

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee; Notice of Open Meeting**

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is given of a meeting of the Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee.

DATES AND TIMES: Tuesday, December 16, 1997, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday, December 17, 1997, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ADDRESS: American Geophysical Union 2000 Florida Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20009

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Purpose of the Meeting**

To provide advice on a continuing basis to the Director of Energy Research of the Department of Energy on the many complex scientific and technical issues that arise in the development and implementation of the biological and environmental research program.

Tentative Agenda

*Tuesday, December 16, 1997, and
Wednesday, December 17, 1997*

- Welcome Remarks.
- Opening of Meeting.
- Remarks from Director, Office of Energy Research.
- Update on Office of Biological and Environmental Research Activities.
- Review of Subcommittee Activities.
- New Business.
- Public Comment (10-minute rule).

Public Participation

The day and a half meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact David Thomassen or Shirley Derflinger at the address or telephone numbers listed above. Requests to make oral statements must be received five days prior to the

meeting; reasonable provision will be made to include the statement in the agenda. The Chair of the Committee is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Minutes

Available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, IE-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on November 21, 1997

Althea T. Vanzego,

Acting Deputy Committee Advisory Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP98-88-000]

Koch Gateway Pipeline Company; Notice of Application

November 21, 1997.

Take notice that on November 13, 1997, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch Gateway), 600 Travis Street, Houston, Texas 77251-1478 filed, in docket No. CP98-88-000, an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations for an order permitting and approving the operation of the transmission lines on its Eugene Island System in Offshore, Louisiana at the maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) of 1200 psig. Koch Gateway asserts that this increase in MAOP will provide it with a more cost efficient method of utilizing its system by uprating existing facilities, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Koch Gateway believes that increasing the MAOP from 1065 psig to 1200 psig will benefit the transportation of gas supplies currently connected to the system and also new supplies being developed near the system. Koch Gateway says these benefits include: (1) regain the higher throughput of volumes on this system; (2) greater capacity for shippers and producers; (3) maximized overall utilization and flexibility on Koch Gateway's system; and (4) an ability to capitalize on the growth potential served by the Eugene Island System.

Any person desiring to participate in the hearing process or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before December 12, 1997, 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 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. 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 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 a grant of the certificate is 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 Koch Gateway 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. RP96-200-027]

NorAm Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

November 21, 1997.

Take notice that on November 18, 1997, NorAm Gas Transmission Company (NGT) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1, the following

revised tariff sheet to be effective November 1, 1997:

Third Revised Sheet No. 7E.03

NGT states that the purpose of this filing is to correctly revise the contract demand level for a particular shipper, which revision should have been reflected in the October 31, 1997 filing in the above referenced docket, but was inadvertently omitted. The tariff sheet included in the instant filing sets forth the revised contract demand level. No revisions were made to the formula used in calculating the rate for the particular shipper.

Any person desiring to protest said 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 of Practice and Procedure. 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 protestant parties to the proceeding. Copies of this filing 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. CP98-93-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

November 21, 1997.

Take notice that on November 17, 1997, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), P.O. Box 3330, Omaha, Nebraska 68103-0330, filed in Docket No. CP98-93-000 a request pursuant to §§ 157.205, 157.212, and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.211, 157.216) for authorization to upgrade an existing delivery point, located in Wabasha County, Minnesota, to accommodate natural gas deliveries to Northern States Power Company-Minnesota (NSP), under Northern's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-401-000, pursuant to Section 7(c) 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 proposes to upgrade an existing delivery point consisting of the replacement of the meter modules, located in Wabasha County, Minnesota, to accommodate natural gas deliveries to NSP under currently effective throughput service agreements. Northern asserts that NSP has requested the upgrade of the delivery point to provide increased natural gas service to the Lake City #1 town border station.

Northern declares the estimated peak day and annual volumes would be increased from 3,443 MMBtu to 3,620 MMBtu and from 513,972 MMBtu to 524,250 MMBtu, respectively. Northern states that the estimated cost to upgrade the delivery point is \$25,000.

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 § 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. ER98-124-000]

Philadelphia Gas Works; Notice of Issuance of Order

November 21, 1997.

Philadelphia Gas Works (PGW) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which PGW will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. PGW also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, PGW requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by PGW.

On November 19, 1997, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Rate Applications, Office of Electric Power Regulation, granted

requests for blanket approval under part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by PGW 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).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, PGW is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of PGW's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is December 19, 1997. Copies of the full text of the order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20426.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PR98-1-000]

The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company; Notice of Petition for Rate Approval

November 21, 1997.

Take notice on November 12, 1997, The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company (Peoples Gas) filed a petition for rate approval, pursuant to Section 284.123(b)(2) of the Commission's regulations, requesting that the Commission approve as fair and equitable rates for firm and interruptible transportation services. Concurrent with this petition for rate approval, Peoples Gas states that it has filed in Docket No. CP98-84-000 an application for a