

to accommodate service to PNGTS (or other arrangements such as a joint pipeline or common right-of-way) and to meet the 1997 in-service requirements for Maritimes & Northeast's Phase I facilities. Maritimes & Northeast requests the Commission consider its 30-inch single-pipe alternative from Dracut to Portland in a timely manner in order that it may be approved, if selected as the most desirable alternative, in time for the 1997 Phase I commencement of service. However, the Commission has docketed as Docket No. CP96-178-002, the Dracut to Wells part of this request as an amendment to Maritimes & Northeast's Phase I application.³ The Commission Staff is unable to establish a schedule for this request unless Maritimes & Northeast files additional pipeline certificate exhibits concerning the amendment and further information about the specific nature of the shared use of a single pipeline or right-of-way.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before November 4, 1996, 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.

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 petition 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 application is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a petition 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 given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Maritimes & Northeast to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96-810-000]

Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C.; Notice of Application for Authorization To Construct, Operate and Maintain Border Facilities and for Presidential Permit

October 11, 1996.

Take notice that on September 23, 1996, Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C. (Maritimes & Northeast), c/o M&N Management Company, 1284 Soldiers Field Road, Boston, Massachusetts, 02135, filed an application in Docket No. CP96-810-000. The application seeks authorization to site, construct, operate and maintain pipeline facilities at the United States-Canada International Boundary near Woodland, Maine and St. Stephen, New Brunswick, Canada. A Presidential Permit for these border facilities is sought under Executive Order No. 10485, as amended by Executive Order No. 12038, Secretary of Energy Delegation Order No. 0204-112 and Sections 153.10 through 153.12 for the Commission's regulations. Section 3 authorization to site, construct, operate and maintain facilities is sought under Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), Secretary of Energy Delegation Order No. 0204-112 and Sections 153.1 through 153.8 of the Commission's Regulations. The details of Maritimes & Northeast's proposal are more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Maritimes & Northeast is a limited liability company, organized and existing under the laws of the state of Delaware. Maritimes & Northeast's members are M&N Management Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of PanEnergy Corp; Westcoast Energy (U.S.) Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Westcoast Energy, Inc. and Mobil Midstream Natural Gas Investment, Inc.,

a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mobil Oil Corporation.

Maritimes & Northeast says that the proposed border facilities will connect Maritimes & Northeast's proposed United States Phase II facilities with the Canadian facilities to be constructed by Maritimes & Northeast's Canadian affiliate, Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline Limited Partnership ("M & N Limited Partnership"). Authority to construct Maritimes & Northeast's proposed United States Phase II facilities has been requested under Section 7 of the NGA in an application filed contemporaneously in Docket No. CP96-809-000.

Maritimes & Northeast says that the specific facilities proposed to be constructed at the above-described point on the United States-Canada International Border will consist of the following:

(1) about 400 feet of 30-inch diameter high-pressure pipeline placed at a depth not less than five feet beneath the river bed of the St. Croix River,

(2) associated valving on each side of the river, and

(3) check-meter facilities located approximately 1.8 miles from the border on the United States side.

However, Maritimes & Northeast has not provided site specific river crossing environmental information. The Commission Staff cannot establish a schedule for completion of its environmental review until that information is received.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before November 4, 1996, 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 385.214 or 385.211). 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 jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 3 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

³The amendment was included in parts of the text and exhibits filed by Maritimes and Northeast in this filing, (Docket No. CP96-809-000). The Commission will sever those parts of the text and exhibits and treat them as an amendment to Phase I. Hereafter, filings concerning the 30-inch single pipeline alternative for the distance from Dracut to Wells should be filed under Docket No. CP96-178-002. Filings concerning the 30-inch pipeline alternative from Wells to Cumberland/Portland, Maine will be considered in this case, (Docket No. CP96-809-000).

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 given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Maritimes & Northeast to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96-53-000]

NE HUB Partners, L.P.; Notice of Site Visit for the Proposed NE HUB Tioga Storage Project

October 11, 1996.

On October 23 and 24, 1996, the Office of Pipeline Regulation staff will conduct a site visit with representatives of NE HUB Partners, L.P. of the locations related to the facilities proposed in the NE Hub Tioga Storage Project in Tioga County, Pennsylvania. All interested parties may attend. Those planning to attend must provide their own transportation.

Information about the proposed project is available from Mr. John Wisniewski, Project Manager, at (202) 208-1073.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP97-12-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

October 11, 1996.

Take notice that on October 4, 1996, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), P.O. Box 3330, Omaha, Nebraska 68103-0330, filed in Docket No. CP97-12-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212) for authorization to install and operate a new delivery tap, located in Ellis County, Oklahoma, to accommodate interruptible natural gas deliveries to GPM Gas Corporation (GPM) 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 install and operate a new delivery tap in Ellis County, Oklahoma, to accommodate interruptible natural gas deliveries to GPM. Northern states they will install a tee and valve at the site of the proposed delivery tap. GPM states they will install a meter, construct, own, and operate the nonjurisdictional facilities downstream of Northern's existing first above ground valve. GPM has requested the construction of the proposed delivery tap to provide compressor fuel and starting gas for use at its plant.

Northern advises that the proposed volumes to be delivered for GPM at the proposed delivery tap are 2,000 MMBtu on a peak day and 20,000 MMBtu on an annual basis. Northern estimates the cost of constructing the proposed delivery tap to be \$6,000. Northern states GPM will reimburse them for the total cost of construction.

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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. OR97-1-000]

Rio Grande Pipeline Company; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order

October 11, 1996.

Take notice that on October 7, 1996, Rio Grand Pipeline Company (Rio Grande) pursuant to Rule 207(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, filed a petition for declaratory order.

Rio Grande requests that the Commission issue a declaratory order

allowing it to include in any cost-of-service computations justifying the rates to be charged by Rio Grande the full purchase price of a refined products pipeline (the acquired line), to which it has acquired title and will refurbish, convert, and utilize as part of a new natural gas liquid pipeline—Rio Grande Pipeline (the new NGL line). Rio Grande states that the new NGL line will constitute a new public use of the acquired line and will result in a wide range of benefits to ratepayers, which will include, but are not limited to, reduced transportation costs and more reliable transportation service.

Rio Grande requests that the Commission handle this matter on an expedited basis and shorten the 30 day notice provision in Rule 213(d)(2)(ii) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure to 20 days. Rio Grande requests that the Commission render a decision on this petition as soon as possible, but no later than December 31, 1996.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said 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 18 CFR 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before October 31, 1996. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the public reference room.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. ER96-2498-000, et al.]

Carolina Power & Light Company, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

October 10, 1996.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

1. Carolina Power & Light Company

[Docket No. ER96-2498-000]

Take notice that on October 3, 1996, Carolina Power & Light Company amended the original filing made in this docket on July 20, 1996.

Copies of the filing were served upon the North Carolina Utilities Commission