

Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.214) for authorization to increase the storage capacity at Henderson Storage Field, located in Venango and Mercer Counties, Pennsylvania, under National Fuel's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-4-000, pursuant to section 7(c) 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. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

National Fuel proposes to increase the maximum storage capacity of Henderson Storage Field from 3,900,000 Mcf to 4,400,000 Mcf, and to increase the maximum storage pressure from 250 psig to 275 psig, located in Venango and Mercer Counties, Pennsylvania.

According to National Fuel, the increase in capacity at Henderson Storage Field will support storage service to be offered to shippers of National Fuel. National Fuel states that the increase in capacity and pressure at Henderson Storage Field will not require additional facilities.

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 If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-416-001]

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Compliance Filing

July 27, 1999.

Take notice that on July 21, 1999, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural) tendered for filing as

part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Sixth Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets to be effective August 1, 1999:

Substitute Fourth Revised Sheet No. 203A
Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 246A

Natural states that these tariff sheets were filed in compliance with the Commission's Letter Order issued herein on July 15, 1999.

Natural requests waiver of the Commission's Regulations to the extent necessary to permit the tendered tariff sheets to become effective August 1, 1999.

Natural states that copies of the filing are being mailed to Natural's customers, interested state regulatory agencies and all parties in Docket No. RP99-416.

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).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-405-002]

TCP Gathering Co.; Notice of Tariff Filing

July 27, 1999.

Take notice that on July 22, 1999, TCP Gathering Co. (TCP) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets with an effective date of August 1, 1999:

Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 88D
Second Substitute Fourth Revised Sheet No. 103A

TCP states that it is submitting this filing to correct the GISB Standard 2.3.9 (Version 1.3) by placing it in the "by reference" tariff sheet.

TCP states that copies of this filing have been served upon all affected firm customers of TCP and applicable state agencies.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 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).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER99-3457-000]

Union Electric Company; Notice of Filing

July 27, 1999.

Take notice that on July 14, 1999, Union Electric Company (UE), tendered for filing an executed Amendment to the Wholesale Electric Service Agreement between UE and the City of Owensville, Missouri (Owensville) in order to allow Owensville to participate in a voluntary curtailment program similar to that applicable to its retail service customers in Missouri. UE has requested that the executed amendment be substituted for an unexecuted form of the amendment previously filed on July 1, 1999.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such 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 and protests should be filed on or before August 6, 1999. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine 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. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-532-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed 1999 Zone EF Expansion and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

July 27, 1999.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the 1999 Zone EF Expansion involving modification of the Farmington Compressor Station by Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern Natural) in Dakota County, Minnesota.¹ This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

Summary of the Proposed Project

Northern Natural proposes to increase its mainline capacity in Zone EF upstream of Farmington, Minnesota by uprating an electric motor driven reciprocating compressor at the Farmington Compressor Station from the current certificated 1,250 rated brake-horsepower (bhp) to 2,250 bhp. The location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.²

The uprating involves modifying the unit controls of the compressor and would involve no construction or ground disturbance. All activities would be confined within the existing fenced-in station yard.

¹ Northern Natural's application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

² The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. We call this "scoping". The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project. We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section below.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commenter, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative locations), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please carefully follow these instructions to

ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send two copies of your letter to: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch, PR-11.1;
- Reference Docket No. CP99-532-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before August 26, 1999.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor". Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filing by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 3). Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered. Additional information about the proposed project is available from Mr. Paul McKee of the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-1088 or on the FERC website (www.ferc.fed.us) using the "RIMS" link to information in this docket number. Click on the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to RIMS the RIMS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222.

Similarly, the "CIPS" link on the FERC Internet website provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings. From the FERC Internet website, click on the "CIPS" link, select "Docket #" from the CIPS menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to CIPS, the