

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section below.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Algonquin. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- Seven waterbodies and thirteen wetlands would be crossed by the project.
- Approximately 4.0 acres of upland forest would be cleared.
- The new meter station would be constructed within the watershed for Stafford Pond, a Special Resource Protection Water for Rhode Island.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentor, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative locations), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send two copies of your letter to: David P. Boergers, 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-11.2.

- Reference Docket No. CP99-46-000; and

- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before February 18, 1999.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor". Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 3). Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

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 environmental comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Mr. Paul McKee of the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-1088 or on the FERC website (www.ferc.fed.us) using the "RIMS" link to information in this docket number. For assistance with access to RIMS, the RIMS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222. Access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission with regard to this docket, such as orders and notices, is also available on the FERC website using the "CIPS" link. For assistance with access to CIPS, the CIPS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2474.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-151-000]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Application

January 19, 1999.

Take notice that on January 12, 1999, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR), 500 Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan 48243, filed in Docket No. CP99-151-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act for authorization associated with a pipeline replacement project in Porter County, Indiana, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

ANR proposes to use temporary work space and limited additional right-of-way to perform the replacement of 1.63 mile segments of both its 22-inch main line and 30-inch loop line with heavier wall pipe to continue to meet the DOT safety requirements in the affected area of Porter County, Indiana. ANR states that the replacement will not alter the associated pipeline's capacity, and that there will be no interruptions of service as a result of the replacement project because ANR will be able to flow volumes through parallel facilities. It is also stated that the cost of the project including the replacement performed under Section 2.55(b) of the regulations is about \$4,494,000.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before February 9, 1999, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 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 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.

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 ANR to appear or be represented at the hearing.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-149-000]

Koch Gateway Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

January 19, 1999.

Take notice that on January 12, 1999, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch Gateway), Post Office Box 1478, Houston, Texas 77251-1478, filed a request with the Commission in Docket No. CP99-149-000, pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.216(b) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to abandon certain inactive delivery facilities authorized in blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-430-000, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Koch Gateway proposes to abandon by removal a 2-inch tap, meter station and approximately 21 feet of 2-inch pipeline formerly serving Georgia Pacific Corporation (Georgia Pacific) an end user, in Marion County, Mississippi. Koch Gateway states that these facilities were originally installed to provide natural gas service to Georgia Pacific's chipping mill and dry kiln near Columbia, Mississippi. Koch Gateway further states that Georgia Pacific has converted to propane service as its alternate source of energy and has requested Koch Gateway to permanently disconnect the natural gas service at this location.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after the Commission has issued this notice, 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 NGA (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the allowed time, 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 NGA.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. GP99-150-000]

NorAm Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

January 19, 1999.

Take notice that on January 12, 1999, NorAm Gas Transmission Company (NGT), 1111 Louisiana, Houston, Texas 77002-5231, filed in Docket No. CP99-150-000 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 abandon, construct, and operate certain facilities in Arkansas under NGT's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-384-000 and CP82-384-001 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

NGT specifically requests authority to (1) abandon a 6-inch tap and relocate the existing skid mounted meter station located on Line LM-2 to a new location on Line BT-1; and (2) construct and operate a 2-inch tap on Line BT-1 and 380 feet of 4-inch diameter pipe (line BT-20) to continue to provide reliable service to Reynolds Metals Company (Reynolds). The estimated volumes to be delivered to this tap are approximately 442,000 Dth annually and 1,450 Dth on a peak day. The facilities will be constructed at an estimated cost of

\$6,700 and Reynolds will reimburse NGT all of the construction costs.

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. CP92-202-000]

PNM Gas Services, a Division of Public Service Company of New Mexico; Notice Reflecting Change in Name

January 19, 1999.

On January 28, 1997, PNM Gas Services, a Division of Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM Gas Services) (formerly known as Gas Company of New Mexico) filed an application with the Commission to redesignate the name on the certificates of public convenience and necessity issued in the above-captioned proceeding from Gas Company of New Mexico, a Division of Public Service Company of New Mexico (GCNM) to PNM Gas Services, a Division of Public Service Company of New Mexico. That redesignation will allow the certificates to accurately identify the entity holding them. No substantive changes in ownership, corporate structure or domicile, or jurisdictional operations are involved.

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, NE, Washington, DC 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 February 9,