

gas supplies southward during off-peak periods. Northwest states that the proposed project will increase Northwest's off-peak physical south flow capacity through the Fort Lewis area by as much as 75 MDth/d to 130 MDth/d, depending upon upstream market conditions.

Any person desiring to be heard or making any protest with reference to said application should on or before October 15, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 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 be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that protestors provide copies of their protests to the party or person to whom the protests are directed. 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 issued by the Commission, filed by the applicant, or filed by all other 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 serve copies of comments or any other filing it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as filing an original and 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 such 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. Comments 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 NGA and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on these applications 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 Northwest to appear or be represented at the hearing.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-789-000]

Questar Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

September 24, 1998.

Take notice that on September 17, 1998, Questar Pipeline Company (Questar), 180 East 100 South, P.O. Box 45360, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0360, filed in Docket No. CP98-789-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.211) for authorization to construct and operate new delivery and receipt-point facilities, located in Rio Blanco County, Colorado, to deliver natural gas to and receive natural gas from Davis Gas Processing, Inc. (Davis), under Questar's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-491-000, 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.

Questar states that natural gas volumes would be delivered to Davis at

the proposed new Davis Greasewood Delivery and Receipt-Point. Questar declares that Davis would process the natural gas by extracting liquids and liquefiable hydrocarbons for their economic value and would then redeliver residue gas to Questar at the tailgate of the Piceance Creek Plan, Davis' non-jurisdictional gas processing plant. Questar asserts that the residue gas would re-enter their system via a 12-inch diameter lateral to be installed as part of the proposed new facilities. Questar states that Davis would deliver thermal equivalent volumes of natural gas to them elsewhere on Questar's system. Questar explains that the residue natural would be transported to delivery points on Questar's system including pipeline interconnections with TransColorado Gas Transmission Company, Colorado Interstate Gas Company, and Northwest Pipeline Corporation.

Questar's facilities proposed to be installed include: (1) two 12-inch diameter Daniel Senior orifice meters, (2) flow control facilities, (3) one 12' by 12' meter building, (4) one 8' by 10' control building, and (5) approximately 1,700 feet of 12-inch diameter buried lateral and miscellaneous valves and fittings. Questar states that the total estimated cost of the Davis Greasewood Delivery and Receipt-Point is \$744,000.

Questar states that it intends to deliver to Davis, via the Davis Greasewood Delivery and Receipt-Point, natural gas volumes up to 40,000 Mcf per day. Questar declares that the proposed deliveries and receipts will not cause Questar to exceed the maximum daily quantities applicable to the transportation services provided to Questar's transportation customers. Questar further states that deliveries of natural gas to Davis and redeliveries from Davis to Questar will be made pursuant to a natural gas processing agreement between the parties.

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.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2964-006]

City of Sturgis; Notice of Site Visit and Scoping Meetings Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969

September 24, 1998.

On March 31, 1998, the City of Sturgis, Michigan (applicant) filed an application for new license for the Sturgis Hydro Project, located on the St. Joseph's River in St. Joseph County, near Centerville, Michigan.

The purpose of this notice is to: (1) advise all parties as to the proposed scope of the staff's environmental analysis, including cumulative effects, and to seek additional information pertinent to this analysis; and (2) advise all parties of their opportunity for comment.

Scoping Process

The Commission's scoping objectives are to:

- Identify significant environmental issues;
- Determine the depth of analysis appropriate to each issue;
- Identify the resource issues not requiring detailed analysis; and
- Identify reasonable project alternatives.

The purpose of the scoping process is to identify significant issues related to the proposed action and to determine what issues should be addressed in the environmental document to be prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). The document entitled "Scoping Document" (SD) will be circulated shortly to enable appropriate federal, state, and local resource agencies, developers, Indian tribes, nongovernmental organizations (NGO'S), and other interested parties to effectively participate in and contribute to the scoping process. SD provides a brief description of the proposed action, project alternatives, the geographic and temporal scope of a cumulative effects analysis, and a list of preliminary issues identified by staff.

Project Site Visit

The applicant and the Commission staff will conduct a site visit of the Sturgis Hydro Project on October 13, 1998, at 1:30 p.m. They will meet at the hydroelectric facility. All interested individuals, NGO's and agencies are invited to attend. All participants are responsible for their own transportation. For more details, interested parties should contact Mr. John Griffith, Electric Department Superintendent, at (616) 651-2321, prior to the site visit date.

Scoping Meetings

The Commission staff will hold scoping meetings on October 13 and 14, 1998, in preparation for completing an Environmental Assessment (EA), under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), for relicensing the Sturgis Hydro Project.

Commission staff will hold the scoping meetings in the vicinity of the Sturgis Hydro Project: one evening meeting and one morning meeting. The evening will focus on receiving input from the public, whereas the afternoon meeting will focus on resource agency concerns. We invite all interested agencies, NGOs, and individuals to attend one or both of the meetings, and to assist staff in identifying the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EA. The times and locations of these meetings are shown below.

Evening Scoping Meeting: October 13, 1998, 7:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m., Sturges-Young Auditorium, 201 North Nottawa Rd., Sturgis, MI 49091, (616) 651-2321

Morning Scoping Meeting: October 14, 1998, 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., Sturges-Young Auditorium, 201 North Nottawa Rd., Sturgis, MI 49091, (616) 651-2321

To help focus discussions, we will distribute a Scoping Document (SD) outlining the areas to be addressed at the meetings to the parties on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of the SD also will be available at the scoping meetings.

Objectives

At the scoping meetings, the staff will: (1) summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the EA; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantifiable data, on the resources at issue; (3) encourage statements on environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EA, including opinions in favor of, or in opposition to, the staff's preliminary list of issues; (4)

determine the depth of analysis for issues addressed in the EA; and (5) identify resource issues that will not require detailed analysis in the EA.

The Scoping meetings will be recorded by a court reporter, and all statements (oral and written) will become part of the Commission's public record for the project. Before each meeting starts, all individuals who attend, especially those individuals that intend to make statements during the meeting, will be asked to sign in and clearly identify themselves for the record prior to speaking. Time allotted for presentations will be determined by staff based on the length of the meetings and the number of people wanting to speak. All individuals wishing to speak will be provided at least five minutes to present their views.

Interested parties who choose not to speak, or are unable to attend the scoping meetings, may provide written comments and information to the Commission until November 13, 1998. Written comments and information should be submitted to the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

The first page of all filings should indicate "Sturgis Hydro Project, FERC No. 2964-006" at the top of the page. All findings sent to the Secretary of the Commission should contain an original and eight copies. Failure to file an original and eight copies may result in appropriate staff not receiving the benefit of your comments in a timely manner. Furthermore, participants in this proceeding are reminded that if they file comments with the Commission, they must serve a copy of their filing to the parties on the Commission's service list.

For further information, please contact Patrick Murphy at (202) 219-2659.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. GT98-92-000]

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Tariff Filing

September 24, 1998.

Take notice that on September 16, 1998, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee), P.O. Box 2511, Houston, Texas 77252, tendered for filing and