

comments within that period, contact the person identified below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Mr. John D. Bullington, Office of General Counsel, GC-90, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20585-0103. Alternatively, he may be reached by phone at (202) 586-7364, by e-mail, dan.bullington@hq.doe.gov, or by FAX at (202) 586-6191.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Mr. Bullington at the address listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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I. Background

The Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Pub. L. No. 93-275, 15 U.S.C. 761 *et seq.*) and the Department of Energy Organization (DOE) Act (Pub. L. No. 95-91, 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*), require the Energy Information Administration (EIA) to carry out a centralized, comprehensive, and unified energy data information program. This program collects, evaluates, assembles, analyzes, and disseminates information on energy resource reserves, production, demand, technology, and related economic and statistical information. This information is used to assess the adequacy of energy resources to meet near and longer term domestic demands.

The EIA, as part of its effort to comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), provides the general public and other Federal agencies with opportunities to comment on collections of energy information conducted by or in conjunction with the EIA. Any comments received help the EIA to prepare data requests that maximize the utility of the information collected, and to assess the impact of collection requirements on the public. Also, the EIA will later seek approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of the collections under Section 3507(h) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

The recordkeeping requirements are authorized by section 203(a)(1) of the Economic Stabilization Act (ESA) of 1970, as amended (Pub. L. 92-210, 85 Stat. 743) and by section 13(g) of the Federal Energy Administration Act (FEAA) of 1974, as amended (Pub. L. 93-275). DOE proposes to extend for three years the limited recordkeeping requirements presently contained in 10

CFR 210.1. The antecedent regulation was narrowed by amendment in January 1985.

The record retention requirements of 10 CFR 210.1 do not mandate the creation or retention of any new records. Instead, they require firms to preserve only historical records relating to compliance with the petroleum regulations.

The proposed extension of 10 CFR 210.1 will enable DOE to continue its efforts to complete the enforcement program with respect to prior petroleum price and allocation regulations.

II. Current Actions

This is an extension with no change of the existing requirements. The requirements are proposed to be extended for a period of three years, from December 31, 1999 to December 31, 2002.

III. Request for Comments

Prospective respondents and other interested persons are invited to comment on the actions discussed in item II. The following guidelines are provided to assist in the preparation of comments.

General Issues

A. EIA is interested in receiving comments from persons regarding whether the proposed recordkeeping requirements are 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 be made to the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

As a Potential Respondent

A. Are the instructions regarding the recordkeeping requirements clear and sufficient? If not, which instructions require clarification?

B. Can information be maintained as specified in the recordkeeping requirements?

C. Public reporting burden for the recordkeeping requirements are estimated to average 4 hours per respondent. The estimated burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, disclose and provide the information.

Please comment on (1) The accuracy of the agency's estimate and (2) how the agency could minimize the burden of

this requirement, including the use of information technology.

D. The agency estimates respondents will incur no additional costs other than the hours required to maintain the records. 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 these recordkeeping requirements?

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. 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. No. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

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Jay H. Casselberry,

Agency Clearance Officer, Statistics and Methods Group, Energy Information Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-287-034]

El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

June 9, 1999.

Take notice that on June 2, 1999, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso) tendered for filing two contracts between El Paso and Dynegy Marketing and Trade.

El Paso states that the contracts are being filed to comply with the Commission's order, issued May 28, 1999 at Docket Nos. RP97-287-032, that accepted tariff sheets reflecting the contracts, subject to the contracts being filed for further review.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed on or before June 16, 1999. 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. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/>

rims.htm (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-545-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request To Modify Operation of Compressor Station

June 9, 1999.

Take notice that Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern Natural) 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124-1000, filed on June 3, 1999, for certificate authorization to modify the operation of its Earlville Compressor station. Northern Natural seeks to operate this compressor station at 15,000 horse power (hp) rather than 14,000 hp at which it is currently operated. Northern Natural states that the proposed modification will increase operational flexibility and capacity on the East Leg segment of its pipeline system. Northern estimates that the cost of this proposal will be \$25,000, to be financed with internally generated funds. Northern Natural's proposal is more fully set forth in its application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.us/online/rims.htm>. Call 202-208-2222 for assistance.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to this application should on or before June 30, 1999, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, a protest or a motion to intervene 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 proceedings. 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 filed by all other 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 serve 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 Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission on this application if no protest is filed within the time required herein. At that time, the Commission, on its own review of the matter, will determine whether granting the Certificate is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a protest or 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 Northern Natural to appear or to be represented at the hearing.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-308-001]

Northwest Alaskan Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

June 9, 1999.

Take notice that on June 4, 1999 Northwest Alaskan Pipeline Company (Northwest Alaskan) tendered for filing to its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 2, Substitute Forty-Sixth Revised Sheet No. 5, proposed to be effective July 1, 1999.

Northwest Alaskan states that the instant filing is being submitted to correct errors in the calculation of the demand charge adjustment for Rate Schedule X-1 filed on May 17, 1999 to be effective for the period of July 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999.

Specifically, Northwest Alaskan is submitting this filing to correct errors in the calculation of the "Seller's Costs Allocable to Alberta Gas Purchased for resale to PAGUS I" on page 7 line 2 of Exhibit I and in the calculation of the "Actual PAGUS I NOVA Charge" on page 9 line 2 of Exhibit I. In both instances an incorrect Daily Contract Quality was used in the calculations.

Included in Appendix B attached to the filing are the workpapers supporting the derivation of the revised demand charge and demand charge adjustment reflected on the tariff sheet included therein.

Northwest Alaskan states that it is serving copies of the instant filing to its affected customers.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in 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 proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,
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