

take place on November 19 and 20, 1997.

All interested parties may attend. Those planning to attend must provide their own transportation.

For further information, please contact Paul McKee at (202) 208-1088.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-68-000]

#### Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Request under Blanket Authorization

November 13, 1997.

Take notice that on November 5, 1997, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural), 701 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois 60148, filed in Docket No. CP98-68-000 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 construct and operate facilities in Lonoke County, Arkansas, under Natural's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-402-000 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.

Natural proposes to install a 2-inch meter and 3-inch side tap facilities for an interconnection with Arkla, a Division of Noram Energy Corporation (Arkla). These facilities will be constructed to deliver approximately 1,000 MMBtu per day of natural gas to Arkla in Cabot, Arkansas. They are estimated to cost \$55,000. Natural states that it has sufficient capacity to provide these services at the proposed delivery point without detriment or disadvantage to Natural's peak day and annual delivery capacity.

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protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of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

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-73-000]

#### Texas Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

November 13, 1997.

Take notice that on November 6, 1997, Texas Gas Transmission Corporation (Texas Gas), P.O. Box 20008, Owensboro, Kentucky 42304, filed in Docket No. CP98-73-000 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 an existing delivery point under Texas Gas's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP88-686-000 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.

Texas Gas proposes to operate an existing 3-inch delivery meter and related facilities that was originally constructed under the authority of Section 311 of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 to transport gas for Natural Gas of Kentucky, Inc. (NGKY). The facilities are located at mile 3+2750 on Texas Gas's Russellville Bowling Green 8-inch line in Logan County, Kentucky. Texas Gas states that because only interruptible transportation service is proposed to be provided to NGKY at this point, the proposal will have no significant effect on Texas Gas's peak day and annual deliveries, and service to NGKY through this point can be accomplished without detriment to Texas Gas's other customers.

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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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. OA96-50-001]

#### Union Electric Company; Notice of Filing

November 13, 1997.

Take notice that on July 9, 1996, Union Electric Company tendered for filing its non-rate terms and conditions in the above-referenced docket.

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, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before November 25, 1997. 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.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-70-000]

#### The Union Light, Heat and Power Company; Notice of Application

November 13, 1997.

Take notice that on November 5, 1997, The Union Light, Heat and Power

Company (Union Light), 139 East Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, filed in Docket No. CP98-70-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to modify the service currently provided under Rate Schedule X-4, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

It is stated that under Rate Schedule X-4, Union Light provides for the transportation of gas to The Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company (Cincinnati) for the account of Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia). It is further stated that for such service, Union Light bills Columbia and then Cincinnati reimburses Columbia. Union Light states that Columbia's involvement in the transportation service is no longer necessary due to changed delivery points. Therefore, Union Light states that it proposes to modify the service currently provided under Rate Schedule X-4 to reflect that the service rendered by Union Light to Cincinnati no longer requires Columbia's involvement and that the gas transported by Union Light on behalf of Cincinnati may include customer-owned gas.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before December 4, 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) 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 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 duly given.

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

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP96-53-000 *et al.*]

#### NE Hub Partners, L.P.; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed NE Hub Partners, L.P. Tioga Storage Project

November 13, 1997.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) on both the natural gas storage field and pipeline facilities proposed by NE Hub Partners, L.P. (NE Hub) in the above-referenced docket and the related brine evaporation/salt plant proposed by United Salt Northeast, L.L.C. (USN).

The EA 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, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of NE Hub's proposed underground gas storage facility and related pipeline facilities, including:

- A freshwater intake pumping station at the Cowanesque Reservoir;
- 3.9 miles of 12-inch-diameter freshwater pipeline to transport water to the leaching operation;
- Two cavern leaching/natural gas storage wells;
- Two gas storage caverns with a capacity of 3 billion cubic feet each;
- A leaching plant facility including electrical substation, emergency generator, warehouse, office/control room, four 300,000 barrel storage tanks, six 4,000 barrel storage tanks, and other appurtenant facilities;
- A gas system facility, including a compression facility (18,750 horsepower

total) with exhaust mufflers and aftercoolers for gas injection to and withdrawal from *et al.*

- The storage caverns, meter station, electrical substation, emergency generator, and other appurtenant facilities;
- Four segments of 26-inch-diameter transmission pipeline totaling 12.3 miles;
- 7.7 miles of 12-inch-diameter brine and freshwater pipelines;
- 5.0 miles of 4-inch-diameter fuel gas and residual/mineral salt purge pipelines;
- 1.4 miles of 12-inch-diameter freshwater, mid-brine return, mid-brine, and saturated brine pipelines;
- 3.7 miles of 24-inch-diameter gas storage pipeline; and
- Two meter stations.

In conjunction with these facilities, USN proposes to construct and operate the following:

- A railroad siding turnout and truck/hopper railcar bulk loading station to ship commercial salt products; and
- A brine evaporation/salt plant to dispose of the brine by production of commercial salt products, and other facilities to the extent needed for salt production, storage, and transportation.

The purpose of the proposed facilities would be to provide two high deliverability natural gas storage caverns with a capacity of up to 3 billion cubic feet per cavern. The storage facility near Tioga, Pennsylvania would be interconnected with certain interstate and intrastate pipelines. The gas injection/withdrawal facilities would be designed to allow the gas storage facility to withdraw natural gas from various existing pipelines during periods of low gas demand and inject the gas under high pressure into the storage caverns. During periods of high gas demand, the natural gas would be withdrawn from the caverns and released into the various pipelines at the appropriate pressure. The injection/withdrawal facilities would be designed to inject 250 million cubic feet of gas a day and withdraw 500 million cubic feet of gas a day. The injection/withdrawal cycle would be 20 days/10 days.

In conjunction with the storage facilities, USN, would receive the brine from NE Hub via pipeline and develop a commercial salt business at a site about 1.5 miles northeast of Tioga, Pennsylvania.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance