

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- **Geology and Soils**
 - Erosion control.
 - Facility site and right-of-way restoration.
 - Soil contamination.
- **Water Resources**
 - Potential to affect water quality and riparian resources.
 - Cooling water discharge into the Providence River.
- **Biological Resources**
 - Effect of facility construction and operation on wildlife and fisheries habitat, including wintering waterfowl.
 - Effect on wetland habitats.
- **Cultural Resources**
 - Effect on historic and prehistoric sites.
 - Native American and tribal concerns.
- **Socioeconomics**
 - Impact of a peak workforce of about 225 workers on the surrounding area.
- **Land Use**
 - Impact on state areas of critical environmental concern.
 - Impact on residences and recreation areas.
- **Air Quality and Noise**
 - Air quality and noise impacts associated with construction.
 - Impact on regional air quality and noise-sensitive areas associated with operation of the proposed LNG facility.
- **Public Safety**
 - Compliance with 49 CFR 193.

We will also evaluate possible pipeline and technology 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 recommend that the Commission approve or not approve the project.

Public Participation/Scoping Meeting

You can make a difference by sending a letter addressing your specific

comments or concerns about the project. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative pipeline routes), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please follow the instructions below to ensure that your comments are received and properly recorded:

- Address your letter to: Lois Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE, Washington, D.C. 20426;
- Reference Docket No. CP96-517-000;
- Send a *copy* of your letter to: Mr. Chris Zerby, EA Project Manager, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE, Room 72-55, Washington, D.C. 20426; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, D.C. on or before July 26, 1996.

Beyond asking for written comments, we will hold a public scoping meeting during the week of July 15, 1996 (time, date and location will be noticed at a later date). This public meeting will be designed to provide you with more detailed information and another opportunity to offer your comments on the proposed project.

At a later date (time, date and location will be noticed at a later date) the FERC staff will meet with representatives of ALNG to conduct a cryogenic design and engineering review of the proposed LNG facilities.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding or become an "intervenor". Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide copies of its filings to all other parties. 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 2).

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your scoping comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Mr. Chris Zerby, EA Project Manager, at (202) 208-0111.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96-569-000, et al.]

Michigan Gas Storage Company, et al.; Natural Gas Certificate Filings

June 21, 1996.

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

1. Michigan Gas Storage Company

[Docket No. CP96-569-000]

Take notice that on June 13, 1996, as supplemented on June 20, 1996, Michigan Gas Storage Company (Michigan Gas), 212 West Michigan Avenue, Jackson, Michigan 49201, filed in Docket No. CP96-569-000, a request pursuant to Sections 157.211 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.211 and 157.216) for authorization to install two delivery taps and abandon one delivery tap in Oakland County, Michigan, in order to serve Consumers Power Company (Consumers), under the blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP84-451-000, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, Michigan Gas states it plans to install a 22-inch tap at the Squirrel Road Valve Site in Orion Township, and a 20-inch tap at the Dutton Road Valve Site in Oakland Township, both on its Line 600 in Oakland County, Michigan. Michigan Gas explains that Consumers has requested these delivery taps be constructed in conjunction with a new transmission line being built on Consumers' system under a certificate granted by the Michigan Public Service Commission in Case U-10925.

Michigan Gas explains that deliveries through these taps will be made to and from Michigan Gas' system dependent upon the time of year and whether Consumers is withdrawing or injecting gas from its nearby storage fields. Michigan Gas states that these new delivery taps, in conjunction with Consumers' new transmission line, will increase the peak day capacity of the integrated system by about 400 MMcf/d, in order to meet the design peak loads of Consumers' sales and end use

transport customers. Michigan Gas states that the transfer of gas will be made primarily under Michigan Gas' NNS and IT Tariffs. Michigan Gas says that the total deliveries through the taps will not exceed the authorized volumes in transport contracts under Michigan Gas' existing tariffs. Michigan Gas relates that the new delivery taps are not prohibited by any existing Michigan Gas tariff.

Further, Michigan Gas requests authority, under Section 157.216 of the Commission's regulations, to abandon its existing Dutton Road delivery tap because that tap will, at the request of Consumers, the only customer directly served by that facility, be replaced by the new Dutton Road delivery tap.

Michigan Gas estimates the cost of the delivery taps to be \$175,000, which will be reimbursed to it by Consumers.

Comment date: August 5, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

2. Northwest Pipeline Corporation

[Docket No. CP96-574-000]

Take notice that on June 17, 1996, Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Northwest), 295 Chipeta Way, Salt Lake City, Utah 84108, filed a request with the Commission in Docket No. CP96-574-000, 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 existing meter facilities and appurtenances of its Yelm Meter Station and constructing and operating upgraded replacements to accommodate Washington National Gas Company (Washington Natural) for additional delivery capacity 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 remove the existing 2-inch rotary meter and appurtenances and install a new 3-inch turbine meter and appurtenances at the Yelm Meter Station, located in Thurston County, Washington. Northwest states that the proposed meter replacement will increase the design capacity of the station from 1,400 Dth per day to approximately 2,200 Dth per day at the 400 psig contract pressure. The estimated cost of the proposed facility upgrade would be approximately 76,900, which would be reimbursed by Washington Natural.

Comment date: August 5, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

3. Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America

[Docket No. CP96-575-000]

Take notice that on June 17, 1996, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Applicant), 701 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois 60148, filed pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act, for authority to abandon, by sale to Valero Transmission, L.P. (Valero), its Luby-Petronilla Lateral consisting of 17.15 miles of 8-inch pipeline lateral and related facilities.

