. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 1500.03 and OMB Control No. 2040-0138 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy, Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OPPE Regulatory Information Division (2136), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460  
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503

Dated: February 14, 1996.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.  
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[FRL-5429-4]

**Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review; Standards of Performance for Iron and Steel Plants: Basic Oxygen Furnaces OMB Control No. 2060-0029 EPA ICR No. 1069.05**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D)), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) for New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for Basic Oxygen Process Furnaces (Subpart N and Na) described below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before March 25, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CALL:** Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, and refer to EPA ICR No. 1069.05.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for Basic Oxygen Process Furnaces (Subpart N and Na) (OMB Control No. 2060-0029; EPA ICR No. 1069.05). This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

**Abstract:** The standards require initial notification reports with respect to construction, modification, reconstruction, startups, shutdowns, and malfunctions (specified in 40 CFR 60.7(a)). Notification of construction and startup indicated to enforcement personnel when a new affected facility has been constructed and, therefore, is subject to the standard.

The Standards requires daily recordkeeping of process information (specified in 40 CFR 60.143a) which is generally readily available in plant records resulting in no increase burden to industry. It also requires continuous monitoring of pressure loss through the venturi constriction of the control equipment and water supply pressure to the control equipment (specified in 40 CFR 60.143b). This information collected will be used to compare results with those measured during the most recent performance test and, therefore, will ensure continuous compliance with the standard.

The semiannual reporting requirement (specified in 40 CFR