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**David P. Boergers,**  
*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. TM98-2-59-000]

#### Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

May 5, 1998.

Take notice that on May 1, 1998, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), tendered for filing to become part of Northern's FERC Gas Tariff the following tariff sheets proposed to become effective on June 1, 1998:

##### Fifth Revised Volume No. 1

Eighth Revised Sheet No. 54  
Seventh Revised Sheet No. 61  
Seventh Revised Sheet No. 62  
Seventh Revised Sheet No. 63  
Seventh Revised Sheet No. 64

Northern states that the revised tariff sheets are being filed in accordance with the methodology set forth in Section 53 of Northern's General Terms and Conditions, Tariff Sheet Nos. 300-301 (as filed on April 29, 1997), which requires Northern to adjust its fuel percentages each June 1. Northern has also filed to adjust its Unaccounted for (UAF) gas in accordance with the PRA mechanism. Therefore, Northern has filed Eighth Revised Sheet No. 54 and Seventh Revised Sheet Nos. 61, 62, 63 and 64 to be effective June 1, 1998.

Northern states that copies of the filing were served upon Northern's customers and interested State Commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions 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 proceedings.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-396-000]

#### Northwest Pipeline Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

May 5, 1998.

Take notice that on April 28, 1998, Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Applicant), 295 Chipeta Way, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84108, filed in Docket No. CP98-396-000 a request pursuant to §§ 157.205, 157.211, and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.211, and 157.216) for approval to abandon an obsolete meter which has failed at the Georgetown Meter Station in Bear Lake County, Idaho, and to construct and operate a smaller replacement meter at this station to maintain the ability to accommodate existing firm deliveries for Intermountain Gas Company's affiliate, IGI Resources, under Applicant's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-433-000, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Applicant proposes to modify the Georgetown Meter Station by removing the three-inch positive displacement meter and appurtenances and installing a new two-inch rotary meter and appurtenances. Applicant asserts that as a result of this modification, the maximum design capacity of the meter station will decrease from 3,033 Dth per day to approximately 2,000 Dth per day at 150 psig. It is further asserted that the modified station will be adequate to accommodate historically experienced flow rates as well as the existing maximum daily delivery obligations at this delivery point. Applicant states that the total cost of the proposed facility replacement at the Georgetown meter Station is estimated to be \$15,750. Applicant indicates that because this expenditure is necessary to replace a failed and obsolete meter, Applicant

will not require reimbursement by Intermountain.

Any person or the Commission's Staff may, within 45 days of the 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 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 activities 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 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.

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. MG98-10-000]

#### Venice Gathering System, L.L.C.; Notice of Filing

May 5, 1998.

Take notice that on April 29, 1998, Venice Gathering System, L.L.C. (Venice) filed standards of conduct under Order Nos. 497 *et seq.*<sup>1</sup> and Order Nos. 556 *et seq.*<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Order No. 497, 53 FR 22139 (June 14, 1988), FERC Stats. & Regs. 1986-1990 ¶ 30,820 (1988); Order No. 497-A, *order on rehearing*, 54 FR 52781 (December 22, 1989), FERC Stats. & Regs. 1986-1990 ¶ 30,868 (1989); Order No. 497-B, *order extending sunset date*, 55 FR 53291 (December 28, 1990), FERC Stats. & Regs. 1986-1990 ¶ 30,908 (1990); Order No. 497-C, *order extending sunset date*, 57 FR 9 (January 2, 1992), FERC Stats. & Regs. 1991-1996 ¶ 30,934 (1991), rehearing denied, 57 FR 5815 (February 18, 1992), 58 FERC ¶ 61,139 (1992); *Tenneco Gas v. FERC* (affirmed in part and remanded in part), 969 F.2d 1187 (D.C. Cir. 1992); Order No. 497-D, *order on remand and extending sunset date*, FERC Stats. & Regs. 1991-1996 ¶ 30,958 (December 4, 1992), 57 FR 58978 (December 14, 1992); Order No. 497-E, *order on rehearing and extending sunset date*, 59 FR 243 (January 4, 1994), 65 FERC ¶ 61,381 (December 23, 1993); Order No. 497-F, *order denying rehearing and granting clarification*, 59 FR 15336 (April 1, 1994), 66 FERC ¶ 61,347 (March 24, 1994); and Order No. 497-G, *order extending sunset date*, 59 FR 32884 (June 27, 1994), FERC Stats. & Regs. 1991-1996 ¶ 30,996 (June 17, 1994).

<sup>2</sup> Standards of Conduct and Reporting Requirements for Transportation and Affiliate Transactions, Order No. 566, 59 FR 32885 (June 27, 1994), FERC Stats. & Regs. 1991-1996 ¶ 30,997

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Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said 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 Rules 211 or 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 or 385.214). All such motions to intervene or protest should be filed on or before May 20, 1998. 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.

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 6375-006]

#### H.E.E.D. Co., Inc.; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

May 5, 1998.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order 486, 52 FR 47897), the Commission's Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the revocation of the exemption for the Slaughterhouse Gulch Project, No. 6375-006. The Slaughterhouse Gulch Project is located on Slaughterhouse Gulch Creek in Twin Falls County, Idaho. The exemption is being revoked for failure to operate the project or to respond to requests to surrender the exemption. A Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) was prepared, and the DEA finds that revoking the exemption would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the DEA are available for review in the Commission's Reference and Information Center, Room 2A, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Please submit any comments within 30 days from the date of this notice. Any

comments, conclusions, or recommendations that draw upon studies, reports, or other working papers of substance should be supported by appropriate documentation.

Comments should be addressed to David P. Boergers, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. Please affix Project No. 6375-006 to all comments. For further information, please contact Ms. Hillary Berlin, at (202) 219-0038.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-315-000]

#### Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed 1998 Line KA Replacement Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

May 5, 1998

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 construction and operation of facilities proposed in the 1998 Line KA Replacement Project.<sup>1</sup> 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.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a pipeline company representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The pipeline company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law. A fact sheet addressing a number of typically asked questions, including

the use of eminent domain, is attached to this notice as appendix 1.<sup>2</sup>

### Summary of the Proposed Project

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) proposes to abandon and replace about 5.5 miles of 20-inch-diameter pipeline in Pike County, Kentucky. About 4.9 miles of the existing pipeline would be abandoned by removal and replaced within Columbia's existing right-of-way. The remaining 0.6 mile of pipeline would be abandoned in place and replaced on newly acquired right-of-way to avoid steep slopes.

The project location is shown in appendix 2.

### Land Requirements for Construction

Columbia would use a 75-foot-wide construction right-of-way for the entire project. Where the pipeline would be replaced on existing right-of-way, 50 feet of Columbia's existing right-of-way and 25 feet of temporary right-of-way would be used for construction. Where the pipeline would be replaced on newly acquired right-of-way, Columbia would obtain a permanent 50-foot-wide easement and a 25-foot-wide temporary right-of-way. The new permanent right-of-way would be about 3.6 acres. Additional work areas would be required for road and stream crossings, access roads, staging areas, and pipeyards. The area of disturbance for the entire project would total about 77.4 acres.

### 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

<sup>2</sup> 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.

(June 17, 1994); Order No. 566-A, *order on rehearing*, 59 FR 52896 (October 20, 1994), 69 FERC ¶ 61,044 (October 14, 1994); Order No. 566-B, *order on rehearing*, 59 FR 65707 (December 21, 1994), 69 FERC ¶ 61,334 (December 14, 1994).

<sup>1</sup> Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation's application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.