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Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for the applicant to appear or be represented at the hearing.

G. Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after the 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 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 If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of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. CP97-27-000, et al.]

### **Puget Sound Energy, et al.; Natural Gas Certificate Filings**

October 29, 1996.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

#### **1. Puget Sound Energy**

[Docket No. CP97-27-000]

Take notice that on October 16, 1996 Puget Sound Energy (PSE), 411 108th Avenue, N.E., Bellevue, Washington 98004-5515, as Successor In Interest to Washington Natural Gas Company, in its capacity as Project Operator of the Jackson Prairie Storage Project (Storage Project), filed an abbreviated application

for a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, to succeed to the role as Project Operator of the Storage Project effective upon the merger of the current certificate holder, Washington Natural Gas Company (Washington Natural), with, and into, PSE. Specifically, PSE requests the Commission to reissue to PSE certain case-specific Section 7(c) certificates and a Part 284 blanket certificate previously issued to Washington Natural, as Project Operator of the Storage Project, all as more fully described in the application that is on file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and open to public inspection.

PSE states that no change in operations, no new construction, nor increase in storage activity is proposed. Rather, PSE states that this application is submitted in its status as "Successor In Interest" to Washington Natural the current Project Operator of the Storage Project which is located in Chehalis, Lewis County, Washington adjacent to Northwest Pipeline Corporation's (Northwest) main transmission lines. The Storage Project is currently owned in equal one-third undivided interests by Washington Natural, Northwest Pipeline, and Washington Water Power Company. PSE states that the operations of the Storage Project are conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Gas Storage Agreement (Project Agreement) to which each of the owners is a signatory. According to PSE, the Project Agreement provides that the overall supervision of the Project is conducted by a Management Committee on which each of the three owners is represented.

PSE says the Project Agreement is on file with the Commission as Washington Natural's Rate Schedule No. S-1 in its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1. Concurrent with the effective date of the merger, PSE states that it will file the Project Agreement as its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1 and will cancel Washington Natural's tariff. PSE states that it is filing this application at this time, pending a review of the merger by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC), to ensure that the Commission will have all of the necessary information to grant authorizations requested effective with the approval of the merger, thereby avoiding any lapse in the authorization to conduct storage operations, especially during the upcoming winter heating season.

*Comment date:* November 19, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

#### **2. Equitrans, L.P.**

[Docket No. CP97-42-000]

Take notice that on October 18, 1996, Equitrans, L.P. (Equitrans), 3500 Park Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15275, filed in the above docket a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.212 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR Sections 157.205 and 157.212) to install one delivery tap pursuant to its blanket certificate in Docket No. CP83-508-000 and transferred to Equitrans in Docket No. CP86-676-000, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Equitrans states that the proposed delivery tap is to be installed on Equitrans' field gathering pipeline No. F-114 in Greene County, Pennsylvania. The tap will be instituted to provide transportation deliveries to Equitable Gas for retail service to one residential customer. Equitrans indicates that it will charge Equitable the applicable transportation rate contained in Equitrans' FERC Gas Tariff on file with and approved by the Commission. Equitrans projects that the quantity of gas to be delivered through the proposed delivery tap will be approximately 1 Mcf on a peak day.

Equitrans states that it will offer the proposed service within the existing certificated transportation entitlements of Equitable Gas under Equitrans' Rate Schedule FTS. Equitrans indicates that its tariff does not prohibit this type of service. Further, Equitrans states that the total volumes to be delivered to Equitable Gas after this request do not exceed the total volumes authorized prior to the request.

*Comment date:* December 13, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

#### **3. Questar Pipeline Company**

[Docket No. CP97-49-000]

Take notice that on October 18, 1996, Questar Pipeline Company (Questar), 79 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, filed in Docket No. CP97-49-000 a petition for declaratory order requesting that the Commission (1) remove the at-risk conditions attached to Commission orders associated with the Muddy Creek interconnect (57 FERC ¶ 61,094 and 65 FERC ¶ 61,033) and the Fidler Compressor Station expansion and Main Line 68 replacement facilities (71 FERC ¶ 61,210) and (2) find that the costs and revenues attributable to these facilities will be included in Questar's cost of service and revenues on a rolled-in basis in any future rate proceeding.

