

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission**

[Docket No. CP99-259-000]

**Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice
of Request Under Blanket
Authorization**

March 19, 1999.

Take notice that on March 16, 1999, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124-1000, filed in Docket No. CP99-259-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205, and 157.216, of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.216) for authorization to abandon facilities in Pine County, Minnesota 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. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Northern proposes to abandon the Hinckley Evergreen #1A town Border Station (TBS), including appurtenant facilities. The Local Distribution Company served by these facilities has provided written consent for the abandonment. Northern states that natural gas service downstream of the TBS will be provided through an alternate TBS.

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 If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of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.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory
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[Docket No. CP99-249-000]

**Reliant Energy Gas Transmission
Company; Notice of Request Under
Blanket Authorization**

March 19, 1999.

Take notice that on March 11, 1999, Reliant Energy Gas Transmission (REGT) formerly NorAm Gas Transmission Company (NGT), 1100 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas 77002, filed in Docket No. CP99-249-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.216 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 157.216, 157.212) under its blanket certificate issued in Docket Nos. CP82-384-000 and CP82-384-001 to abandon and operate certain facilities in Louisiana, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

REGT specifically proposes to abandon a 1-inch meter station on Line F-east in Lincoln Parish, Louisiana and to operate a 2-inch meter station under Subpart G of the Regulations. It is stated that these facilities were constructed on Line F-east to upgrade the 1-inch meter station, solely to provide service under section 311 of the NGPA and Subpart B of the Regulations on behalf of Reliant Energy Arkla, a division of Reliant Energy, Inc. (Arkla). The volumes to be delivered to this meter are about 56,000 Dth annually and 240 Dth on a peak day. It is also stated that the meter station was upgraded on March 4, 1999, at a cost of \$17,870 and Arkla will reimburse REGT. The cost to abandon the 1-inch station is \$7,969, it is asserted.

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 Rule (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 date 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
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[Docket No. CP99-256-000]

**Southern Natural Gas Company;
Notice of Request Under Blanket
Authorization**

March 19, 1999.

Take notice that on March 16, 1999, Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern), PO Box 2563, Birmingham, Alabama 35202-2563, filed in Docket No. CP99-256-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.211) for authorization to construct and operate a new delivery point for service to the City of Calhoun, Georgia (Calhoun) under Southern's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-406-000 all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Southern proposes to construct and operate certain measurement and other appurtenant facilities in order to provide transpiration service to Calhoun at a new delivery point for service on Southern's 12-inch Chattanooga Branch Line in Gordon County, Georgia. The estimated cost of the construction and installation of the facilities is approximately \$278,200, for which Calhoun would reimburse Southern. Southern contends that it would transport gas on behalf of Calhoun under its Rate Schedule IT.

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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6315-5]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Cooperative Agreements and Superfund State Contracts for Superfund Response Actions

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit the following proposed and/or continuing Information Collection Request (ICR's) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 24, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Office of Grants and Debarment, 401 M. Street SW., Washington, DC 20460, Mailstop 3903R.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Remit comments to: William G. Hedling, (202) 564-5377/Fax: (202) 565-2468 hedling.william@epa.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those which apply for EPA assistance.

Title: General Administrative Requirements for Assistance Programs. EPA ICR #0938.06, OMB Control #2030-0020, Expiration 6/30/99.

Abstract: The information is collected from applicants/recipients of EPA assistance and is used to make awards, pay recipients and collect information on how Federal funds are being spent. EPA needs the information to meet its Federal stewardship. This information Collection Request (ICR) renewal request authorizes the collection of information under EPA's General Regulations for Assistance programs that establishes minimum management requirements for all recipients of EPA

grants or cooperative agreements (assistance agreements). 40 CFR part 30 "Grants with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations" includes the management requirements for these potential grantees. 40 CFR part 31 "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments" includes the management requirements for these potential grantees. These regulations include only those provisions mandated by statute, required by OMB Circulars or added by EPA to ensure sound and effective financial assistance management. This SF-83 combines all of these requirements under OMB Control Number 2030-0020. The information required by these regulations will be used by the EPA award official to make assistance awards, to make assistance payments, and to verify that the recipient is using Federal funds appropriately to comply with OMB Circulars. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement: The annual record keeping burden for this collection is estimated to average 31 hours per application. The estimated annual number of respondents is approximated 4,360. The estimated total burden hours on respondents: 135,160. The frequency of collection: as required.

Send comments regarding these matters, or any other aspect of information collection, including

suggestions for reducing the burden, to the address listed above.

Dated: March 21, 1999.

Gary M. Katz,

Director, Grants Administration Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6315-1]

Extension of Attainment Dates for Downwind Transport Areas

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; proposed interpretation; request for comments.

SUMMARY: Today's document announces EPA's interpretation of the Clean Air Act (Act) regarding the possibility of extending attainment dates for ozone nonattainment areas that have been classified as moderate or serious for the 1-hour standard and which are downwind of areas that have interfered with their ability to demonstrate attainment by dates prescribed in the Act. The guidance memorandum that is being printed in today's notice is entitled "Extension of Attainment Dates for Downwind Transport Areas" and was signed by Richard D. Wilson, Acting Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation, on July 16, 1998. This notice follows up on the statement made in the guidance memorandum that EPA would request comments on its interpretation.

A number of areas may find themselves facing the prospect of being reclassified or "bumped up" to a higher classification in spite of the fact that pollution beyond their control contributes to the levels of ozone they experience. The notice addresses the problem by providing an avenue to extend the attainment dates for areas affected by transported pollution. The EPA intends to finalize the interpretation in this guidance only when it applies in the appropriate context of individual rulemakings addressing specific attainment demonstrations and requests for attainment date extensions. If EPA approves an area's attainment demonstration and attainment date extension request, the area would no longer be subject to bump up for failure to attain by its original attainment date.

DATES: The EPA is establishing an informal 30-day comment period for today's notice, ending on April 26, 1999.