

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission

[Docket No. CP99-23-000]

MIGC, Inc.; Notice of Request Under
Blanket Authorization

October 27, 1998.

Take notice that on October 19, 1998, MIGC, Inc. (MIGC), 12200 North Pecos Street, Denver, Colorado 80234, filed in Docket No. CP99-23-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.216) for authorization to abandon a dehydrator under MIGC's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-409-000,¹ 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.

MIGC states that the abandonment of this dehydrator will not adversely impact capacity on the MIGC system since a larger dehydration unit has been installed at the same location to accommodate increased deliveries into MIGC's system. MIGC will remove the dehydrator for use at a new location on the MIGC system.

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) 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 If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.

Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP99-21-000]

Northern Border Pipeline Company;
Notice of Application

October 27, 1998.

Take notice that on October 16, 1998, Northern Border Pipeline Company (Northern Border), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124-1000, filed in Docket No. CP99-21-000 an application pursuant to Sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations for authorization to abandon and remove compression facilities and for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate pipeline and compression facilities, all as more fully set forth in the amendment which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, Northern Border seeks to: (1) Abandon and remove the existing 20,000 horsepower (HP) gas turbines at Compressor Station Nos. 2 and 4; (2) install and operate 35,000 gas turbines at Compressor Station Nos. 2 and 4; (3) replace the compressor wheel and uprate the 6,500 HP electric drive compressor at Compressor Station No. 14 to a 15,000 HP electric drive compressor; (4) install and operate a 9,500 HP electric drive compressor at Compressor Station Site No. 16; (5) replace the compressor wheel and internals at Compressor Station No. 17; (6) install and operate a 5,000 HP electric drive compressor at Compressor Station Site No. 18; (7) construct and operate approximately 34.4 miles of 36-inch pipeline from Manhattan, Illinois to North Hayden, Indiana; (8) construct and operate a new meter station; and (9) other appurtenant facilities. Northern Border states that the estimated cost of the proposed facilities is \$189.6 million. The proposed in-service date of the facilities is November 1, 2000.

Northern Border proposes to maintain its cost of service ratemaking methodology and roll-in to Rate Schedule T-1 (Northern Border's Part 284 firm transportation rate schedule) the cost of the new facilities with its existing system costs. Northern Border maintains that the aggregation of the proposed costs with existing facility costs will result in an increase in the unit cost under Rate Schedule T-1 that is less than the 5 percent presumption in the Commission's *Pricing Policy for New and Existing Facilities Constructed by Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines* (68

FERC ¶ 61,140 (1994)). Northern Border also asserts that its proposal will offer system-wide benefits to existing and prospective shippers.

Northern Border also requests a one-time waiver of Subsection 4.83 of Rate Schedule T-1 in Northern Border's FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, which details the calculation of an average monthly rate base. Instead of calculating the average monthly rate base using the beginning and end-of-month balances as is currently in the tariff, Northern Border seeks to use a daily weighted average balance for the in-service month of the proposed facilities.

Northern Border states that it intends to sequentially retrofit the units at Compressor Station Nos. 2 and 4 in order to minimize the impact on existing firm shippers. To minimize this impact, Northern Border intends to retrofit one of the units during the winter of 1999-2000 and then place the compressor station back into service at its full rated horsepower during construction of the second unit. After retrofitting the second unit, Northern Border intends to place it in service. Northern Border states that it will record as a regulatory asset the cost of service effect of the new compression facilities offset by the abandonments for the period such facilities are operational prior to the in-service date of the project. Northern Border specifically requests approval to operate Compressor Station Nos. 2 and 4 up to full capability once they are placed into service in order to provide an opportunity to increase interruptible throughput above the level which would have occurred absent the proposed retrofitting. Any increase in interruptible revenue attributable to such operation would be separately identified and credited to the regulatory asset.

Northern Border held an open season during November and December of 1997 and received bids for firm service for all of the project's design capacity. As part of the open season, Northern Border canvassed its existing customers for turnback capacity. One shipper, Numac Energy Inc., will permanently release 9,910 Mcf per day of firm capacity between Ventura, Iowa and Harper, Iowa. According to Northern Border, binding precedent agreements have been executed with seven shippers for the transport of 556,300 Mcf per day from several receipt points on Northern Border's system for delivery to North Hayden, Indiana.¹

¹ There is one delivery of 8,000 Mcf per day that is proposed to be made at Ventura, Iowa.

¹ See, 20 FERC ¶ 62,418 (1982).

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before November 17, 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 385.211 and 385.214) 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.

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 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 permission and approval for the proposed abandonments and a grant of the certificate 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 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 Border to appear or to be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-24-000]

Northwest Pipeline Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

October 27, 1998.

Take notice that on October 19, 1998, Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Northwest), 295 Chipeta Way, Salt Lake City, Utah 84158, filed a request with the Commission in Docket No. CP98-24-000, pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.216(b) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to abandon in place, approximately 1.3 miles of the Issaquah Lateral authorized in blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-433-000, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Northwest proposes to abandon in place the portion of the Issaquah Lateral which was authorized to be abandoned by sale in Docket No. CP97-657-000. Northwest received approval to abandon by removal the first 407 feet of the Issaquah Lateral and appurtenant facilities, and to abandon only the remainder of the Issaquah Lateral (Docket No. CP98-656-000), amounting to approximately 1.3 miles of 6-inch pipeline, by sale to Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (Puget). Northwest reports that after extensive negotiations, Puget and Northwest have been unable to finalize an agreement for the sale of the lateral. Northwest further reports the lateral has

been taken out of service in conjunction with the authorized removal of the first 407 feet of the Issaquah Lateral.

Northwest continues that the remaining pipeline was packed with nitrogen and capped at each end in conjunction with the abandonment by removal of the first 407 feet of the lateral, and no further disturbance of ground or incurring costs would be required for the proposed abandonment in place.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after the Commission has issued this notice, 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 NGA (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the allowed time, 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 NGA.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP99-52-001]

Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation; Notice of Supplemental Compliance Filing

October 27, 1998.

Take notice that on October 22, 1998, Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (Texas Eastern) submitted for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Sixth Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheets to become effective November 2, 1998.

Sub Second Revised Sheet No. 491A

Sub First Revised Sheet No. 492

Texas Eastern asserts that the above tariff sheets are being filed to supplement Texas Eastern's October 2, 1998 filing in Docket No. RP99-52-000 (October 2 Filing) to comply with Order No. 587-H, Final Rule Adopting Standards for Intra-day Nominations and Order Establishing Implementation Date (Order No. 587-H) issued on July 15, 1998, in Docket No. RM96-1-008.

Texas Eastern states that in its October 2 filing changes were included