*Comment date:* November 21, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

4. Southern Natural Gas Company, South Georgia Natural Gas Company

[Docket No. CP97-50-000]

Take notice that on October 18, 1996, Southern Natural Gas Company and South Georgia Natural Gas Company, 1900 Fifth Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama 35202-2563 (jointly referred to as Applicants), filed in Docket No. CP97-50-000, an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing Applicants to abandon an emergency exchange service between Applicants and Florida Gas Transmission Company (FGT), all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Applicants request that the Commission issue an order authorizing the abandonment of the emergency exchange agreement between Applicants and FGT approved by the Commission in Docket No. CP79-222 on September 14, 1979. Applicants state that, by a letter agreement dated November 14, 1994, FGT agreed to terminate the emergency exchange agreement, and to make the termination effective September 26, 1995.

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5. Equitrans, L. P.

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Equitrans states that the proposed delivery tap is to be installed on Equitrans' field gathering pipeline No. F-738 in Ritchie County, West Virginia. The tap will be instituted to provide transportation deliveries to Equitable Gas for ultimate distribution to one residential customer. Equitrans indicates that it will charge Equitable

the applicable transportation rate contained in Equitrans' FERC Gas Tariff on file with and approved by the Commission. Equitrans projects that the quantity of gas to be delivered through the proposed delivery tap will be approximately 1 Mcf on a peak day.

Equitrans states that it will offer the proposed service within the existing certificated transportation entitlements of Equitable Gas under Equitrans' Rate Schedule FTS. Equitrans indicates that its tariff does not prohibit this type of service. Further, Equitrans states that the total volumes to be delivered to Equitable Gas after this request do not exceed the total volumes authorized prior to the request.

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6. Mississippi River Transmission Corporation

[Docket No. CP97-59-000]

Take notice that on October 22, 1996, Mississippi River Transmission Corporation (MRT), 1600 Smith Street, Houston, Texas 77002, filed an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations for permission and approval to abandon by transfer and sale approximately 10.9 miles of pipeline, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, MRT seeks to abandon and transfer by sale to Arkla, a division of NorAm Energy Corporation approximately 10.9 miles of 12-inch pipeline, known as MRT's Newport Loop, together with facilities appurtenant thereto, located in Jackson and Independence Counties, Arkansas. MRT states the subject line no longer functions as a loop of its Main Line No. 1, and serves only to transport natural gas to rural customers served by Arkla.

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7. Northern Natural Gas Company

[Docket No. CP97-61-000]

Take notice that on October 23, 1996, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124, filed in Docket No. CP97-61-000, an abbreviated application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act, and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations, requesting permission and approval to abandon service under an individually certificated transportation agreement, all as more fully set forth in the application

which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, Northern proposes to abandon Rate Schedule T-18, contained in its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 2. Northern states that the underlying contract has been terminated.

*Comment date:* November 19, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

8. ANR Pipeline Company

[Docket No. CP97-63-000]

Take notice that on October 23, 1996, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR), 500 Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan 48243, filed in Docket No. CP97-63-000 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 and operate an interconnection between ANR and Hunt Petroleum Company (Hunt) in La Salle Parish, Louisiana, under ANR's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-480-000 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.

ANR proposes to construct and operate an interconnection between ANR and Hunt at a cost of \$5,000 to be reimbursed by Hunt. It is stated that about 200,000 Mcf/d of gas would be delivered at this point under ANR's ITS Rate Schedule.

*Comment date:* December 13, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraphs

F. Any person desiring to be heard or make any protest with reference to said filing should on or before the comment date 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 385.211 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 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.

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Lois D. Cashell,  
Secretary.

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[Docket No. RM95-4-000]

**Revisions to Uniform System of Accounts, Forms, Statements, and Reporting Requirements for Natural Gas Companies; Notice of Revised Electronic Filing Specifications for FERC Form Nos. 2 and 2-A**

October 31, 1996.

On September 28, 1995, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) issued Order No. 581, amending its Uniform System of Accounts, forms, and reports and statements for natural gas companies.<sup>1</sup> The changes made by the rule include

modifications to the Commission's electronic filing requirements.

