

and assume obligations and liabilities as guarantor, indorser, surety or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issue or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of Howard/Avista, compatible with the public interest, and reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

(G) The Commission reserves the right to modify this order to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued Commission approval of Howard/Avista's issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities * * *.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is January 14, 1998.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER98-242-000]

North American Energy, Inc., Notice of Issuance of Order

December 22, 1997.

North American Energy, Inc. (North American) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which North American will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. North American also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, North American requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by North American.

On December 10, 1997, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Rate Applications, Office of Electric Power Regulation, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by North American 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 Rules 211

and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, North American is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, endorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval North American's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is January 9, 1998. Copies of the full text of the order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20426.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-132-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application

December 22, 1997.

Take notice that on December 15, 1998, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), filed in Docket No. CP98-132-000 an application, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing it to construct and operate approximately 9.6 miles of 30-inch pipeline and appurtenances, located in Steele and Rice Counties, Minnesota, in order to provide increased natural gas deliveries to Koch Energy Services (Koch), all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Northern states that the expanded capacity will be used to provide incremental firm transportation service requested in its recent open season by Koch for use at its Rosemount Refinery. Northern proposes to construct and operate the proposed facilities which

will provide additional peak day capacity in its operational Zone EF by approximately 40,000 Mcf of natural gas per day. Northern states that its application is supported by a precedent agreement with Koch covering firm transportation services subscribing the full capacity of the proposed facilities.

Northern estimates the cost of the proposed facilities to be approximately \$9.4 million which it anticipates to finance with internally generated funds.

Northern requests approval for rolled-in rate treatment of the expansion costs of the proposed facilities. Northern states that the rate impact to Northern's existing shippers meets the threshold applied by the Commission for a presumption in favor of rolled-in rates and the proposed facilities are integral to Northern's existing transmission system.

Any person desiring to participate in the hearing process or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before January 12, 1998, 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 385.214 or 385.211) 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 take but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that protestors provide copies of their protests to the party or parties directly involved. 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.

A person obtaining intervenor status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by every one of the intervenors. An intervenor can file for rehearing of any Commission order and can petition for court review of any such order. However, an intervenor must submit copies of comments or any other filing it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as 14 copies with the Commission.

A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have comments considered. A person, instead, may submit two copies of comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing

list, will receive copies of environmental documents and will be able to participate in meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission and will not have the right to seek rehearing or appeal the Commission's final order to a federal court.

The Commission will consider all comments and concerns equally, whether filed by commenters or those requesting intervenor status.

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 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 Northern to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-136-000]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Application

December 22, 1997.

Take notice that on December 16, 1997, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco), P.O. Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77252, filed in Docket No. CP98-136-000 a request pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for approval to abandon a firm transportation service provided for Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BG&E) under Transco's Rate Schedule FT, all as more fully set forth in the

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

Transco states that it currently delivers 3,881 Dekatherms of natural gas to BG&E on a firm basis pursuant to Transco's blanket certificate authorized under Part 284(G) of the Commission's Regulations. Transco asserts that it seeks abandonment authorization for the service described above because the subject FT service for BG&E was previously converted from firm sales service to firm transportation service under Transco's Rate Schedule FT pursuant to Transco's revised Stipulation and Agreement in Docket Nos. RP88-68, *et al.*, and that settlement provides that pre-granted abandonment shall not apply to such conversions. It is indicated that by letter dated July 17, 1997, BG&E provided notice to Transco that BG&E was electing to terminate the service agreement effective as of the end of the primary term of the agreement, February 2, 1998. It is further asserted that one shipper, The Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia, submitted a binding nomination for all of such capacity for a primary term of 25 years in an open season that extended from October 21 through November 20, 1997.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make protest with reference to said application should on or before January 5, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20426, a petition to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) 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 the proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a petition 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 on this application if no petition to intervene is filed within the time required herein, and if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that the application is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a petition 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 Transco to appear or be represented at the hearing.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP98-131-000, CP98-133-000, CP98-134-000, and CP98-135-000]

Vector Pipeline L.P.; Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity, and for a Presidential Permit and Section 3 Authorization

December 22, 1997.

Take notice that on December 15, 1997, Vector Pipeline L.P. (Vector), 2900 421-7th Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2P 4K9, filed applications pursuant to Sections 3 and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA). In Docket No. CP98-131-000, Vector seeks a Presidential Permit and Section 3 authorization pursuant to Part 153 of the Commission's Regulations. In Docket No. CP98-133-000, Vector seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate natural gas pipeline facilities under Part 157, Subpart E of the Commission's Regulations. In Docket No. CP98-134-000, Vector seeks a blanket certificate pursuant to 18 CFR Part 284, Subpart G of the Commission's Regulations for self-implementing transportation authority. Finally, in Docket No. CP98-135-000, Vector seeks a blanket certificate for certain blanket construction and operation authorization under 18 CFR Part 157, Subpart F of the Commission's Regulations. Vector's proposal is more fully set forth in the applications which are on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Vector is a limited partnership organized under the laws of the State of Delaware. The managing general partner is Vector Pipeline Inc. At present, the only limited partner of Vector is IPL Vector (USA). Vector states that other entities are considering joining the partnership and that vector will supplement its application if this occurs.