

authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

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Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP97-189-000]

Koch Gateway Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

January 17, 1997.

Take notice that on January 10, 1997 and supplement January 15, 1997, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch Gateway), P.O. Box 1478, Houston, Texas 77251-1478, filed in Docket No. CP97-189-000 a request pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, as amended, and Sections 157.205, 157.211, 157.216(b) for authorization to upgrade a town border station serving the City of Madisonville (Madisonville) in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana under Koch Gateway's NNS-SCO Rate Schedule, and to abandon certain facilities in Madisonville. Koch Gateway makes such request, under Koch Gateway's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-430-000 pursuant to 18 CFR Part 157, Subpart F of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open for public inspection.

Koch Gateway proposes to upgrade an existing 2-inch meter station and abandon by removal the facilities being replaced. Koch Gateway further proposes to install the new metering and regulating facilities at an existing town border station on its lateral line, designated as Index 301 in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana to satisfy Madisonville's request for increased pressure. Koch Gateway states that the volumes proposed to be delivered to Madisonville would be pursuant to Koch Gateway's blanket transportation certificate authorized in Docket No. CP88-6-000 and under Koch Gateway's NNS-SCO Rate Schedule.

Koch Gateway states that the revised meter station would allow Koch Gateway to increase delivery pressure by approximately 30 psig which will help Madisonville better operate its distribution system. It is stated that the estimated cost of construction is \$33,000, and Madisonville has agreed to reimburse Koch Gateway the cost of installing the new facilities.

Koch Gateway further states the proposed activities, being no notice in nature, will not affect Koch Gateway's ability to serve its other existing

customers. No change in the service level is proposed.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after 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 therefor, 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.

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[Docket No. CP93-672-002]

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Application To Amend Abandonment Authority

January 17, 1997.

On January 13, 1997, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Applicant), 701 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois 60148, applied under Section 7(b) for authorization to amend the abandonment authority granted in Docket No. CP93-672-001 by order issued on June 15, 1995. That order, authorized the abandonment in place, by removal of 308 miles of Applicant's Amarillo No. 1 Line.

Applicant now requests amendment of that authority to provide for the abandonment by transfer to MidCon Gas Products Corp. (MidCon) of the southernmost 28 miles of the abandoned line. MidCon is a non-jurisdictional gathering affiliate of Natural. The 28 miles of line proposed for transfer to MidCon starts at a point near the Hooker Lateral in Beaver County, Oklahoma and ends in Meade County, Kansas, 29.5 miles south of Natural's Compressor Station 103.

Applicant also requests that the Commission state that the 28 miles of line transferred to MidCon is a non-jurisdictional gathering facility under Section 1(b) of the NGA. Applicant states that the transferred line will be connected with 102.67 miles of pipe previously transferred to MidCon in June, 1996, by Commission order issued in Docket No. CP95-191-000 on August

24, 1995 (72 FERC ¶ 61,183). The 28 miles of line will be operated as part of a low pressure, high Btu gathering system.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to this amended application should on or before February 7, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First 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 (28 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.20). 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 the proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules. Any person who has previously intervened in Docket No. CP93-672-000 or CP93-672-001 does not need to intervene again.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the 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 application 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 or 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 Natural to appear or be represented at the hearing.

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Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP97-192-000]

New York State Electric & Gas Corporation; Notice of Application

January 17, 1997.

Take notice that on January 10, 1997, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG), 4500 Vestal Parkway East, Binghamton, New York 13902-3607, filed in Docket No. CP97-

192-000, an application pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, as amended, and § 284.224 of the Commission's Regulations, for a limited-jurisdiction blanket certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing NYSEG to provide firm and interruptible storage services at market-based rates at its Seneca Lake storage field located in Schuyler County, New York, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.¹

NYSEG states that the storage it intends to perform in interstate commerce will be made possible through the use of compression already installed at its Seneca Lake storage field, combined with two additional compressors, rated at 2,587 horsepower each, which it plans to install. NYSEG avers that it filed an application on December 16, 1996 with the State of New York Public Service Commission seeking authority to install these additional compressor units. According to NYSEG, the additional compression will enable NYSEG to: (1) Inject up to 72.5 MMcf of natural gas into storage during a 20-day injection cycle; and (2) deliver up to 145 MMcf of natural gas from storage during the 10-day withdrawal period.

As part of its request, NYSEG asks the Commission to make a determination under § 284.123(b)(2) of the regulations that the rates and charges proposed in the application are fair and equitable.

Any person desiring to be heard or make any protest with reference to said application should on or before February 7, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., 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 385.214 or 385.211) 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 contained in and subject to the 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 application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that permission and approval for the proposed abandonment and grant of certificate are 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 NYSEG to appear or be represented at the hearing.

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[Docket No. CP93-98-002]

PNM Gas Services, a Division of Public Service Company of New Mexico; Notice of Redesignation of Proceeding

January 17, 1997.

Take notice that on November 25, 1996, PNM Gas Services filed an amendment pursuant to section 3 of the NGA and Part 153 of the Commission's Regulations under the NGA, seeking to amend the Presidential Permit issued August 6, 1993,¹ to reflect the new name of the company holding the Presidential Permit. Specifically, the Presidential Permit was issued in Docket No. CP93-98-000 to Gas Company of New Mexico, a Division of Public Service Company of New Mexico (Gas Company of New Mexico). The amendment sought herein would simply reflect the name change from Gas Company of New Mexico to PNM Gas Services. PNM Gas Services states that the change reflects only a change in the name of the division conducting business; no change of ownership has occurred.

On December 5, 1996, the Commission issued a Notice of Amendment. The notice was published in the Federal Register on December 12, 1996 (61 Fed. Reg. 65038). No adverse comments were received prior to the December 26, 1996 response date. The redesignation is unopposed. Accordingly, pursuant to section

375.302(r) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, notice is hereby given that this proceeding is being redesignated to reflect the permit holder's new name.

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[Docket No. ER97-452-000, et al.]

Northern Indiana Public Service Company, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

January 17, 1997.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

1. Northern Indiana Public Service Company

[Docket No. ER97-452-000]

Take notice that on December 19, 1996, Northern Indiana Public Service Company tendered for filing an amendment in the above-referenced docket.

Comment date: January 31, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

2. Ohio Edison Company, Pennsylvania Power Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company and The Toledo Edison Company

[Docket Nos. EC97-5-000 and ER97-413-000]

Take notice that on December 23, 1996, Ohio Edison Company (OE), Pennsylvania Power Company (Penn Power), OE's wholly-owned subsidiary, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company (CEI) and The Toledo Edison Company (TE) (collectively "Applicants" or "FirstEnergy") filed, a supplement to Exhibit G to their November 8, 1996, merger application, three filings with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in connection with the FirstEnergy merger.

Each NRC application requested the NRC's consent to the indirect transfers of control of the NRC license rights held by the individual applicants to FirstEnergy following consummation of the FirstEnergy merger. The NRC-licensed facilities that are the subject of the three applications are: Beaver Valley Power Plant, Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station and Perry Nuclear Power Plant.

Comment date: January 31, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

¹ NYSEG is a Hinshaw pipeline which is exempt from the Commission's jurisdiction under Section 1(c) of the NGA.

¹ Gas Company of New Mexico, a Division of Public Service Company of New Mexico, 64 FERC ¶ 61,226 (1993).