Although Order No. 581 imposed new and revised electronic filing requirements, it did not include the final electronic filing specifications. On April 2, 1996,<sup>2</sup> the Commission authorized the Commission staff to issue, in the future, further electronic and paper filing specifications related to the forms that were modified by Order Nos. 581 and 582.<sup>3</sup> In compliance with the Commission's directive, staff is issuing the instruction manual for filing the Form Nos. 2 and 2-A electronically. Staff is also modifying the paper filing requirements for Form Nos. 2 and 2-A to ensure consistency between the electronic filing requirements and the paper filing requirements.

As has been the case with other electronic filing requirements established by Order No. 581, staff worked with industry representatives to complete the electronic filing instructions. The specifications for Form Nos. 2 and 2-A were discussed at working group meetings held on March 20 and October 9, 1996. As a result of those discussions, staff has finalized the electronic filing specifications. A single set of electronic filing instructions for both forms is attached at Attachment A, the Instruction Manual for Electronic Filing of Form No. 2 and Form No. 2-A. The revised paper copy filing instructions for Form No. 2 and 2-A are included as Attachments B and C, respectively.<sup>4</sup>

**Electronic Filing Specifications for Form Nos. 2 and 2-A**

Order No. 581 changed Form No. 2-A into a subset of Form No. 2. Since the schedule-pages in Form No. 2-A are now identical to those in Form No. 2, the electronic filing instructions for the two forms have been consolidated into a single document. The instructions

make clear which of the electronic schedules apply to the Form No. 2-A respondents.

As a result of the discussions at the working group meetings, the electronic data layouts for the forms have been modified as little as possible from those in effect prior to the issuance of Order No. 581. To make the data more compatible with common personal computer software, however, the data will be submitted in a tab-delimited format. Changes to the data layouts were limited to incorporating the changes made by Order No. 581, ensuring all data on the paper form is captured electronically, and adding improvements which will make completing the form easier.

Fifty-three record types were eliminated, fifteen were added. In addition to modifications made to recognize changes to the paper forms, all dates were changed to incorporate a four digit year. Records which capture only text were modified to eliminate the requirement that a schedule ID, record ID, and sequence number appear on every line. The footnote ID now consists of the page number, line or item number, column number and footnote number, making it consistent with the paper form. On many records the sequence number has been supplanted by the line number appearing on the paper form. This change will align the electronic data more closely with the data reported on the paper form. Where the respondent is asked to enter an asterisk to designate a data element having a specific defined property, a separate field has been created to report the asterisk.

**Modifications to the Paper Form Nos. 2 and 2-A**

Minor modifications to the paper version of Form Nos. 2 and 2-A, and to the paper filing instructions included in the forms, were made to ensure conformity between the electronic and paper versions of the form.

In the process of developing the electronic filing specifications for Form Nos. 2 and 2-A, it became apparent that not all of the paper copy instructions would translate into electronic filing specifications. In order to accurately capture the data reported on the forms electronically, certain modifications to the paper form were necessary. The modified Form No. 2 is attached as Attachment B. The modified Form No. 2-A is attached as Attachment C.

Minor typographical errors have been corrected. On page iii, Item XI is revised to read MMBtu instead of Btu. The word Debt is added to instruction 8 on page 257 to correct the name of Account 427.

<sup>2</sup> Order on Electronic and Paper Filing Specifications for Form No. 11, 75 FERC ¶ 61,009 (1996).

<sup>3</sup> Filing Requirements for Interstate National Gas Company Rate Schedules and Tariffs, 60 FR 52,960 (October 11, 1995). Order No. 582 is a companion order to Order No. 581, which revised the regulations governing the form and composition of interstate natural gas pipeline tariffs and filing requirements. Order No. 582 required that changes be made to the electronic specifications for filings under subpart D of Part 154. Work on these filing specifications will be completed by the working group established for that purpose.

<sup>4</sup> These Attachments are not being published in the Federal Register. These filing formats can be obtained by writing to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, Division of Information Services, Washington, D.C. These attachments are also available in electronic format on the Gas Pipeline Data portion of the Commission's bulletin board system.

<sup>1</sup> Revisions to Uniform System of Accounts, Forms, Statements, and Reporting Requirements for Natural Gas Companies, 60 FR 53019 (October 11, 1995).