

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP00-3-000]

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

October 13, 1999.

Take notice that on October 6, 1999, Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company (Panhandle), Post Office Box 4967, Houston, Texas 77210-4967, filed in Docket No. CP00-3-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.208 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.208) for authorization to increase the maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) of Panhandle's Tipton and Kokomo Meter Stations (Meter Stations) and a portion of the Tipton Laterals, all located in Tipton County, Indiana. Panhandle makes such request under authorization issued in Docket No. CP83-83-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Communications concerning this filing should be addressed to: William W. Grygar, Vice President of Rates and Regulatory Affairs, Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company, Post Office Box 4967, Houston, Texas 77210-4967, 713-989-70000.

In its application, Panhandle requests authorization, through a gas uprate procedure, to increase the MAOP of its Tipton and Kokomo Meter Stations and the last 1.3 miles of the Tipton laterals from 265 psig MAOP up to 394 psig, to make gas available at a pressure required by the Kokomo Gas and Fuel Company (Kokomo). It is stated that the facilities to be installed will consist of two insulating flanges and two 6-inch ball valves (a single-run worker-monitor regulating station). Panhandle indicates that the uprate procedure and resulting increase in the MAOP will not require any pipe replacement, hydrostatic testing, or construction of additional facilities, and states that all the minor auxiliary work will be confined within the fenced area of the Meter Station. The estimated project cost is \$56,600, of which 50% will be reimbursed by Kokomo.

Panhandle states that the Meter Stations are both located at the end of the Tipton Laterals (Laterals), which extend northwesterly from Panhandle's

Zionville mainlines in Hamilton County, Indiana approximately 11 miles to the outlet of the Meter Stations in Tipton County, Indiana.

Panhandle avers that the Laterals were constructed in the early to mid-50's and 60's, and are currently used to deliver gas to Kokomo and Indiana Gas Company (Indiana Gas) in Tipton County. Panhandle states that it's regulators, located between the Zionville mainlines and meter stations, are set to protect the 265 psig MAOP of Panhandle's facilities downstream of the regulators. Kokomo currently relies on the setting of Panhandle's regulators to control the pressure it receives from Panhandle. The pressure loss between Panhandle's regulators and Kokomo's facilities is more than Kokomo can accommodate to meet their increasing customer requirements. As a result, Kokomo has requested Panhandle to increase the MAOP of the Tipton and Kokomo Meter Stations and Tipton Laterals downstream of the existing regulators in order to make gas available to Kokomo at a pressure as close as possible to Kokomo's MAOP of 265 psig. Panhandle has determined that it can uprate these facilities to a MAOP of up to 394 psig in accordance with the Department of Transportation requirements in Part 192 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Panhandle states that Indiana Gas has notified Panhandle that its system operation can accept Panhandle's modification of the Kokomo-Tipton facilities, and that Indiana Gas has agreed that Panhandle can increase the pressure with no impact on Indiana Gas.

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. RP99-394-002]

Pine Needle LNG Company, LLC; Notice of filing

October 13, 1999.

Take notice that on October 4, 1999 Pine Needle LNG Company, LLC (Pine Needle) tendered for filing in the referenced docket a revised tariff sheet to its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1. The effective date for the tariff sheet is August 1, 1999.

Pine Needle states that the Commission's July 23 order granted Pine Needle an extension of time until June 1, 2000 to revise several specified GISB standards to Version 1.3 while Pine Needle was developing its new computer system. On August 6 Pine Needle filed to incorporate the Version 1.3 standards not covered by the extension of time. On September 20 the Commission issued an order approving Pine Needle's August 6 compliance filing and directed Pine Needle to incorporate standards 1.4.2, 1.4.5 and 2.4.5 as Version 1.3 which were omitted in the August 6 compliance filing.

Pine Needle states that it is serving copies of the instant filing to its affected customers and interested State Commissions.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in 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. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims/htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

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

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