

the Crowley Project No. 2473; the Thornapple Project No. 2475; and the Upper Hydro Project No. 2640. The projects are located on the Flambeau River in Rusk, Price and Ashland Counties, Wisconsin.

The action of relicensing these projects involves tradeoffs between energy production and enhancement of environmental quality. The staff formulated alternatives, and evaluated impacts to respond to concerns raised during the scoping process. In developing recommendations in the DEIS, the staff gave equal consideration to developmental and nondevelopmental values in accordance with the Federal Power Act.

The issues addressed in the DEIS are potential impacts to and effects on: (1) Geologic and soils resources; (2) water quality and quantity; (3) fisheries resources; (4) terrestrial resources; (5) recreational resources; (6) aesthetic values; (7) cultural resources; (8) air quality; (9) cumulative effects of the proposed projects.

Alternatives to the applicants' proposals considered in detail are (1) modification to proposed project operation or facilities to further protect, enhance or mitigate adverse impacts to environmental resources and values and (2) no action.

A public meeting will be conducted by staff in Park Falls, Wisconsin on Tuesday, March 12, 1996, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Public Library, 410 Division Street, Park Falls, Wisconsin, to hear the public's comments on the DEIS.

The meeting will be recorded by a stenographer and will become part of the formal record of the Commission's proceeding on the Flambeau River projects under consideration. Individuals presenting statements at the meeting will be asked to sign in before the meeting starts and to clearly identify themselves for the record.

In accordance with Section 10(j) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), the Commission's staff will also meet with staff from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on Tuesday, March 12 and Wednesday, March 13 at the offices of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, 875 South Forth Avenue, Park Falls, Wisconsin, to discuss inconsistencies of some recommendations with the comprehensive planning and public interest standards of Sections 4(e) and 10(a) of the FPA or the substantial evidence requirement of Section 313(b) of the FPA.

All those that are formally recognized by the Commission as intervenors in the

Flambeau Projects' proceedings are asked to refrain from engaging the staff in discussions of the merits of the projects outside of any announced meetings.

For further information, please contact Ms. Julie Bernt at (202) 219-2814.

Lois D. Cashell,  
*Secretary.*

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**[Docket No. CP95-500-001 , et al.]**

**Southern Natural Gas Company, et al.;  
Natural Gas Certificate Filings**

February 21, 1996.

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

**1. Southern Natural Gas Company**

[Docket No. CP95-500-001]

Take notice that on February 14, 1996, Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern), Post Office Box 2563, Birmingham, Alabama 35202-2563, filed an amendment to its original application in Docket No. CP95-500-000, requesting that the Commission amend its Order Issuing Certificate issued October 16, 1995, (October 16 Order), 73 FERC ¶ 61,085. Southern states that the amendment complies with the October 16 Order and modifies the proposal authorized therein, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Southern states that in the October 16 Order, the Commission authorized Southern's proposed expansion of its Toca Compressor Station and related facilities, subject to Southern's filing 10-year firm transportation service agreements for the capacity of the proposed project within 120 days. Southern states that it has now entered into a 10-year firm Transportation Service Agreement dated February 7, 1996 with Shell Offshore Inc. (Shell) for 100 percent of the 140 Mmcfd proposed firm Transportation Service (Shell Service Agreement). In connection with the filing of the Shell Service Agreement, Southern proposes to make minor changes to the Receipt and Delivery Point modifications approved in the October 16 Order as necessary to provide service to Shell thereunder.

It is stated that the compression facilities at Toca, the modifications to provide for delivery at the Tennessee-Toca interconnection and the expansion of the delivery point at the Transco-Frost interconnection approved in the

October 16 Order are still required for service under the Shell Service Agreement. Southern contends that the remaining Receipt and Delivery Point modifications approved in the October 16 Order will not be necessary. Furthermore, Southern states that the 140 Mmcfd capacity of the expansion is not altered by the minor changes proposed herein.

Southern proposes to delete the following Receipt and Delivery Point modifications approved in the October 16 Order, but which are not required to provide service to Shell: (1) Columbia - Shadyside meter station modifications; (2) LRC - Erath meter station modifications; (3) Acadian - Sugar Bowl No. 6 meter station modifications; (4) Main Pass Block 306 receiving station piping; and (5) Main Pass Block 293 receiving station piping. In addition, in order to provide service to Shell under the Shell Service Agreement, Southern requests authorization to substitute the following Receipt and Delivery Point modifications for the ones proposed to be deleted above: (1) construct, install and operate interconnection piping to provide for delivery at its existing Transco-Frost interconnection; and (2) to construct and install receipt meters to be located on Shell's platform at Main Pass Block 289 and near Southern's existing facilities at Venice, Louisiana. It is stated that the cost of the proposed Receipt and Delivery Point modifications is estimated to be \$1.4 million. The revised estimated cost for the construction and installation of the Toca compression facilities, the Tennessee-Toca modifications, the expansion of the Transco-Frost interconnection and the proposed Receipt and Delivery Point modifications is \$14.3 million.

Southern contends that, consistent with the application, there would be no rate impact on current shippers resulting from the construction of the proposed facilities over the 10 years because the revenues generated would offset the incremental costs attributable thereto on a present value basis. Based on the current estimate of the cost of service of the facilities, Southern states that the Reservation charge for this production area transportation for the 10 year period is \$1.48 per Mcf per month. It is stated that the October 16 Order approved rolled-in rate treatment for the expansion facilities, but Southern's general Part 284 transportation rates would begin to reflect the cost of the facilities only after the 10-year term of the firm transportation contract expires.

Southern states that its request for minor modifications of the Receipt and

Delivery Points to be utilized does not alter the underlying basis of the finding in the October 16 Order, and was, in fact, contemplated in Southern's application. Further, it is stated that the estimated cost of the proposed modifications is less than the estimated costs of Southern's original proposal. Accordingly, southern submits that the proposed Toca expansion project utilizing the revised Receipt and Delivery Points described herein is in the public interest and that the amendment should be granted. In order to accommodate Shell's development plans, Southern contends that it needs to be in a position to commence the firm transportation service contemplated herein by January 1, 1997, or as soon thereafter as possible. Therefore, Southern requests that its amendment be handled expeditiously by issuing an order amending the October 16 Order by May 1, 1996, in order to enable Southern to have an opportunity to meet an in-service date of January 1, 1997, or as soon thereafter as possible.

*Comment date:* March 13, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

## 2. Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation

[Docket No. CP96-187-000]

Take notice that on February 13, 1996, Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (Texas Eastern), P.O.Box 1642, Houston, Texas 77251-1642 filed with the Commission in Docket No. CP96-187-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of Commission's Regulations for permission and approval to abandon by sale to Elliot Oil & Gas Company (Elliot) the Sally Laterals comprising (3) 3-inch laterals located in DeWitt and Goliad Counties, Texas, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Texas Eastern and Elliot entered into a Facilities Sale Agreement dated November 28, 1995, which provides for the sale of the Sally Laterals to Elliot. Texas Eastern states that there are no volumes of natural gas currently being transported by Texas Eastern on these lines and that the lines have been idle and out of service since 1974.

*Comment date:* March 13, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

## 3. GPM Gas Corporation

[Docket No. CP96-188-000]

Take notice that on February 13, 1996, GPM Gas Corporation (GPM), 1300 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 800, Houston,

Texas 77056, filed, in Docket No. CP96-188-000, a petition for declaratory order requesting that the Commission find that certain facilities to be acquired from ANR Pipe Line Company (ANR) are gathering facilities exempt from the Commission's Regulations pursuant to Section 1(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) all as more fully set forth in the petition which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

On February 12, 1996, ANR filed in Docket No. CP96-185-000, a related application seeking approval for the abandonment of the facilities to be acquired by GPM.

GPM and ANR have entered into a Purchase and Sale Agreement (Agreement) dated January 12, 1996, wherein GPM has agreed to acquire a total of 1,550 miles of gas gathering pipelines and 14 compressor stations with a total of about 44,000 horsepower that now handle approximately 200 Mmcf per day of gas from 1,142 meter stations. Also included with these facilities to be acquired is a 15.1 mile pipeline segment which is currently functionalized as transmission by ANR. The affected gas gathering systems are comprised of five discrete areas in northwest Oklahoma: (i) Laverne; (ii) Lovedale; (iii) Woodward; (iv) Korfman; and (v) Weatherford. GPM, in turn, will assume all operations of these facilities and provide gathering services through them.