Valero intends to pay Applicant \$775,000 for the facilities. Applicant requests a Commission determination that the facilities will be non-jurisdictional after transfer to Valero.

Comment date: July 12, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

4. El Paso Natural Gas Company

[Docket No. CP96-578-000]

Take notice that on June 18, 1996, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso), P.O. Box 1492, El Paso, Texas 79978, filed in Docket No. CP96-578-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212) for authorization to construct and operate a new delivery point in Pecos County, Texas to permit the interruptible transportation and delivery of natural gas to Delhi Gas Pipeline Corporation (Delhi), under El Paso's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-435-000 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.

El Paso states that Delhi desires to augment its system supplies within the State of Texas and has requested that El Paso provide transportation service pursuant to a Transportation Service Agreement (TSA) dated March 29, 1996. This TSA provides for the interruptible transportation of natural gas by El Paso for Delhi from any point of interconnection on El Paso's mainline facilities located in Anadarko, Permian and San Juan Basins to a proposed point of delivery in Pecos County, Texas and any other existing delivery points.

El Paso states that the proposed quantity of natural gas to be transported on an interruptible basis to the Delhi W2 Delivery Point is estimated to be 5,475,000 Mcf annually or an average of 15,000 Mcf per day, and the estimated maximum peak day natural gas requirement at the Delhi W2 Delivery Point is 50,000 Mcf.

In order to facilitate the delivery of gas under the TSA, the request for authorization states that a new delivery point on El Paso's 24" O.D. Line from Oasis Meter Station to 12¾" O.D. Suction Line in Pecos County, Texas would be constructed by El Paso to provide Delhi with additional flexibility in acquiring gas supplies to serve their growing markets.

Accordingly, El Paso requests authorization to construct and operate the new Delhi W2 Delivery Point. The request states the estimated cost of the new delivery point to El Paso is \$58,900, and that Delhi has agreed to reimburse El Paso for the costs related to the construction of the Delhi W2 Delivery Point.

In addition, Delhi has advised El Paso that Delhi will construct the meter run facility at the Delhi W2 Delivery Point. El Paso has also been advised that Delhi will install appurtenant pipeline and regulation facilities to connect its intrastate pipeline system with the proposed delivery point. El Paso further states that its environmental analysis supports the conclusion that construction and operation of the proposed Delhi W2 Delivery Point would not be a major Federal action significantly affecting the human environment.

Comment date: August 5, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

5. Northwest Pipeline Corporation

[Docket No. CP96-580-000]

Take notice that on June 19, 1996, Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Northwest), 295 Chipeta Way, Salt Lake City, Utah 84108, filed a request with the Commission in Docket No. CP96-580-000, 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 certain inefficient facilities and to construct and operate modified replacement facilities at their Covinton Meter Station 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 modify the Covinton Meter Station located in King County, Washington by replacing the two existing 6-inch orifice meters and appurtenances with two new 6-inch turbine meter and appurtenances. Northwest states that these modifications would increase the maximum design capacity of the meters from 21,500 Dth per day to approximately 26,167 Dth per day at a delivery pressure of 300 psig. The

estimated cost of the proposed facility replacements would be \$100,632.

Comment date: August 5, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

6. Northwest Pipeline Corporation

[Docket No. CP96-581-000]

Take notice that on June 19, 1996, Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Northwest), 295 Chipeta Way, Salt Lake City, Utah 84158, filed in Docket No. CP96-581-000 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 the new Merlin Meter Station in Josephine County, Oregon to deliver natural gas to The Washington Water Power Company (Water Power), a local distribution company, under Northwest's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-433-000 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.

Northwest proposes to construct and operate the new Merlin Meter Station consisting of a 2-inch hot tap, two 1-inch regulators, two 2-inch rotary meters, inlet and outlet piping and appurtenances at approximately milepost 126.95 on Northwest's Eugene to Grants Pass Lateral in Section 21, Township 35 South, Range 5 West, Josephine County, Oregon. The proposed Merlin Meter Station will have a design capacity of approximately 700 Dth per day at a delivery pressure of 300 psig. Northwest estimates that the total cost for the proposed meter station to be \$201,715.

Comment date: August 5, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

7. Northern Natural Gas Company

[Docket No. CP96-584-000]

Take notice that on June 19, 1996, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), P.O. Box 3330, Omaha, Nebraska 68103-0330, filed in Docket No. CP96-584-000, a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.216(b) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.216) for authorization to abandon 23 small volume measuring facilities located in Iowa, Minnesota, and Nebraska, under Northern's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-401-000 and Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Northern asserts that it has the consent of each end-user to remove the measuring stations from their property. Northern states that the facilities to be abandoned are jurisdictional facilities under the NGA and were constructed pursuant to superseded 2.55 regulations, budget, or blanket authority, depending on the year the facilities were originally placed in-service.

Comment date: August 5, 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, N.E., 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 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.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to 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 filing if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the certificate is 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 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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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-00185; FRL-5370-9]

Agency Information Collection Activities

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), this notice announces that EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Before submitting the ICRs to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the information collections described below. The ICRs are: (1) A continuing ICR entitled "Pre-Manufacture Review Reporting and Exemption Requirements for New Chemical Substances and Significant New Use Reporting Requirements for Chemical Substances," EPA ICR No. 0574, OMB No. 2070-0012, and (2) a continuing ICR entitled "Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs): Exclusions, Exemptions and Use Authorizations," EPA ICR No. 1001, OMB No. 2070-0008. An Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 27, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Submit three copies of all written comments to: TSCA Document Receipts (7407), Room NE-G99, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460,