

to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before August 20, 1997. 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 proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-441-000]

#### **Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P., Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff**

August 8, 1997.

Take notice that on August 6, 1997, Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P. (Iroquois) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheet to become effective September 5, 1997: First Revised Sheet No. 115

Iroquois states that the purpose of this filing is to implement a five year contract cap in its right-of-first-refusal tariff provision in compliance with the Commission's Order on Remand, 78 FERC ¶ 61,186 (February 27, 1997).

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or 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 proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-437-000]

#### **Williams Natural Gas Company and Missouri Gas Energy, A Division of Southern Union Company; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order**

August 8, 1997.

Take notice that on August 1, 1997, pursuant to Rule 207 of the Rules and Practice and Procedure, Missouri Gas Energy, A Division of Southern Union Company (MGE) and Williams Natural Gas Company (Williams) filed a request for a Declaratory Order on the Right of First Refusal Mechanism.

MGE and Williams (the Parties) seek a declaratory order to resolve issues in controversy related to the right of first refusal (ROFR) mechanism bidding process. The Parties request a determination by the Commission that the current capacity holder, in order to retain such capacity, must either: (i) Submit a bid identical, in terms of amount and type of service, to the capacity that is posted; or (ii) compete with third parties pursuant to a bidding structure that is based on the overall economic value of each particular bid received. The parties respectfully request that the Commission make a determination as to the proper balance between these competing interests.

The parties states that they have served the foregoing document upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary of the Commission.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed on or before September 2, 1997. 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 proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are

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**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. OA97-679-000]

#### **Montana Power Company; Notice of Filing**

August 8, 1997.

Take notice that on July 14, 1997, Montana Power Company (Montana) tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in compliance to FERC Order No. 888-A, its FERC Electric Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 5 (Open Access Transmission Tariff).

Montana requests that the Commission accept the tariff for filing, effective as of July 14, 1997; and allow the tariff to supersede Montana's FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 5.

A copy of the filing was served upon Basin Electric Power Cooperative; Billings Generation, Inc.; Bonneville Power Administration; Central Montana Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.; Electric Clearinghouse, Inc.; Enron Power Marketing, Inc.; Idaho Power Company; Montana Consumer Counsel; Montana Department of Environmental Quality; Montana Public Service Commission; Northwest Regional Transmission Association; Western Area Power Administration; Western Montana Electric Generating & Transmission Cooperative, Inc.; and Western Regional Transmission Association; Aquila Power Corporation; Arizona Public Service; Cinergy Services, Inc.; Electric Clearinghouse, Inc.; Enron Power Marketing, Inc.; LG&E Power Marketing, Inc.; Morgan Stanley Capital Group; MP Energy, Inc.; NorAm Energy Services, Inc.; PECO Energy Company; Platte River Power Authority; Public Service Commission of Colorado; Rainbow Energy Marketing Corporation; Sonat Power Marketing L.P.; and Southern Energy Trading and Marketing, Inc.; Vitol Gas & Electric Marketing LLC; Williams Energy Services Company under FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 5 (Open Access Transmission Tariff).

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426,

in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before August 21, 1997. 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 proceeding.

Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER97-3574-000; and OA97-608-000]

#### New England Power Pool; Notice of Filing

August 8, 1997.

Take notice that on July 1, 1997, as supplemented on July 7, 1997, New England Power Pool tendered for filing changes to the provisions of the NEPOOL Agreement.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before August 21, 1997. Protests filed will be considered by the Commission 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 must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

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*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-440-000]

#### Northern Border Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

August 8, 1997.

Take notice that on August 5, 1997, Northern Border Pipeline Company (Northern Border) tendered for filing to become part of Northern Border Pipeline Company's FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheet to become effective August 1, 1997:

Eleventh Revised Sheet Number 156

Northern Border states that the revised Rate Schedule IT-1 Maximum Rate is being filed in compliance with the Commission's order issued August 1, 1997 in Docket No. RP96-45-004. Northern Border proposes to decrease the Maximum Rate from 5.201 cents per 100 Dekatherm-Miles to 3.744 cents per 100 Dekatherm-Miles.

Northern Border states that the herein proposed changes do not result in a change in Northern Border's total revenue requirement.

Northern Border states that copies of this filing have been sent to all of Northern Border's contracted shippers and applicable state regulatory commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.214 and Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or 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 proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-685-000]

#### Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

August 8, 1997.

Take notice that on August 6, 1997, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha Nebraska 68124-1000, filed in Docket No. CP97-685-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205, 157.212 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212 and 157.216) for authorization to upgrade the Rippey #2, an existing delivery point located in Greene County, Iowa, to accommodate increased interruptible natural gas deliveries to UtiliCorp United, Inc. (UCU) for redelivery to the Rippey Co-Op, under Northern's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-401-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Northern states that it requests authorization to upgrade the existing delivery point to accommodate increased natural gas deliveries to UCU under Northern's currently effective throughput service agreement(s). Northern states that UCU has requested increased interruptible service to accommodate area growth.

Northern states that the proposed increase in volumes to be delivered to UCU at the Rippey #2 are 910 MMBtu on a peak day and 48,500 MMBtu on an annual basis. Northern estimates a cost of \$56,000 for upgrading and UCU will reimburse Northern.

Northern states that the upgrading is not prohibited by its existing tariff and that it has sufficient capacity to accomplish deliveries without detriment or disadvantage to other customers. The proposed delivery point will not have an effect on Northern's peak day and annual deliveries and the total volumes delivered will not exceed total volumes authorized prior to this request.

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 § 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a