

program, EIA collects, evaluates, assembles, analyzes, and disseminates data and information related to energy resource reserves, production, demand, and technology, and related economic and statistical information relevant to the adequacy of energy resources to meet demands in the near and longer term future for the Nation's economic and social needs.

The EIA, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden required by section 3506(c)(2)(A)g of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), conducts a presurvey consultation program to provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing reporting forms. This program helps to prepare data requests in the desired format, minimize reporting burden, develop clearly understandable reporting forms, and assess the impact of collection requirements on respondents. Also, EIA will later seek approval by OMB for the collections under sections 3507(g) and (h) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, title 44, U.S.C. Chapter 35).

This data collection will provide the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management of the Department of Energy (DOE) with detailed information concerning the spent nuclear fuel generated by the respondents (all generators of spent nuclear fuel within the U.S. are respondents to this survey). The DOE will take possession of this spent fuel and needs this data to properly design the spent fuel repository (spent fuel receiving systems, spent fuel handling systems, etc.) which will be the final storage/disposal site for all of the spent fuel and high level radioactive waste materials.

II. Current Actions

The current proposed actions are: (1) An extension of an existing data collection, RW-859, with a change in the frequency of its collection, and (2) the termination of a second data collection, RW-859S. A three-year extension of the data collection, RW-859, is proposed. The revisions of RW-859 affect the frequency of the collection. Instead of occurring every year, the collection will occur every three to five years. The RW-859S, which was collected every five years, will be terminated and four data items from that form will be collected by RW-859. Such data items include information on each discharged assembly, canistered materials, uncanistered materials, and non-fuel components. As before, all data will be

collected once; only changes in the specific data element will require updating. This revision will also permit the data elements to be collected to be streamlined. Specifically, all of the data which is needed on an assembly specific basis will be collected at one time; thereafter referring this data by reference to the assembly serial number. In addition, the certification statement, the crane data, the site data, the transportation data, and the request for data on fresh fuel in core will be eliminated.

III. Request for Comments

Prospective respondents and other interested parties should comment on the actions discussed in item II. The following guidelines are provided to assist in the preparation of responses.

General Issues

A. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency and does the information have practical utility? Practical utility is defined as the actual usefulness of information to or for an agency, taking into account its accuracy, adequacy, reliability, timeliness, and the agency's ability to process the information it collects.

B. What enhancements can EIA make to the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

As a Potential Respondent

A. Are the instructions and definitions clear and sufficient? If not, which instructions require clarification?

B. Can data be submitted by the due date?

C. Public reporting burden for Form RW-859 is estimated to average 40 hours per response. Burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide the information.

Please comment on (1) the accuracy of our estimate and (2) how the agency could minimize the burden of the collection of information, including the use of information technology.

D. EIA estimates that respondents will incur no additional costs for reporting other than the hours required to complete the collection. What is the estimated: (1) Total dollar amount annualized for capital and start-up costs, and (2) recurring annual costs of operation and maintenance, and purchase of services associated with this data collection?

E. Do you know of any other Federal, State, or local agency that collects similar data? If you do, specify the

agency, the data element(s), and the methods of collection.

As a Potential User

A. Can you use data at the levels of detail indicated on the form?

B. For what purpose would you use the data? Be specific.

C. Are there alternate sources of data and do you use them? If so, what are their deficiencies and/or strengths?

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the form. They also will become a matter of public record.

Statutory Authority: Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) title 44, U.S.C. Chapter 35).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-356-000]

Kern River Gas Transmission Company and Mojave Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

April 20, 1998.

Take notice that on April 16, 1998, Kern River Gas Transmission Company (Kern River), 295 Chipeta Way, Salt Lake City, Utah 84108, and Mojave Pipeline Company (Mojave), P.O. Box 1492, El Paso, Texas 79978, filed a joint prior notice request with the Commission in Docket No. CP98-356-000 pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to construct and operate a delivery point in Kern County, California, under Kern River's blanket certificates issued in Docket Nos. CP89-2047-000 and CP89-2048-000 and under Mojave's blanket certificates issued in Docket Nos. CP89-1-000 and CP89-2-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the NGA, all as more fully set forth in the request which is open to the public for inspection.

Kern River and Mojave jointly proposed to construct and operate a delivery point on their jointly owned "Common Facilities" in Kern County to provide natural gas deliveries to MacPherson Oil Company (MacPherson). The proposed delivery point would consist of one 8-inch tap

and valve assembly off of existing header facilities and one 4-inch Daniels turbine meter, with appurtenances. Kern River states that MacPherson would reimburse Kern River for the estimated \$98,100 construction cost of the delivery point. Kern River also states that it would in turn reimburse Mojave for its share of the construction cost.

Kern River and Mojave state that their respective FERC Gas Tariff provisions permit the construction of the proposed delivery point and that they have sufficient capacity to accomplish their proposed deliveries to MacPherson without detriment or disadvantage to their other customers.

Kern River and Mojave state that they would deliver a total of 15,000 Mcf of natural gas per day and up to 5,475 MMcf of natural gas annually to MacPherson at the proposed delivery point. Kern River and Mojave also state that they would transport gas on a firm basis pursuant to their respective Rate Schedules FT-1 of their FERC Gas Tariff.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after the Commission has issued this notice, 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 NGA (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the allowed time, 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 NGA.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-346-000]

Mississippi River Transmission Corporation; Notice of Application

April 20, 1998.

Take notice that on April 13, 1998, Mississippi River Transmission Corporation (Applicant), P.O. Box 4455, Houston, Texas 77210-4455, filed in Docket No. CP98-342-000 an abbreviated application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act, as

amended, and Sections 157.7 and 157.18 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations thereunder, for permission and approval to abandon from interstate service two points of interconnection with Texas Gas Transmission Corporation (Texas Gas) located in Lincoln and Morehouse Parishes, Louisiana, respectively, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Applicant states that the first point of interconnection with Texas Gas for which Applicant now seeks abandonment authorization consists of a ten-inch meter station constructed in 1972 in Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, to exchange natural gas with Texas Gas on Applicant's West Line. Applicant further states that the second point of interconnection consists of a ten-inch dual meter station constructed in 1964 to exchange natural gas with Texas Gas in Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, through Applicant's Main Line 1 and Main Line 2. Applicant asserts that these points of interconnection with Texas Gas have not been utilized for an extensive period of time. Applicant further asserts that it has notified Texas Gas of Applicant's proposal. It is indicated that the estimated cost of the abandonment proposals herein is \$49,853.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before May 11, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a petition 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 the proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a petition 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 on this application if no petition to intervene is filed within the time required herein, and if the Commission on its own review of the

matter finds that the abandonment is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a petition for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

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

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-340-000]

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Application

April 20, 1998.

Take notice that on April 9, 1998, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural), 701 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois 60148 filed in Docket No. CP98-320-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations for permission and approval to abandon existing mainline facilities and authorization to install and operate certain minor replacement facilities, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, Natural proposes to abandon: (1) Approximately 176 miles of Natural's 30-inch Gulf Coast No. 1 line, in eastern Texas north of Natural's Compressor Station No. 302, by sale to a non-affiliated third party for conversion to non-natural gas service; (2) seven 2,800 HP compressor units at Compressor Station 303; (3) seven 2,800 HP compressor units at Compressor Station 304; and (4) three taps, two laterals, and one meter facility along the 176-mile segment which are no longer required to provide natural gas transmission service.

Natural also proposes to construct and operate minor facilities at seventeen locations along the 176-mile segment which will have the effect of replacing previously certificated receipt/delivery facilities impacted by the abandonment of No. 1 line. Natural also proposes to install one new, additional tap to support and maintain storage discharge capability at its North Lansing storage