GPM proposes to purchase the above facilities by transferring like-kind properties to ANR, the value of which will equal the purchase price set forth in the above referenced Agreement. GPM has requested of ANR by letter that ANR request of the Commission, confidential treatment of this pricing information which is contained in the Agreement and in Exhibit Y to ANR's abandonment application.

*Comment date:* March 12, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

## 4. NorAm Gas Transmission Company

[Docket No. CP96-196-000]

Take notice that on February 16, 1996, NorAm Gas Transmission Company (NGT), 1600 Smith Street, Houston, Texas 77002, filed in Docket No. CP96-196-000 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 operate certain facilities in Arkansas under NGT's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-384-000, *et al.*, 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 proposes to operate an existing delivery tap on NGT's Line OM-1 in Franklin County, Arkansas to deliver gas to Arkla, a distribution division of NorAm Energy Corp. (Arkla). NGT states that it plans to utilize the existing tap to deliver gas to a customer other than the right-of-way grantor for whom the tap was originally installed in 1995. NGT estimates the additional volumes to be delivered to this delivery tap are approximately 85 MMBtu annually and 1 MMBtu on a peak day. NGT states there are no construction activities or cost associated with the proposed operation of this existing tap. NGT also states that it has sufficient capacity to accomplish the deliveries without detriment or disadvantage to its other customers.

*Comment date:* April 8, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

## Standard Paragraphs

F. Any person desiring to be heard or make any protest with reference to said filing should on or before the comment date 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 385.211 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 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 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 filing 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 duly given.

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

G. Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 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 Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (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 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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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5431-6]

### Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review; Renewal Request for EPAICR Number 1188

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) this notice announces that the Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances (OPPTS) is seeking the renewal of an existing Information Collection Request (ICR) from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). As such, OPPTS has forwarded the ICR entitled TSCA Section 5(a)(2) Significant New Use Rules for Existing Chemicals (OMB Control No. 2070-0038, EPA, ICR No. 1188), which is abstracted below, to OMB. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; and, where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument. On September 29, 1995, OPPTS published a notice in the Federal Register (60 FR 50568), requesting comment on this ICR. OPPTS did not receive any comments.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before March 29, 1996..

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CALL:

Sandy Farmer at EPA, 202-260-2740, and refer to EPA ICR No. 1188.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** TSCA Section 5(a)(2) Significant New Use Rules for Existing Chemicals (OMB Control No. 2070-0038, EPA ICR No. 1188). This is a request for extension of a currently approved information collection which expires on April 30, 1996.

**Abstract:** Section 5 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) and regulations at 40 CFR part 721 provide EPA with a regulatory mechanism to monitor and, if necessary, control significant new uses of chemical substances. Section 5 authorizes EPA to determine by rule (a significant new use rule or SNUR), after considering all relevant factors, that a use of a chemical substance represents a significant new use. If EPA determines that a use of a chemical substance is a significant new use, section 5 requires persons to submit a notice to EPA at least 90 days before they manufacture, import, or process the substance for that use.

EPA uses the information obtained through this collection to evaluate the health and environmental effects of the significant new use. EPA may take regulatory actions under TSCA section 5, 6 or 7 control the activities for which it has received a SNUR notice. These actions include orders to limit or prohibit the manufacture, importation, processing, distribution in commerce, use or disposal of chemical substances. If EPA does not take action, section 5 also requires EPA to publish a Federal Register notice explaining the reasons for not asking action.

Responses to the collection of information are mandatory (see 40 CFR part 721). Respondents may claim all or part of a notice confidential. EPA will disclose information that is covered by a claim of confidentiality only to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with, the procedures in TSCA section 14 and 40 CFR part 2.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 118 hours per response. This estimate includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any

previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information, search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information. No person is required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control number for EPA's regulations are displayed in 40 CFR Part 9.

**Respondents/Affected Entities:** Those that manufacture, process, import, or distribute in commerce chemical substances or mixtures.

**Estimated No. Of Respondents:** 2.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:** 237 hours.

**Frequency of Collection:** On occasion.

Send comments regarding the burden estimate, or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the following addresses. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 1188 and OMB Control No. 2070-0038 in an correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Information Policy Branch (2136), 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460.

and

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: February 21, 1996.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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[FRL-5431-5]

### Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review; Standards of Performance for new Stationary Sources Metallic Mineral Processing Plants

No. OMB 2060-0016

No. EPA 0982.05

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D)), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) for Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources—Metallic Mineral Processing Plants (Subpart LL) described below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget