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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Energy Policy Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 8262g) directed Federal supply agencies, along with DOE and the Department of Defense, to include energy-efficient products in their procurement and supply functions. On March 8, 1994, Executive Order 12902, Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation at Federal Facilities (59 FR 11463, 3 CFR 1994 Comp. p 869), defined energy-efficient products as those that are in the upper 25 percent of energy efficiency for all similar products or that are at least 10 percent more efficient than national standards. Executive Order 12902 directed federal agencies to purchase these higher-efficiency products whenever they are cost-effective and meet agencies' functional requirements. The Federal Acquisition Regulations (48 CFR 23.704) mirrors the Executive Order, requiring agencies to implement cost-effective contracting preference programs favoring the acquisition of environmentally preferable and energy efficient products and services, with products that are in the upper 25 percent of energy-efficiency for all similar products, or products that are at least 10 percent more efficient than the minimum level that meets Federal standards.

Recommendations currently exist for the following products: room air conditioners, refrigerators, clothes washers, dishwashers, residential central air conditioners, residential air-source heat pumps, residential furnaces, residential electric and gas water heaters, faucets, showerheads, toilets, urinals, exit signs, fluorescent tube lamps, fluorescent ballasts, computer monitors, personal computers, computer printers, copiers, fax machines, commercial ice cube machines, and large electric chillers. Recommendations continue to be developed at the rate of about ten per year and will include other commercial building equipment and construction materials.

Each of the two-page Recommendations describes where to find energy-efficient models through Federal supply sources (General Services Administration and Defense Logistics Agency), includes guidance on cost-effectiveness, and offers other

energy-saving tips for selecting and using these products. In all cases the recommended efficiency levels have been set to be consistent with those of the Environmental Protection Agency/DOE Energy Star® labeling program. Purchasing products that carry an Energy Star® label will ensure that Federal purchasers are meeting the requirements of Executive Order 12902.

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Dan W. Reicher,

Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. SA99-5-000]

Argent Energy, Inc.; Notice of Petition for Adjustment

January 15, 1999.

Take notice that on November 5, 1998, Argent Energy, Inc. (Argent) filed a petition for staff adjustment in Docket No. SA99-5-000, pursuant to Section 502(c) of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978, in which Argent requests to be relieved from having to pay Kansas ad valorem tax refunds to Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern). Argent seeks to be relieved from having to pay the refunds attributable to leases/wells previously owned by Kiwanda Energy, Inc. (Kiwanda) and Energy Exploration and Production, Inc. (EE&P). Argent purchased the Kiwanda and EE&P leases/wells from Kiwanda in 1993. Northern, in its May 18, 1998 Refund Report, in Docket No. RP98-39-005, reported that Argent owes \$258,490.23 with respect to the Kiwanda leases/wells, and \$596,657.37 with respect to the EE&P leases/wells. Argent contends that it does not owe either refund, because: 1) Argent only bought the leases/wells that generated Northern's refund claims; 2) Argent is not affiliated with Kiwanda or EE&P; and 3) Argent did not hold an interest in any of the subject leases/wells prior to the 1993 purchase from Kiwanda. Argent's petition is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

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 of this notice in the **Federal Register**, file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,

888 First Street, N.W., 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.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. MT99-4-000]

Gulf States Transmission Corporation; Notice of Filing

January 15, 1999.

Take notice that on January 12, 1999, Gulf States Transmission Corporation (Gulf States), tendered for filing, FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, Fourth Revised Sheet No. 35 and Second Revised Sheet No. 57. Gulf States requests that the referenced sheets be made effective February 12, 1999.

Gulf States state that it is making this filing in order to comply with Section 250(b)(1) of the Commission's Regulations and the Commission's Order on Standards of Conduct (Order) issued on December 22, 1998 in Docket No. MG98-12-001. Specifically, Gulf States asserts that the referenced tariff sheets have been changed to affirmatively state that Gulf States shares no operating personnel or facilities with any of its marketing or brokering affiliates.

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, N.E., Washington, D.C. 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 protestants 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.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL99-10-000]

City of Las Cruces, New Mexico v. El Paso Electric Company; Notice of Filing

January 14, 1999.

Take notice that on December 21, 1998, the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico (City), filed a supplement to its Complaint filed on November 12, 1998, in the above-docketed proceeding seeking a Commission order directing El Paso Electric Company (EPE) to provide wholesale power to the City.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such 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 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before January 22, 1999. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-142-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

January 15, 1999.

Take notice that on January 7, 1999, Northern Natural Gas Company

(Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124-1000, filed in Docket No. CP99-142-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205, 157.212 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212 and 157.216) for authorization to operate an existing delivery point upgraded pursuant to the emergency provisions of Part 284 Subpart I of the Commission's Regulations; and for authorization to upgrade eight existing delivery points, including the delivery point upgraded pursuant to the emergency provisions, to accommodate incremental natural gas deliveries to UtiliCorp United, Inc. (UCU) under Northern's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-401-000 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.

Northern states that the upgrade of the Farmington 1B TBS, installed pursuant to emergency regulations, was required due to extreme winter weather conditions and fear of facility failure in order to assure the protection of approximately 2,180 residential customers served by this station.

Northern states that it also requests authorization to further upgrade the Farmington 1B TBS and seven other existing delivery points and appurtenant facilities, all located in Iowa, Nebraska and Minnesota, to accommodate incremental natural gas deliveries to UCU under currently effective throughput service agreement(s). All construction activities will be confined to within the existing TBS yards. Northern states that UCU has requested the proposed upgrades in order to provide incremental natural gas service to the existing delivery points.

The estimated incremental volumes proposed to be delivered to UCU at the upgraded delivery points are: 1,185 Dth on peak day and 142,687 Dth annually at Arnolds Park #1 TBS; 182 Dth on peak day and 20,621 Dth annually at North Bend #1A TBS; 242 Dth on peak day and 26,531 Dth annually at Eagle #1 TBS; 1,632 Dth on peak day and 177,814 Dth annually at Elkhorn #1A TBS; 285 Dth on peak day and 30,601 Dth annually at Valley #1A TBS; 85 Dth on peak day and 8,379 Dth annually at Mead #1 TBS; 184 Dth on peak day and 19,892 Dth annually at Waverly #1 TBS and 408 Dth on peak day and 59,554 Dth annually at Farmington #1B TBS.

The total cost to upgrade facilities at the Farmington #1B TBS under the emergency regulations was approximately \$1,150 which will be paid for by UCU in accordance with

Section 284.264(a)(6)(ii) of the Commission's Regulations. Northern states that the total estimated cost to further upgrade the Farmington #1B TBS and seven other existing delivery points is \$922,000 which will be financed in accordance with the General Terms and Conditions of Northern's FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1.

Northern states that the proposed activity is not prohibited by its existing tariff and that it has sufficient capacity to accommodate the proposed changes without detriment or disadvantage to Northern's other customers. The total volumes to be delivered to the customer after the request do not exceed the total volumes authorized prior to the request.

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

[Docket No. CP99-144-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

January 15, 1999.

Take notice that on January 11, 1999, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124-1000, filed in Docket No. CP99-144-000 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 and remove the Hugo #1 Town Border Station, including appurtenant facilities and approximately 250 feet of 2-inch upstream pipeline, located in