

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RP98-416-000]

National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

September 29, 1998.

Take notice that on September 25, 1998, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National Fuel) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1, the tariff sheets listed on Appendix A to the filing, to be effective November 1, 1998.

National Fuel states that the purpose of this filing is to establish a seasonal firm service under new Rate Schedule FT-S (Firm Transportation Service—Seasonal) to comply with the Commission's directive in its April 22, 1998 order in Docket No. CP98-94-000 (83 FERC 61,058) authorizing the construction and operation of the facilities comprising Phase II of National Fuel's 1997 Niagara Expansion Project.

National Fuel states that on May 29, 1998, Renaissance Energy (U.S.), Inc. (Renaissance) and National Fuel entered into a service agreement (the Renaissance Agreement) for service to commence on November 1, 1998. The Renaissance Agreement contains provisions which deviate from the form of service agreement contained in National Fuel's Volume No. 1 FERC Gas Tariff because the Renaissance Agreement is tailored around the specific circumstances of Phase II of National Fuel's 1997 Niagara Expansion Project, it is stated.

National Fuel states that because the Renaissance Agreement contains provisions which may deviate in a material aspect from the FT and FT-S Rate Schedules, pursuant to Section 154.1(d) of the Commission's regulations, National Fuel is filing the agreement with the Commission and requesting that the Commission accept and permit it to become effective November 1, 1998. National Fuel also states that, pursuant to Section 154.112(b) of the Commission's Regulations, the tendered tariff sheets include a reference to the Renaissance Agreement.

National Fuel states that it is serving copies of the filing upon its firm customers and interested state commissions. Copies are also being served on all interruptible customers as of the date of this filing.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said 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 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with 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 protestant parties to the proceedings. 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 in the Public Reference Room.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.*Acting Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP98-796-000]

Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

September 29, 1998.

Take notice that on September 22, 1998, Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company (Panhandle), P.O. Box 1642, Houston, Texas 77251-1642, filed in Docket No. CP98-796-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.211) for authorization to construct, own and operate a new delivery point and appurtenant facilities for Michigan Consolidated Gas Company (MichCon) in Washtenaw County, Michigan under Panhandle's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-83-000 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.

Panhandle proposes to construct, own, and operate a delivery meter and appurtenant facilities in Washtenaw County, Michigan. Panhandle will provide firm transportation service to the new delivery point under its open access rate schedules. The proposed facility will have a maximum design capacity of 20 Mmcft at 450 psig. MichCon will reimburse Panhandle for 100% of the costs and expenses Panhandle will incur. Such costs and expenses are estimated to be approximately \$136,997.

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 therefore, 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. CP98-782-000]

Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation; Notice of Request for Authorization

September 29, 1998.

Take notice that on September 14, 1998, as supplemented on September 25, 1998, Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (Texas Eastern), 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, Texas 77056-5310, filed in Docket No. CP98-782-000, a request pursuant to Sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act for authorization (1) to abandon by removal Texas Eastern's M&R 70112, an existing delivery meter located in Montgomery County, Kentucky, and (2) to include a new point of receipt to be built by Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) on Columbia's existing Rate Schedule CTS service agreement with Texas Eastern.

Texas Eastern states that the delivery point to be abandoned was constructed in 1952 to deliver gas from Texas Eastern to Columbia. However, Texas Eastern relates that it currently has no firm obligations at the delivery point and the delivery point is not used. Texas Eastern says the facilities to be abandoned include approximately 165 feet of 12-inch interconnect piping and associated metering equipment on Texas Eastern's existing 30-inch Line Nos. 10 and 15, at approximate Mile Post 489.02 in Montgomery County, Kentucky.

Columbia has informed Texas Eastern that it desires to build a new interconnect to deliver gas from its system into Texas Eastern's system. Columbia says it will build the interconnect pursuant to Section 157.208(a) of the Commission regulations. Texas Eastern and Columbia have determined that the most efficient and least environmentally intrusive manner for Columbia to construct the new interconnect is to utilize the existing site on which the delivery point to be abandoned is located.

Texas Eastern also requests authorization to add the new interconnect as a point of receipt on Columbia's existing Rate Schedule CTS service agreement pursuant to which Texas Eastern would receive gas quantities from Columbia on an interruptible basis. Texas Eastern relates that the new Columbia interconnect will provide an additional point of interconnection between Texas Eastern's and Columbia's systems and will be available for use by shippers on both pipeline systems.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before October 14, 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 and 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. 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 in any proceeding herein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's rules.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-790-000]

Western Gas Interstate Company; Notice of Application

September 29, 1998.

Take notice that on September 18, 1998, Western Gas Interstate Company (Western Gas) 211 North Colorado, Midland, Texas 79701, filed in Docket No. CP98-790-000 an application pursuant to Sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, for permission and approval to abandon a portion of its 4-inch and 6-inch main line, to operate certain pipeline facilities previously constructed under Natural Gas Policy Act (NGPA) Section 311 authority, and to abandon service to a customer located on the segment of the pipeline to be abandoned, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Western Gas states that this application is prompted by a highway construction project that will require Western Gas to abandon approximately 7.5 miles of its 4- and 6-inch main line in Texas County, Oklahoma. Western Gas indicates that rather than constructing replacement facilities, Western Gas is requesting certificate authority to operate, as part of its main line, certain existing pipeline facilities previously constructed and used strictly for service under NGPA Section 311. Western Gas claims that these facilities consist of approximately 15.5 miles of 6-inch and 8-inch diameter pipeline and were built to provide service on behalf of the City of Guymon, Oklahoma. Western Gas asserts that to integrate the existing Section 311 facilities with its main line, it will need to install three new proposed taps.

Western Gas also requests authorization to abandon service at an existing tap located on the 4-inch line proposed to be abandoned. Western Gas states that it currently delivers very small volumes of gas (a total of approximately 425 Mcf per year) at this point to West Texas Gas, Inc., (WTG) an Oklahoma local distribution company regulated by the Oklahoma Corporation Commission. Western Gas claims that WTG in turn delivers and sells the gas to four rural customers. Western Gas asserts that to mitigate the impact of this abandonment of service, it has offered to furnish and install, at its expense, the facilities needed to convert WTG's four customers to propane. Western Gas also

states that, in the alternative, if requested by WTG, it has offered to install a side valve and tap for a new delivery point to WTG at the same point where it will be cutting the line to be abandoned. Western Gas further states that as part of this application, it requests the Commission to authorize this new delivery point, if the new point is requested by WTG.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before October 20, 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 the 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 jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulation 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, and 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 Western Gas to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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