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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-632-000]

NorAm Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

July 18, 1997.

Take notice that on July 11, 1997, NorAm Gas Transmission Company (NGT), 1600 Smith Street, Houston, Texas 77002, filed in Docket No. CP97-632-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205, 157.211 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.211, and 157.216) for authorization to abandon and operate facilities in Mississippi County, 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 proposes to reduce operating cost by replacing and upgrading inefficient metering tubes at an existing tap on its Line J. The replacement will also increase the meter stations delivery design capacity from 18,000 MMBtu/day to 40,000 MMBtu/day. The estimated total cost of the project is \$9,965.

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 If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-275-005 and TM97-2-59-003]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

July 18, 1997.

Take notice that on July 16, 1997, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), tendered for filing to become part of Northern's FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets proposed to become effective on May 1, 1997 and June 1, 1997:

Effective May 1, 1997

2nd Substitute Fourth Revised Sheet No. 61
2nd Substitute Fourth Revised Sheet No. 62
2nd Substitute Fourth Revised Sheet No. 63
2nd Substitute Fourth Revised Sheet No. 64

Effective June 1, 1997

2nd Substitute Fifth Revised Sheet No. 61
2nd Substitute Fifth Revised Sheet No. 62
2nd Substitute Fifth Revised Sheet No. 63
2nd Substitute Fifth Revised Sheet No. 64

Northern states that this filing is made in compliance with the Commission's Order issued July 1, 1997, in the above-referenced Dockets.

Northern states that copies of the filing were served upon Northern's customers and interested State Commissions.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken in this proceeding, but will not serve to make protestant a party to the proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for inspection.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-641-000]

Western Gas Resources, Inc.; Notice of Petition For Declaratory Order

July 18, 1997.

Take notice that on July 16, 1997, Western Gas Resources, Inc. (Western), 12200 N. Pecos Street, Denver, Colorado 80234, filed in Docket No. CP97-641-000 a petition for an order declaring that Western's acquisition of natural gas compression and treating facilities, with appurtenances, from Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), will be exempt from the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Section 1(b) of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the petition which is on file with the commission and open to public inspection.

It is stated that Western owns and operates the Ellenberger Gathering System and the Devonian Gathering System, located in the Puckett Field producing area of southwestern Texas. It is stated that the Ellenberger system gathers raw, unprocessed gas from 20 low pressure wells for initial delivery into a natural gas liquids processing plant, then into a carbon dioxide removal and treating facility, and ultimately into Northern's adjacent transmission mainline. It is stated that the Devonian system gathers a raw gas stream flowing from 9 Puckett Field wells for initial delivery into a hydrogen sulfide removal and treating facility and ultimately into Northern's mainline.

Western maintains that the wells on the Ellenberger and Devonian systems generally produce at pressures of 125 psig or less, and wellhead or field compression must often be utilized to boost pressures up to as much as 300 psig. Western states that further compression, however, is necessary to enable efficient delivery of these gas streams through the related plant and treatment facilities and into the much higher pressure Northern mainline, which operates at 650 psig. Western states that the compression is provided to the Ellenberger gas, by two 2,000 horsepower compressor units having a suction pressure of 250 psig and a discharge pressure of 875 psig and provided to the Devonian stream by two 531 horsepower compressor units having a suction pressure of 75 psig and a discharge pressure of 675 psig. Western states that these compressor units are currently owned by Northern. Western states that it has agreed to purchase the four compressor units and

treating facilities from Northern following Northern's abandonment of such facilities in related Docket No. CP97-609-000. Western further states that, thereafter, the facilities will become an integral part of Western's two Puckett Field gathering systems.

Western states in its petition that it seeks a declaration from the Commission that the four compressor units, totaling 5,062 horsepower, treating facilities and appurtenances, located in Pecos County, Texas, which Western proposes to acquire from Northern, are gathering facilities.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said petition should on or before August 8, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-238-000 and CP96-347-000]

Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C., Portland Natural Gas Transmission System; Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Availability, Final Environmental Impact Statement, PNGTS/Maritimes Phase I Joint Facilities Project

July 18, 1997.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared this Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) on natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C. and Portland Natural Gas Transmission System in the above-referenced docket. The FEIS also includes certain facilities to be abandoned by Granite State Gas Transmission Inc. in the above-referenced docket. The specific facilities addressed in this FEIS are referred to as the PNGTS/Maritimes Phase I Joint

Facilities Project (Phase I Joint Facilities).

The FEIS was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures as recommended, would have limited adverse environmental impact.

The FEIS addresses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the following facilities:

- about 66.1 miles of 30-inch-diameter mainline between Dracut, Massachusetts and Wells, Maine;
- about 0.8 mile of 20-inch-diameter pipeline (Haverhill Lateral);
- about 1.1 miles of 16-inch-diameter pipeline (Newington Lateral);
- five meter stations, three taps, and other associated aboveground facilities; and
- abandonment of 15.3 miles of 6-inch-diameter pipeline and two 375 horsepower compressor units in Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

The FEIS will be used in the regulatory decision-making process at the FERC. While the period for filing interventions in this case has expired, motions to intervene out-of-time can be filed with the FERC in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures, 18 CFR 385.214(d). Further, anyone desiring to file a protest with the FERC should do so in accordance with 18 CFR 385.211.

The FEIS has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Room 2A, Washington, D.C. 20426, (202) 208-1371.

Copies of the FEIS have been mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Paul McKee in the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (202) 208-1088.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP94-43-000]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

July 18, 1997.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference will be convened in this proceeding on Monday, July 28, 1997, at 10:30 a.m., at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, for the purpose of exploring the possible settlement of the above-referenced docket.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant as defined in 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 385.214).

For additional information, please contact William J. Collins at (202) 208-0248.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Cases Filed With the Office of Hearings and Appeals

Week of June 23 Through June 27, 1997

During the Week of June 23 through June 27, 1997, the appeals, applications, petitions or other requests listed in this Notice were filed with the Office of Hearings and Appeals of the Department of Energy.

Any person who will be aggrieved by the DOE action sought in any of these cases may file written comments on the application within ten days of publication of this Notice or the date of receipt of actual notice, whichever occurs first. All such comments shall be filed with the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of Energy, Washington, D.C. 20585-0107.

Dated: July 15, 1997.

George B. Breznay,

Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals.