

the working interest owners for whom H&P operated. Therein, H&P requests that the Commission grant an adjustment of its Kansas ad valorem tax refund procedures to Ivy, with respect to Ivy's refund liability to Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG) and Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern). H&P's petition is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

The Commission, in an order issued September 10, 1997, in Docket No. RP97-369-000 *et al.*,¹ on remand from the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals,² directed first sellers to make Kansas ad valorem tax refunds, with interest, for the period from 1983 to 1988. The Commission clarified the refund procedures in its *Order Clarifying Procedures* [82 FERC ¶ 61,059 (1998)], stating therein that producers [first sellers] could request additional time to establish the uncollectability of royalty refunds, and that first sellers may file requests for NGPA section 502(c) adjustment relief from the refund requirement and the timing and procedures for implementing the refunds, based on their individual circumstances.

H&P states that Ivy seeks an adjustment of the Commission's refund procedures that:

(1) permits Ivy to defer, for one year, the payment of the royalty amounts that it owes Northern and CIG; and

(2) permits Ivy to escrow (a) the principal and interest on royalty refunds (during the 1-year deferral period), (b) the principal and interest on refunds attributable to production prior to October 3, 1983, and (c) the interest on principal refunds, other than the amounts listed in (a) and (b) above.

H&P proposes, under the terms of the adjustment relief requested, that Ivy be permitted to pay \$50,231.89 into escrow, representing (a) principal and interest on royalties, (b) principal and interest on pre-October 3, 1983 production. H&P further proposes that Ivy be permitted to pay CIG and Northern \$9,633.77 and \$4,148.46, respectively (\$13,782.23 in all), representing Ivy's principal refunds on post-October 3, 1983 production.

H&P asserts that it would be an unfair distribution of burden, if the adjustment relief it requests on behalf of Ivy is not granted by the Commission.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said petition should on or before 15 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this notice, 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 (18 CFR 385.214, 385.211, 385.1105, and 385.1106). 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-351-000]

NorAm Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

April 24, 1998.

Take notice that on April 14, 1998, NorAm Gas Transmission Company (NorAm), 1111 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas, filed in Docket No. CP98-351-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205, and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.208(b)) for authorization to construct, install, and operate a 1-inch tap and first-cut regulator on Line LT-1, in Lafayette County, Arkansas to provide service to rural customers served by Arkla, a division of NorAm Energy Corp., under the blanket certificate issued and amended in Docket Nos. CP82-384-000 and CP82-384-001, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

NorAm states that the estimated peak day and annual deliveries are 196 MMBtu and 1,360 MMBtu respectively. NorAm states that the proposed delivered volumes are within Arkla's certificated entitlement and that it has sufficient capacity to accomplish the deliveries without detriment or

disadvantage to its other customers. NorAm estimates that the cost of the construction will be \$2,414, or which Arkla will reimburse NorAm \$1,833 of this cost.

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 therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-362-000]

Northern Border Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

April 24, 1998.

Take notice that on April 17, 1998, Northern Border Pipeline Company (Northern Border), 1111 South 103rd Street, Nebraska 68134-1000, filed in Docket No. CP98-362-000, a request pursuant to Section 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.212) for authorization to construct and operate three tie-over lines on its pipeline system for the existing delivery points of Beaman, Tama and Amana in Iowa, under Northern Border's blanket certificate issued in docket No. CP84-420-000, 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 to public inspection.

Northern Border proposes to construct and operate three tie-over lines on its pipeline system for the existing delivery points of Beaman, Tama and Amana. It is stated that at Beaman a 2-inch tap would be installed on the 36-inch pipeline and approximately twenty feet

¹ See 80 FERC ¶ 61,264 (1997); order denying reh'g issued January 28, 1998, 82 FERC ¶ 61,058 (1998).

² *Public Service Company of Colorado versus FERC*, 91 F.3d 1478 (D.C. 1996), cert. denied, Nos. 96-954 and 96-1230 (65 U.S.L.W. 3751 and 3754, May 12, 1997).

of 2-inch pipe would extend from the tap to the 6-inch line serving the town of Beaman. It is further stated that at Tama a 2-inch tap would be installed on the 36-inch pipeline and approximately twenty feet of 2-inch pipe would extend from the tap to the 3-inch rise off of the tap on the 30-inch pipeline. Northern border further states that at Amana a 4-inch tap would be installed on the 36-inch pipeline and approximately twenty feet of 2-inch pipe would extend from the tap to the 6-inch line serving Amana. Northern Border states that the estimated cost of the proposed facilities is \$26,803.

Northern Border states that during construction of its expansion/extension this summer, it would take out of service its existing 30-inch pipeline between Ventura, Iowa and Harper, Iowa while the tie-in of the cross-over lines between the 30-inch and 36-inch lines are completed. It is further stated that during the period that the 30-inch pipeline is out of service the contract volumes currently being shipped on its system would be transported through the 36-inch line.

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) 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-190-000]

WestGas InterState, Inc.; Notice of Petition for Waiver

April 24, 1998.

Take notice that on April 22, 1998, WestGas InterState, Inc. (WGI) tendered for filing a petition for waiver of the electronic communications and Internet

transaction requirements of the Commission's Order Nos. 587-B, 687-C, and 587-G.

WGI states that copies of the filing have been mailed to all of its jurisdictional customers and to affected state regulatory commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed on or before May 1, 1998. 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 proceedings. 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-280-000]

Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc., Notice of Application

April 24, 1998.

Take notice that on March 12, 1998, Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc. (Williams) P.O. Box 3288, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74101, filed in Docket No. CP98-280-000, an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for an order permitting and approving the abandonment of Craig Storage Field (Craig Field), facilities and related storage service, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, Williams seeks authorization to abandon the Craig field located in Johnson County, Kansas; to plug 60 injection/withdrawal wells; 7 observation wells; and to abandon in place or by sale to Kansas Gas Service Company, A Division of ONEOK, Inc., approximately 12.76 miles of various diameter gathering lines and other appurtenant facilities.

Any person desiring to participate in the hearing process or to make any protest with reference to said

application should on or before May 15, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 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. The Commission's rules require that protestors provide copies of their protests to the party or person to whom the protests are directed. 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.

A person obtaining intervenor status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents issued by the Commission, filed by the applicant, or intervenors. An intervenor can file for rehearing of any Commission order and can petition for court review of any such order. However, an intervenor must submit copies of comments or any other filing it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as filing an original and 14 copies with the Commission.

A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have comments considered. A person, instead, may submit two copies of such comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of environmental documents and will be able to participate in meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission and will not have the right to seek rehearing or appeal the Commission's final order to a Federal court.

The Commission will consider all comments and concerns equally, whether filed by commenters or those requesting intervenor status.

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