

Federal Agency Seeking Degree-Granting Authority

In accordance with the Federal policy governing the granting of academic degrees by Federal agencies (approved by a letter from the Director, Bureau of the Budget, to the Secretary, Health, Education, and Welfare, dated December 23, 1954), the Secretary is required to establish a review committee to advise the Secretary concerning any legislation that may be proposed that would authorize the granting of degrees by a Federal agency. The review committee forwards its recommendation concerning a Federal agency's proposed degree-granting authority to the Secretary, who then forwards the committee's recommendation and the Secretary's recommendation to the Office of Management and Budget for review and transmittal to the Congress. The Secretary uses the Advisory Committee as the review committee required for this purpose. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee will review the following institution at this meeting:

Proposed Master's Degree-Granting Authority

1. U.S. Army War, Carlisle, PA (request to award the master's degree in Strategic Studies to students who complete its non-resident track)

Public Inspection of Petitions and Third-Party Comments

All petitions and interim reports, and those third-party comments received in advance of the meeting, will be available for public inspection and copying at the U.S. Department of Education, ROB-3, Room 3915, 7th and D Streets, SW., Washington, DC 20202-5244, telephone (202) 708-7417 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, until May 18, 1998. They will be available again after the June 8-10 Advisory Committee meeting. It is preferred that an appointment be made in advance of such inspection or copying.

Dated: December 17, 1997.

David A. Longanecker,

Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Secretary of Energy Advisory Board; Notice of Open Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

SUMMARY: Consistent with the provisions of the Federal Advisory

Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is hereby given of the following advisory committee meeting:

Name: Secretary of Energy Advisory Board—Tennessee Valley Electric System Advisory Committee.

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 20, 1998, 3:00 P.M.—9:00 P.M.

Place: Nashville Convention Center, Room 204, 601 Commerce Street, Nashville, Tennessee 37203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard C. Burrow, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (AB-1), US Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-1709.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Tennessee Valley Electric System Advisory Committee is to provide advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board on the role of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) in a restructured competitive electric industry. The Tennessee Valley Electric System Advisory Committee will prepare a report for submission to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board.

Tentative Agenda

Tuesday, January 20, 1998

3:00—5:30 PM Opening Remarks—The Honorable Butler Derrick, Chairman
Presentations
Working Session
5:30—6:30 PM Dinner Break
6:30—9:00 PM Working Session
Public Comment Period
9:00 PM Adjourn

This tentative agenda is subject to change. A final agenda will be available at the meeting.

Public Participation: The Chairman of the Tennessee Valley Electric System Advisory Committee is empowered to conduct the meeting in a way which will, in the Chairman's judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. During its meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, the Tennessee Valley Electric System Advisory Committee welcomes public comment. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. The Tennessee Valley Electric System Advisory Committee will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. Written comments may be submitted to Skila Harris, Executive Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board, AB-1, US Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585.

Minutes: Minutes and a transcript of the meeting will be available for public review and copying approximately 30

days following the meeting at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190 Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C., between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. Information on the Tennessee Valley Electric System Advisory Committee may also be found at the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board's web site, located at <http://www.hr.doe.gov/seab>.

Issued at Washington, D.C., on December 18, 1997.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-02-000]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

December 19, 1997.

Take notice that on December 17, 1997, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised No. 1, the following revised tariff sheets to be effective February 1, 1998:

Third Revised Sheet No. 137
First Revised Sheet No. 137A
Second Revised Sheet No. 138
Second Revised Sheet No. 139
First Revised Sheet No. 139A
Second Revised Sheet No. 140
First Revised Sheet No. 141
Second Revised Sheet No. 142
First Revised Sheet No. 143
Third Revised Sheet No. 144

ANR states that it is revising the cashout mechanism set forth in its tariff to: (1) Revise the methodology by which prices are determined for the purchase and sale of imbalance volumes that are cashed-out on its system; and (2) provide for a two-way flow-through of gains and losses from the purchase and sale of cashout volumes.

ANR states that copies of the filing have been mailed to all affected customers and state regulatory commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motion or 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 proceeding. 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 in the Public Reference Room

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-563-001]

Michigan Gas Storage Company; Notice of Petition To Amend

December 19, 1997.

Take notice that on November 25, 1997, Michigan Gas Storage Company (MGSCo), 212 West Michigan Avenue, Jackson, Michigan 49201, filed with the Commission, pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), a petition to amend the order issued on September 19, 1997, in Docket No. CP97-563-000 to slightly modify the construction authorized in the Cranberry Lake Storage Field, Clare County, Michigan, all as more fully set forth in the application for amendment, which is open to the public for inspection.

Michigan Gas Storage Company (MGSCo) notified the Commission on November 25, 1997, that MGSCo has now developed an alternative, functionally equivalent piping configuration for the Cranberry Lake Storage Field in Clare County, Michigan, which varies slightly from what the Director, Office of Pipeline Regulation authorized on September 19, 1997, in Docket No. CP97-563-000. Specifically, MGSCo states that the existing 6-inch diameter (approximately 125 feet) and 4-inch diameter (approximately 625 feet) pipe on Lateral 63 East between wells C715 and C350 is in good condition and does not need to be replaced with the originally proposed 2-inch diameter pipe. This segment of the pipe only required minor repairs to the pipe coating.

Instead, MGSCo now proposes to cut and remove the 1,690 feet of existing 6-inch diameter pipe between wells C353 and C715 on Lateral 63 East, rather than replacing it with the 8-inch diameter pipe authorized in the September 19,

1997, order. MGSCo states that it can install the pig launcher at the eastern cut end of this segment. Gas would then flow westward from the storage wells along this section of lateral through 8-inch diameter pipe.

MGSCo also states that gas flowing through the existing 6-inch and 4-inch diameter segment (east of the 1,690 feet of removed pipe) on Lateral 63 East would flow northward through the existing 4-inch diameter tie-line between Laterals 62 East and 63 East. MGSCo further states that these minor modifications could save \$80,000 in material and labor costs, as well as avoid the cutting of trees in a 15-foot by 300-foot temporary work area.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said petition to amend should on or before December 29, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 384.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-2-000]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Kent County Replacement Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

December 19, 1997.

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 replacement of about 0.96 mile of 22-inch-diameter pipeline proposed in

the Kent County Replacement Project.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

ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) proposes to replace about 0.96 mile of 22-inch-diameter pipeline to maintain compliance with the U.S. Department of Transportation pipeline safety regulations. There would be no increase in the capacity of ANR's system as a result of this proposal. ANR seeks authority to construct and operate:

- 0.96 mile of 22-inch-diameter replacement pipeline in Kent County, Michigan.

No nonjurisdictional facilities would be constructed as a result of this proposal.

The location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.²

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would require about 8.6 acres of land, including a 75-foot-wide construction right-of-way, additional temporary work spaces, and a staging area. Following construction, no new permanent right-of-way would be required. All of the right-of-way would be restored and allowed to revert to its former use.

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

¹ ANR Pipeline Company'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, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.