

meeting of the Federal Interagency Coordinating Council. Notice of this meeting is required under section 685(c) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, as amended, and is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend the meeting. The meeting will be accessible to individuals with disabilities.

**DATE AND TIME:** October 7, 1996, from 1:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESS:** Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill, 400 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Connie Garner, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 3127, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2644. Telephone: (202) 205-8124. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call (202) 205-8170.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Interagency Coordinating Council (FICC) is established under section 685 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1484a). The Council is established to: (1) Minimize duplication across Federal, State and local agencies of programs and activities relating to early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families and preschool services for children with disabilities; (2) ensure effective coordination of Federal early intervention and preschool programs, including Federal technical assistance and support activities; and (3) identify gaps in Federal agency programs and services and barriers to Federal interagency cooperation. To meet these purposes, the FICC seeks to: (1) Identify areas of conflict, overlap, and omissions in interagency policies related to the provision of services to infants, toddlers, and preschoolers with disabilities; (2) develop and implement joint policy interpretations on issues related to infants, toddlers, and preschoolers that cut across Federal agencies, including modifications of regulations to eliminate barriers to interagency programs and activities; and (3) coordinate the provision of technical assistance and dissemination of best practice information. The FICC is chaired by the Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

At this meeting the FICC plans to: (1) Review the accomplishments of the FICC; and (2) discuss issues related to the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996.

The meeting of the FICC is open to the public. Written public comment will be

accepted at the conclusion of the meeting. These comments will be included in the summary minutes of the meeting. The meeting will be physically accessible with meeting materials provided in both braille and large print. Interpreters for persons who are hearing impaired will be available. Individuals with disabilities who plan to attend and need other reasonable accommodations should contact the contact person named above in advance of the meeting.

Summary minutes of the FICC meetings will be maintained and available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 3127, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2644, from the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., weekdays, except Federal holidays.

Judith E. Heumann,

*Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP96-777-000]

#### Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

October 1, 1996.

Take notice that on September 10, 1996, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124-1000, filed and supplemented on September 26, 1996, in Docket No. CP96-777-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 157.212 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212, 157.216) for authorization to upgrade two existing delivery points located in Sarpy County, Nebraska and Polk County, Iowa under Northern's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-401-000 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.

Northern proposes to upgrade two existing delivery points. Northern also requests authorization to retire the meters and appurtenant facilities associated with the subject delivery points. Northern states that no throughput service is being abandoned. The upgrade will accommodate increased natural gas deliveries to UtiliCorp United, Inc. (UCU). Northern

asserts that UCU has requested the increased service at the delivery points to accommodate growth in the area.

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.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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[Docket No. CP96-816-000]

#### Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

October 1, 1996.

Take notice that on September 27, 1996, Northern Natural Gas Company (Applicant), P.O. Box 3330, Omaha, Nebraska 68103 filed in Docket No. CP96-816-000 for approval under Section 157.205 and 157.212 to install and operate a new delivery point at the City of Humboldt, a local municipal utility, for redelivery to the community of Humboldt, South Dakota, all as more fully described in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Applicant states that volumes proposed for delivery to the City of Humboldt are 1,494 MMBtu on a peak day and 49,414 MMBtu on an annual basis. Northern states that the cost to install the delivery point is \$77,000.

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 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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[Docket No. CP96-813-000]

**Texas Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization**

October 1, 1996.

Take notice that on September 24, 1996, Texas Gas Transmission Corporation (Texas Gas), 3800 Frederica Street, Owensboro, Kentucky 42401 filed in Docket No. CP96-813-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205, 157.212, and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212, and 157.216) for approval and permission to modify an existing delivery point, construct and operate a new delivery point, and abandon certain facilities by sale to Indiana Gas Company, Inc. (Indiana Gas) in Vigo and Lawrence Counties, Indiana, under the blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-407-000, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Texas Gas states that it proposes to modify its existing Margaret Avenue Delivery Point to Indiana Gas by adding a six-inch orifice run in place of the existing four-inch by-pass and modifying the yard piping at Mile 140 on Texas Gas' Slaughters-Montezuma twelve-inch Line in Vigo County, Indiana. Texas Gas further states that it simultaneously proposes to abandon by sale to Indiana Gas the Terre Haute No. 3 Meter Station and a small section of the Terre Haute ten-inch Line in Vigo County, Indiana. Texas Gas also indicates that it proposes to install a six-inch delivery meter station for Indiana Gas at Texas Gas' Leesville Compressor Station on its North Bedford eight-inch Line. Texas Gas asserts that service to Indiana Gas will not be affected by the above abandonments. Texas Gas further asserts that there will be no significant impact on Texas Gas' peak day or annual deliveries due to the modification of the existing delivery point and that the addition of the new delivery point will not have any

detriment to Texas Gas' other customers.

Any person or Commission Staff may, within 45 days of the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214), a motion to intervene 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 activities 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 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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[Project No. 11566-001-ME]

**Consolidated Hydro Maine, Inc.; Notice of Site Visit and Scoping Meeting Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969**

October 1, 1996.

On August 19, 1996, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) issued a letter accepting the Consolidated Hydro Maine, Inc.'s application for initial license for the Damariscotta Mills Hydro Project, located on the Damariscotta River in Lincoln County, Maine.

The purpose of this notice is to: (1) Advise all parties as to the proposed scope of the staff's environmental analysis, including cumulative effects, and to seek additional information pertinent to this analysis; and (2) advise all parties of their opportunity for comment.

**Scoping Process**

The Commission's scoping objectives are to:

- Identify significant environmental issues;
- Determine the depth of analysis appropriate to each issue;
- Identify the resource issues not requiring detailed analysis; and
- Identify reasonable project alternatives.

The purpose of the scoping process is to identify significant issues related to the proposed action and to determine what issues should be addressed in the environmental document to be prepared

pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). The document entitled "Scoping Document I" (SDI) will be circulated shortly to enable appropriate federal, state, and local resource agencies, developers, Indian tribes, nongovernmental organizations (NGO's), and other interested parties to effectively participate in and contribute to the scoping process. SDI provides a brief description of the proposed action, project alternatives, the geographic and temporal scope of a cumulative effects analysis, and a list of preliminary issues identified by staff.

**Project Site Visit**

The applicant and the Commission staff will conduct a site visit of the Damariscotta Mills Hydro Project on October 23, 1996, at 1 p.m. They will meet at the project powerhouse, located on Rt. 215 in Newcastle. All interested individuals, NGO's and agencies are invited to attend. All participants are responsible for their own transportation and should bring a hard hat. For more details, interested parties should contact Kevin Webb, the applicant contact, at (508) 681-1900 (ext. 1225), prior to the site visit date.

**Scoping Meetings**

The Commission staff will conduct two scoping meetings. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend and assist the staff in identifying the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the NEPA document.

The public scoping meeting will be held on October 22, 1996, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Central High School, 194 Center St., Nobleboro, Maine 04555.

The agency scoping meeting will be held on October 23, 1996, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at the Maine Dept. of Environmental Protection, Rm. LW-4, Ray Building-AMHI Complex, Hospital Street (Rt. 9), Augusta, ME 04333. For more details, interested parties should contact Dana Murch, Maine DEP, at (207) 287-3901, prior to the meeting date.

The Commission will decide, based on the application, and agency and public comments at the scoping session, whether licensing the Damariscotta Mills Project constitutes a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Irrespective of the Commission's determination to prepare an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement for the Damariscotta Mills Project, the Commission staff will not hold