

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 Williston Basin 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. CP97-614-000]

Northwest Pipeline Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

July 9, 1997.

Take notice that on July 1, 1997, Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Northwest), P.O. Box 58900, Salt Lake City, Utah 84158-0900, filed in Docket No. CP97-614-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205, 157.211 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.211, 157.216) for authorization to upgrade a meter station and partially abandon certain existing facilities located in Twin Falls County, Idaho, under Northwest's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-433-000, pursuant to Section 7(c) 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 upgrade the Buhl Meter Station located in Twin

Falls County, Idaho, by removing two of the existing 2-inch monitor regulators and appurtenances and replacing them with 2-inch pipe spools and by uprating the station MAOP from 325 psig to 720 psig. Northwest states this is to accommodate a request by Intermountain Gas Company (Intermountain) for increased delivery capabilities at this point for services under authorized firm transportation agreements. Northwest asserts the MAOP uprating will be accomplished by isolating and retesting the existing header and station piping downstream of the regulators. Northwest declares as a result of this proposed upgrade, the maximum design delivery capacity of the meter station will increase from approximately 4,857 Dth per day at 380 psig to approximately 6,939 Dth per day at 380 psig, as limited by the regulators.

Northwest states the total cost of the proposed facility upgrade at the Buhl Meter Station is estimated to be approximately \$10,400, comprised of \$10,300 for installation of the new facilities and uprating of existing MAOP, plus \$100 for removal of the old facilities. Northwest asserts Intermountain will reimburse them for all actual costs associated with the upgrade of the Buhl Meter Station, including all applicable federal and state income tax liabilities.

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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-621-000]

Northwest Pipeline Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

July 9, 1997.

Take notice that on July 7, 1997, Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Northwest) 295 Chipeta Way, Salt Lake City, Utah 84108, filed a request with the Commission in Docket No. CP97-621-000, 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 upgrade its Monroe Meter Station in Snohomish County, Washington by abandoning existing meter facilities and appurtenances and constructing and operating upgraded replacement facilities to accommodate a request by Puget Sound Energy, Inc. Formerly Washington Natural Gas Company, 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 two existing 1-inch regulators, the existing 3-inch turbine meter and appurtenances and install two 2-inch regulators, two 4-inch turbine meters, a 750,000 Btu per hour line heater and appurtenances at the Monroe Meter Station.

Northwest states the proposed upgrade will increase the maximum design capacity of the meter station from 1,696 Dth per day at 150 psig to approximately 6,880 Dth per day at 150 psig, as limited by the meters or to approximately 10,800 Dth per day at 250 psig, as limited by the regulators.

The total cost of the proposed facility upgrade at the Monroe Meter Station is estimated to be approximately \$194,100, which would be reimbursed by Puget Sound Energy, Inc. Pursuant to a Facilities Agreement dated June 16, 1997.

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 allowed 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. RP97-404-001]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Tariff Filing

July 9, 1997.

Take notice that on July 2, 1997 Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) tendered for filing certain revised tariff sheets to its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, which tariff sheets are enumerated in Appendix A attached to the filing. The proposed effective date of such tariff sheets is August 1, 1997.

Transco states that the purpose of the instant filing is to supplement Transco's Annual Great Plains Adjustment filing of June 30, 1997 in Docket No. RP97-404-000 (June 30 Filing), which filing inadvertently omitted certain tariff sheets containing the Great Plains Volumetric Surcharge (GPS). The revised tariff sheets included therein reflect the same GPS rate of 0.10¢ per dt as contained in Transco's June 30 Filing.

Transco states that copies of the instant filing are being mailed to affected customers and interested State Commissions.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, Washington, D.C. 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 proceeding. 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. CP97-619-000]

Viking Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

July 9, 1997.

Take notice that on July 3, 1997, Viking Gas Transmission Company (Viking), 825 Rice Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55117, filed in Docket No. CP97-619-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.212) for authorization to increase the metering capacity of an existing delivery point for transportation services for Northern States Power Company—Wisconsin (NSPW), for delivery at the Wheaton delivery point in Chippewa County, Wisconsin, under the blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-414-000,¹ 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.

Viking proposes to install an additional 6" turbine meter run, associated piping, and fittings at the Wheaton delivery point. Viking states that the proposed change is needed to provide additional metering capacity for the transportation services currently provided to NSPW under Viking's Rate Schedule FT-A, Rate Schedule AOT and Rate Schedule IT. Viking currently provides a maximum daily summertime quantity of 12,185 Dth and wintertime quantity of 37,000 Dth of firm transportation service to NSPW under Viking's Rate Schedule FT-A, pursuant to Gas Transportation Agreements dated June 1, 1994 and November 1, 1994. NSPW has requested an increase in metering capacity up to 120,000 Mcf/d at the existing Wheaton delivery point.

Viking estimates that the proposed cost to upgrade the delivery point is \$45,000 and NSPW will reimburse Viking for the cost of upgrading the delivery point.

Viking states that the delivery of NSPW's volumes will not exceed the presently authorized quantities, and the changes proposed are not prohibited by

¹ On April 6, 1989, in Docket No. CP88-679-000 the Commission authorized Viking to acquire and operate Midwestern Gas Transmission Company's (Midwestern) Northern System as Midwestern's successor. The Commission issued Midwestern blanket certificate authority for construction of facilities on September 1, 1982, in Docket No. CP82-414-000.

Viking's tariff. Viking claims that it has sufficient capacity in its system to accomplish delivery of gas to the proposed delivery point without detriment or disadvantage to any of its other customers. Viking states that there will be no impact on its peak day or average day deliveries.

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 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP96-655-001, et al. and CP97-291-000]

Destin Pipeline Company, L.L.C.; Southern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Destin Pipeline Project

July 9, 1997.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Destin Pipeline Company, L.L.C. and Southern Natural Gas Company in the above-referenced dockets and referred to as the Destin Pipeline Project.

The staff prepared the draft EIS to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would have limited adverse environmental impact.

The draft EIS assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the