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Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on March 17, 2008.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP08-81-000]

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

March 4, 2008.

Take notice that on February 27, 2008, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural), 747 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois, filed in Docket No. CP08-81-000 a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205, 157.208 and 157.213 of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Natural's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-402-000 for authorization convert 800 MMcf of cushion gas to working gas at Natural's North Lansing storage field in Harrison County, Texas, all as more fully set forth in the application, which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to Russell Frame, Engineer, Gas Storage, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, 747 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois 60148, or telephone (630) 691-3827.

Any person or the Commission's Staff may, within 60 days after the 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 Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (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 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 If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of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.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests, and interventions via the Internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

Records Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

March 4, 2008.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(b), of the receipt of prohibited and exempt off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive a prohibited or exempt off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested proceeding, to deliver to the Secretary of the Commission, a copy of the communication, if written, or a

summary of the substance of any oral communication.

Prohibited communications are included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not a part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become a part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such a request only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication shall serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications are included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of off-the-record communications recently received by the Secretary of the Commission. The communications listed are grouped by docket numbers in ascending order. These filings are available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the eLibrary link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits, in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC, Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Exempt

Docket number	Date received	Presenter or requester
1. ER08-538-000	2-8-08	Hon. Olympia J. Snowe. Hon. Susan M. Collins.
2. Project No. 2677-019	2-12-08	Brian Tungate.
3. Project No. 2677-019	2-20-08	Arie DeWaal.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM01-8-009]

Revised Public Utility Filing Requirements for Electric Quarterly Reports

Issued March 3, 2008.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice Seeking Comments on
Proposed Revisions to Electric Quarterly
Report (EQR) Data Dictionary.

SUMMARY: In this notice, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) proposes to revise the EQR Data Dictionary to clarify the requirement to report all ancillary service transactions, and invites comments on this proposal. This proposal is being made to reflect the Commission's decision in Order No. 697 that information about third party sales of ancillary services at market-based rates should be reported in EQR filings, rather than being reported on a separate OASIS-like Internet site. If adopted, this proposal will make reporting this information less burdensome and more accessible.

DATES: Comments on the proposal are due April 10, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on the proposal, identified by Docket No. RM01-8-009, by one of the following methods:

- *Agency Web Site:* <http://www.ferc.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments via the eFiling link found in the Comment Procedures Section of the preamble.

- *Mail:* Commenters unable to file comments electronically must mail or hand deliver an original and 14 copies of their comments to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please refer to the Comment Procedures Section of the preamble for additional information on how to file paper comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michelle Veloso (Technical Information), Office of Enforcement, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8363.

Gary D. Cohen (Legal Information), Office of the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8321.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Before Commissioners: Joseph T. Kelliher, Chairman; Sudeen G. Kelly, Marc Spitzer, Philip D. Moeller, and Jon Wellinghoff.

1. The Commission is proposing to revise the Electric Quarterly Report (EQR) Data Dictionary to clarify the requirement to report all ancillary service transactions and invites comment on this proposal.

2. This proposal is being made to reflect the Commission's decision in Order No. 697 that information about third party sales of ancillary services at market-based rates should be reported in EQR filings, rather than being reported on a separate OASIS-like Internet site. If adopted, this proposal will make reporting this information less burdensome and more accessible.

Background

3. On April 25, 2002, the Commission issued Order No. 2001, a Final Rule establishing revised public utility filing requirements.¹ This rule revised the Commission's filing requirements to require companies subject to the Commission's regulations under section 205 of the Federal Power Act² to file quarterly reports that: (1) Provide data identifying the utility on whose behalf the report is being filed (ID Data); (2) summarize pertinent data about the utility's currently effective contracts (Contract Data); and (3) summarize data about wholesale power sales the utility made during the reporting period (Transaction Data). The requirement to file EQRs replaced the requirement to file quarterly transaction reports summarizing a utility's market-based rate transactions and sales agreements that conformed to the utility's tariff.

4. In Order No. 2001, the Commission also adopted a new section in its regulations, 18 CFR 35.10b, which requires that the EQRs are to be

prepared in conformance with the Commission's software and guidance posted and available from the Commission Web site. This obviates the need to revise 18 CFR 35.10b to implement revisions to the software and guidance. Since the issuance of Order No. 2001, as need has arisen, the Commission has issued orders to resolve questions raised by EQR users and has directed Staff to issue additional guidance.

5. On September 24, 2007, the Commission issued Order No. 2001-G, adopting an EQR Data Dictionary that collected in one document the definitions of certain terms and values used in filing EQR data (previously provided in Commission orders and in guidance materials posted at the Commission's Web site) and providing formal definitions for fields that were previously undefined. On December 20, 2007, the Commission issued Order No. 2001-H, which addressed a pending request for rehearing and clarifying the information to be reported in several EQR data fields.

6. On June 21, 2007, the Commission issued Order No. 697,³ a Final Rule that codified and, in certain respects, revised the Commission's standards for market-based rates for sales of electric energy, capacity, and ancillary services. The rule retained several of the core elements of the Commission's existing standards for granting market-based rates and revised them in certain respects. The rule also adopted a number of reforms to streamline the administration of the market-based rate program. Among other issues addressed in Order No. 697, the Commission addressed the posting and reporting requirements for third-party sellers of ancillary services at market-based rates.

7. This matter had previously been addressed in *Avista Corporation*, 87 FERC ¶61,223, *order on reh'g*, 89 FERC ¶61,136 (1999) (*Avista*), among other cases. Prior to the issuance of Order No. 697, *Avista* provided a general policy stating that third-party ancillary service providers that could not perform a market power study would be allowed to sell ancillary services at market-based rates, but only in conjunction with a requirement that such third parties establish an Internet-based, OASIS-like site for providing information about and transacting ancillary services. The authorization in *Avista* extended only to the following four ancillary services: Regulation Service, Energy Imbalance

¹ *Revised Public Utility Filing Requirements*, Order No. 2001, 67 FR 31043 (May 8, 2002), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶31,127 (Apr. 25, 2002), *reh'g denied*, Order No. 2001-A, 100 FERC ¶61,074, *reconsideration and clarification denied*, Order No. 2001-B, 100 FERC ¶61,342, *order directing filings*, Order No. 2001-C, 101 FERC ¶61,314 (2002), Order No. 2001-D, *order directing filings*, 102 FERC ¶61,334, Order No. 2001-E, *order refining filing requirements*, 105 FERC ¶61,352 (2003), *clarification order*, Order No. 2001-F, 106 FERC ¶61,060 (2004), *order adopting EQR Data Dictionary*, Order No. 2001-G, 120 FERC ¶61,270 (2007), *order on reh'g and clarification*, Order No. 2001-H, 121 FERC ¶61,289 (2007).

² 16 U.S.C. 824d.

³ *Market-Based Rates for Wholesale Sales of Electric Energy, Capacity and Ancillary Services by Public Utilities*, Order No. 697, 72 FR 39904 (July 20, 2007), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶31,252 (June 21, 2007), *clarifying order*, 122 FERC ¶61,260 (2007).