

The subject sheets will be reviewed as pro forma tariff sheets. A further order will be issued prior to the filing by Granite State of tariff sheets not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days prior to the proposed effective date.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said filing should on or before July 31, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., 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. 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. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-517-001]

NorAm Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Amended Application

July 10, 1998.

Take notice that on July 1, 1998, NorAm Gas Transmission Company (NGT), a subsidiary of NorAm Energy Corporation, whose main office is located at 111 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas 77210-4455, filed in the referenced docket an amended application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), as amended and Part 157 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Regulations thereunder (18 CFR 157.7 and 157.18), requesting issuance of a Commission order authorizing NGT to effect the sale and transfer to NorAm Field Services Corporation (NFS) of Line 0-577 and equipment appurtenant thereto, located in Haskell County, Oklahoma and all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

NGT seeks a determination that once conveyed, these facilities will be gathering facilities exempt from the Commission's jurisdiction.

Specifically, NGT proposes to abandon and transfer to NFS Line 0-577, a gas supply line that was inadvertently omitted from the original application filed May 12, 1997. Line 0-577 is 10.39 miles of 6-inch diameter pipe that operates at a pressure of 150 psig and carries undehydrated gas. NGT proposes to sell these facilities to NFS for the net book value of the assets at the time of closing, which at this time is estimated to be \$339,450.15.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before July 27, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, 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 385.211 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 proceedings. 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 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 or if the Commission on its own review of the matter, finds that a grant of the certificate for the proposal is required by the public convenience and necessity. If the Commission 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 NGT to appear or be represented at the hearing.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-655-000]

Northwest Pipeline Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

July 10, 1998.

Take notice that on July 6, 1998, Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Northwest), P.O. Box 58900, Salt Lake City, Utah 84158-0900, filed in Docket No. CP98-655-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.211) for authorization to construct and operate a new meter station, located in Kittitas County, Washington to accommodate a request for service by Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (Puget), under Northwest's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-433-000, 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.

Northwest proposes to construct and operate a new meter station to be named the Kittitas Meter Station, located in Kittitas County, Washington, to accommodate a request by Puget for a new delivery point to serve a new market in the Kittitas, Washington area under authorized transportation agreements.

Northwest states that Northwest and Puget have entered into a Facilities Agreement dated May 19, 1998, where Northwest has agreed to construct and own a new 6-inch tap and appurtenant facilities on its 8-inch Wenatchee Lateral and to design and install electronic flow measurement (EFM) equipment at the proposed meter station. Northwest declares that Puget has agreed to construct and own the remainder of the proposed meter station facilities, which will consist of a 12-inch turbine meter, filter, valves, EFM equipment, and appurtenances, to be constructed on a site acquired by Puget. Northwest states that together the tap and meter facilities will comprise the new Kittitas Meter Station that will be operated by Northwest as part of its open-access transportation system.

Northwest asserts that the delivery capacity of the new Kittitas Meter Station will depend upon the pressure that exists on the Wenatchee Lateral at the time of delivery. Northwest declares that the meter station's projected initial deliveries are estimated to be in the range of 375 Dth per day and the MAOP will be 850 psig.

Northwest states that the estimated cost of installing the new meter station will be approximately \$257,050, comprised of approximately \$20,000 for the tap facilities and the remainder for the meter facilities, with expenses totally reimbursed by Puget.

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,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-765-000]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Wisconsin Loop Expansion Project

July 10, 1998.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) in the above-referenced docket.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the proposed Wisconsin Loop Expansion Project facilities including:

- About 11.7 miles of 30-inch-diameter pipeline loop on ANR's

existing Wisconsin mainline in Waukesha County, Wisconsin;

- The relocation of an existing pig receiver from ANR's existing Milwaukee Tap and Meter Station No. 10 to a parcel of land adjacent to ANR's existing mainline Station No. 12 in Waukesha County, Wisconsin;

- A valve station at milepost 7.7 along the proposed 30-inch-diameter pipeline loop; and

- A new meter station (Somers Meter Station) at milepost 12.19 along ANR's existing Racine lateral in Kenosha County, Wisconsin.

ANR would transport an additional 116 million cubic feet of natural gas per day to shippers in the Chicago hub markets.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, state and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. To ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that we receive your comments before the date specified below. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send two copies of your comments to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;

- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch, PR-11.1.

- Reference Docket No. CP97-765-000; and

- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before August 7, 1998.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentor a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good

cause, as required by Section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 11512-000 Oregon]

John H. Bigelow; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

July 10, 1998.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 F.R. 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application for a new license for the existing McKenzie Project, and has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the project. The project is located on the McKenzie River, in Lane County, Oregon. The DEA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and has concluded that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the DEA are available for review in the Public Reference Room, Room 2A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Any comments should be filed within 45 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to David P. Boergers, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. For further information, contact Gaylord W. Hoisington, Project Coordinator, at (202) 219-2756.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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