

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP99-69-000]

Northwest Pipeline Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

November 20, 1998.

Take notice that on November 12, 1998, Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Northwest), 295 Chipeta Way, Salt Lake City, Utah 84108, filed in Docket No. CP99-69-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.216) for authorization to abandon, by sale to The Washington Water Power Company (Washington Water) an approximate 2.782 mile section of its Klamath Falls Lateral, located in Klamath County, Oregon. Northwest makes such request under its blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-433-000, pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission.

Northwest states that the section of the lateral proposed for abandonment is an 8-inch line that extends from Northwest's existing Klamath Falls Meter Station at Lateral Milepost 14.84 to the terminus block valve interconnection with Washington Water's distribution system at Lateral Milepost 17.64. It is averred that Washington Water, as agent for Northwest, operates the subject portion of the lateral and desires to assume ownership of such line segment.

Northwest has agreed to sell that portion of the Klamath Falls Lateral and the accompanying rights-of-way to Washington Water for \$1,000.00, pursuant to a Facilities Sales Agreement dated August 1, 1998. It is stated that the facility is fully depreciated and that the sales price will cover Northwest's estimated cost of administering the sale and assigning the rights-of-way to Washington Water. It is indicated that Washington Water will operate the subject facilities as part of its distribution system, and that no abandonment of transportation service will occur as a result of the sale of the subject facilities.

Northwest indicates that the purchase of the portion of the Klamath Falls Lateral downstream of Northwest's meter station will enhance Washington Water's flexibility in providing local distribution service at various points along that section of lateral. It is further averred that, other than re-designating

the location of Northwest's Klamath Falls delivery point from the terminus of the lateral to the outlet of the meter station, no changes in transportation service agreement obligations will result from the proposed sale.

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.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP99-71-000]

ONG Transmission Company and ONEOK Gas Transportation, L.L.C.; Notice of Application

November 20, 1998.

Take notice that on November 12, 1998, ONG Transmission Company (ONG) and ONEOK Gas Transportation, L.L.C. (OGT), 100 West Fifth Street, P.O. Box 22089, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74121, filed in Docket No. CP99-71-000 a joint application pursuant to Sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act for permission and approval for ONG to abandon to certain services and receipt points and for OGT to acquire authorization to perform the abandoned services, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

ONG and OGT state that; (1) ONG would abandon and transfer to OGT, its limited jurisdiction certificate authorizing the transportation of gas for Coastal States Gas Transmission Company (Coastal) as authorized in 1987 and transferred to ONG in 1991, (2) OGT would acquire the subject authorization and perform the transportation services previously

performed by ONG, (3) OGT would abandon certain receipt points as no gas has been received through such points in years, and (4) OGT would abandon such service upon the expiration of the applicable contract September 30, 1999.

Any person desiring to be heard or any person desiring to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before December 11, 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 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 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 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 ONG and OGT to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. SA99-4-000]

Questa Energy Corporation; Notice of Petition for Adjustment

November 23, 1998.

Take notice that on November 4, 1998, Questa Energy Corporation (Questa), filed a petition for adjustment in Docket No. SA99-4-000, pursuant to Section 502(c) of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978, requesting to be relieved from having to pay Kansas ad valorem tax refunds on the Edwards #1 well to Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern). Questa is the successor-in-interest to Enertec Corporation (Enertec) and Oakwood Resources, Inc., (Oakwood) in the Edwards #1 well. Northern's May 18, 1998, Refund Report shows that the refund previously attributable to Enertec is \$151.28, and that the refund previously attributable to Oakwood is \$1,244.56. Questa's petition is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Questa states that it acquired the Enertec and Oakwood working interests, effective June 1, 1986, and that the Edwards #1 well is a marginal gas well that was under consideration to be plugged when Questa acquired it.

According to Questa, both Enertec and Oakwood are bankrupt and dissolved. Questa asserts that it did not profit from the alleged unlawful gas price and was not aware of the potential refund obligation when it acquired Enertec and Oakwood's working interests. Questa contends that it would suffer a special hardship if it is required to step into the shoes of Enertec and Oakwood and pay a refund obligation on their behalf, for a marginal gas well, when Questa has no way to recover those refunds from Enertec and Oakwood, the entities that actually benefited from the over-collections.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said petition should, on or before 15 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this notice, file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214, 385.211, 385.1105, and 385.1106). 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. SA99-2-000]

Suerte Oil Company; Notice of Petition for Staff Adjustment

November 20, 1998.

Take notice that on November 2, 1998, Suerte Oil Company (Suerte), P.O. Box 725, Howard, Kansas 67349 filed in Docket No. SA99-2-000 a petition for adjustment pursuant to Section 502(c) of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA), requesting to be relieved of its obligation to make Kansas ad valorem tax refunds, as required by the Commission's September 10, 1997 order in Docket No. RP97-369-000 *et al.*¹

¹ See 80 FERC ¶ 61,264 (1997); order denying rehearing issued January 28, 1998, 82 FERC ¶ 61,058 (1998).

Suerte's petition is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

The Commission's September 10, 1997 order on remand from the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals² directed first sellers under the NGPA to make Kansas ad valorem tax refunds, with interest, for the period from 1983 to 1988.

Suerte indicates that Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG) paid Suerte a total of \$683.54 in Kansas ad valorem tax reimbursements on the Hines lease. Of this amount, Suerte's portion was \$598.10. The remaining \$85.44 was the royalty owners' portion. Suerte refunded the \$598.10 to CIG, but not \$1,438.80 now due in interest. Suerte states that 22 royalty owners are involved in this lease and it would be impossible to collect the money from all of them since some are deceased and others didn't pay their taxes before the law went into effect and Suerte had to deduct it from their royalty payments.

Suerte states that this well has been shut-in since January, 1996 and will be plugged later at an approximate cost of \$5,000-\$10,000, making it impossible to pay-off the interest payment through well revenues.

Suerte requests the Commission to waive the payment of the \$1,438.80 in interest and the royalty owners' portion (\$85.44) on the basis that the payment of such refunds would prove to be an economic hardship for Suerte.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said petition should on or before 15 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this notice, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., 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, 385.211, 385.1105, and 385.1106). 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 must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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² *Public Service Company of Colorado v. FERC*, 91 F.3d 1478 (D.C. 1996) cert. denied, Nos. 96-954 and 96-1230 (65 U.S.L.W. 3751 and 3754, May 12, 1997) (Public Service).