

CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 61 FR 66263, published on December 17, 1996). Also see 61 FR 56522, published on November 1, 1996.

The letter to the Commissioner of Customs and the actions taken pursuant to it are not designed to implement all of the provisions of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing, but are designed to assist only in the implementation of certain of their provisions.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

September 19, 1997.

Commissioner of Customs,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on October 28, 1996, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in Mauritius and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1997 and extends through December 31, 1997.

Effective on September 25, 1997, you are directed to reduce the limit for Categories 338/339 to 510,362 dozen¹, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action falls within the foreign affairs exception to the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Director, Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments

on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 24, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department, (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner, (3) is the estimate of burden accurate, (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and (5) how might the

Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: September 19, 1997.

Gloria Parker,

Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of the Under Secretary

Type of Review: New.

Title: Guidance for Reporting on Waivers Granted by the U.S. Department of Education.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 20.

Burden Hours: 100.

Abstract: The Department is required by statute to collect reports from state education agencies on the uses of waivers in their states. The purpose of this guidance is to assist states in meeting the statutory requirements. Information from this collection will be used to monitor the progress of waiver recipients in improving teaching and learning and to inform the Department's annual report to Congress on waivers.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP96-190-010]

Colorado Interstate Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

September 19, 1997.

Take notice that on September 16, 1997, Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG), tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the tariff sheets listed in the Appendix A to the filing, to be effective October 1, 1997.

CIG states it is making this filing to implement lower rates for all of its jurisdictional services pending final Commission approval of the uncontested Settlement filed by CIG in Docket No. RP-190 on August 27, 1997 and certified to the Commission on September 10, 1997. CIG further states that Section 2.10 of the August 27, 1997 Settlement provides for the filing of this interim rate reduction. The Settlement also makes it clear that if the Commission modifies or rejects the

¹ The limit has not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1996.

August 27 Settlement and, as a result, the August 27 Settlement is never implemented, CIG can implement surcharges and/or refunds to reflect revenue recovery that would have occurred if this interim rate reduction had not gone into effect.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's 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.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-61-008]

NorAm Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

September 19, 1997.

Take notice that on September 16, 1997, NorAm Gas Transmission Company (NGT) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheet to be effective November 1, 1997:

Third Revised Sheet No. 306

NGT states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the letter order issued in this docket on June 30, 1997.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rule 211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211). 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.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-747-000]

NorAm Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

September 19, 1997.

Take notice that on September 11, 1997, NorAm Gas Transmission Company (NGT), 1600 Smith Street, Houston, Texas 77002, filed in the above docket, a request pursuant to §§ 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.211) and under NorAm's blanket certificate issued in Docket Nos. CP82-384-000 and CP82-384-001, to own and operate certain facilities in Arkansas to deliver gas to ARKLA, a division of NorAm Energy Corp. (ARKLA), all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

NGT specifically proposes to own and operate a 2-inch delivery tap on NGT's Line BT-14 in Faulkner County, Arkansas to provide service to ARKLA. ARKLA will provide the meter station, install it and then deed it to NGT at zero cost. NGT will buy the lot for the location site of the tap and install electronic flow measurement at the site. The estimated volumes to be delivered through the above facilities are 400 MMBtu annually and 2 MMBtu on a peak day. NGT's construction costs are estimated at \$12,781 and ARKLA will reimburse NGT \$10,250 of the costs.

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 Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to § 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 is deemed to be authorized effective on 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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-753-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

September 19, 1997.

Take notice that on September 12, 1997, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124-1000, filed in Docket No. CP97-753-000 a request pursuant to §§ 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 authorization to upgrade the Dodge Center TBS #1, an existing delivery point in Dodge County, Minnesota, to accommodate incremental interruptible natural gas deliveries to UtiliCorp United Inc. (UCU), 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 states that interruptible service will be provided to UCU pursuant to currently effective throughput service agreement(s). The proposed incremental volumes to be delivered for UCU at the proposed delivery point are 935 MMBtu on a peak day and 97,001 MMBtu on an annual basis. The total estimated cost to upgrade is \$266,000 and UCU will compensate Northern. The upgrade will consist of a replacement of the existing meter and appurtenant facilities. Northern states that UCU requested the proposed upgrade of the delivery point to serve local residential, commercial, and industrial customers.

Northern states that the proposed upgrade is not prohibited by its existing tariff and that it has sufficient capacity to accomplish deliveries without detriment or disadvantage to other customers and that the total volumes delivered after the request will not exceed total volumes authorized prior to the request.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of