

convenience and necessity. If a 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 Maritimes 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. CP99-161-000]

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Application

January 28, 1999.

Take notice that on January 19, 1999, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural), 747 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois 60148, filed in Docket No. CP99-161-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act, for permission and approval to abandon by sale to MidCon Gas Products Corp. (MGP), a non-jurisdictional gathering affiliate, certain certificated facilities located in Carson, Gray, Hutchinson, Moore and Roberts Counties, Texas, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Natural states that the facilities for which it is seeking abandonment authority are located in two separate gathering areas—the Panhandle Gathering Area and the Quinduno Gathering Area. Natural states that it requests permission to abandon from the Panhandle Gathering Area, nine compressor units located at Compressor Station 112 in Moore County, Texas, totaling 11,250 horsepower; and Booster Stations 52 and 53, both located in Carson County, Texas, each housing one 660 horsepower compressor unit, for a total of 1,320 horsepower. Also, Natural states that it requests permission to abandon from the Quinduno Gathering Area, 37 miles of pipe ranging from 6-inches to 16-inches in diameter, six compressor units at Booster Station 149 and twelve wellhead meters.

Natural states that all of the facilities, included certificated and non-certificated facilities, in the Panhandle Gathering Area and the Quinduno Gathering Area comprise Natural's West Panhandle Gathering System (WPGS).

Natural states that the WPGS consists of 527 miles of pipe (main trunklines and laterals) ranging in diameter from 2 inches to 24 inches, compression, field booster stations, meters, taps and appurtenant facilities. It is stated that due to the fact that Natural no longer provides a bundled sales service, there is no need for Natural to purchase gas along the WPGS for its system supply. Therefore, Natural is seeking in the subject filing, to abandon by sale to MGP, the certificated laterals, compression, field booster stations and associated meters and equipment that are located in the WPGS.

Natural states that it intends to transfer the entire WPGS to MGP. In addition, Natural states that it will sell the WPGS to MGP at its net book value. Natural states that as of September 30, 1998, the net book value of the certificated facilities was \$0 and the net book value of the non-certificated facilities was \$7.6 million.

Natural states that there is one firm transportation agreement under Rate Schedule FTS with a primary receipt point in the WPGS that will need to be terminated in connected with the proposed sale to MGP. Natural states that the shipper is KN Marketing, Inc. (KNM), an affiliate of Natural. Natural further states that it has been transporting up to 70,000 MMBtu per day for KNM under the agreement and will continue to provide such service until the facilities are transferred to MGP, at which time, MGP has agreed to provide the service for KNM.

Natural requests that the order state that the facilities in the WPGS that are being abandoned will be exempt from the Commission's jurisdiction after such facilities are transferred to MGP and operated by MGP as a non-jurisdictional gathering system.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before February 18, 1999, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 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. 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.

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 or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are required by the public convenience and necessity. If a 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 Natural 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. ER99-1459-000]

Northeast Utilities Service Company; Notice of Filing

January 27, 1999.

Take notice that on January 19, 1999, Northeast Utilities Service Company (NUSCO), tendered for filing, its response to the Commission's December 16, 1998, Order regarding the North American Electric Reliability Council Transmission Loading Relief (TLR) Procedures.

NUSCO states that because it has been informed by the New England Power Pool that the TLR Procedures would not apply to the NEPOOL Control area, the Northeast Utilities System Companies are not adopting the TLR Procedures.

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 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before February 8, 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-399-002]

Northern Border Pipeline Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

January 27, 1999.

Take notice that on January 22, 1999, Northern Border Pipeline Company (Northern Border) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheet to become effective November 1, 1998:

First Revised Sheet Number 248C.02

Northern Border states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission's letter order issued January 12, 1999 in Docket No. RP98-399-001. The Commission's January 12, 1999 letter order required Northern Border to either replicate in its tariff the Timely Nomination/Intra-day Nomination diagramed at GISB Standard 1.3.2(vi) or incorporate this standard model in its tariff by specifically referring to this standard by number and version. The proposed change incorporates by reference this standard by number and version.

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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-157-000]

Northwest Pipeline Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

January 28, 1999.

Take notice that on January 19, 1999, Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Northwest) 295 Chipeta Way, Salt Lake City, Utah 84108, filed a request with the Commission in Docket No. CP99-157-000, pursuant to Sections 157.205, 157.211 and 157.216(b) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to abandon in place its existing Byford tap. Northwest additionally requests authorization to construct and operate a relocated, replacement Byford tap authorized in blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-433-000, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Northwest proposes to abandon in place its existing Byford tap consisting of a 2-inch tap and appurtenances for delivery of natural gas to Avista's Corporation (Avista's) distribution facilities. Northwest additionally proposes to construct and operate a relocated, replacement Byford tap on its Coeur d'Alene Lateral located in Spokane County, Washington. Northwest states this project is necessary to accommodate a request by Avista, formerly the Washington Power Company, to relocate the Byford tap.

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 authorized 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. CP99-164-000]

Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

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Take notice that on January 19, 1999, Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company (Panhandle), P.O. Box 1642, Houston, Texas 77251-1642, filed in Docket No. CP99-164-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.211) for authorization to construct, own and operate certain facilities to be located in Scott County, Illinois, in order to establish a new delivery point for Soyland Power Cooperative, Inc. (Soyland), under Panhandle's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-83-000, 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.

Panhandle proposes to install two 10-inch hot taps, check valves and associated facilities on Panhandle's mainline facilities. Panhandle states that it will also install electronic gas measurement equipment on the proposed metering facilities to be constructed and installed by Soyland. Panhandle states that the proposed interconnection will be utilized to provide transportation service to Soyland and that the new interconnection will be designed to deliver up to 96,000 Dth/day of natural gas. Panhandle states that the estimated cost of the proposed facilities is approximately \$252,000.

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 not 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