

HIOS states that it is submitting the referenced tariff sheets to comply with the directives of the Commission's November 8, 2001 Order regarding segmentation and secondary mainline point priority.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 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, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site under the "e-Filing" link.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP02-78-000]

Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C.; Notice of Application

February 12, 2002.

Take notice that on January 31, 2002, Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C. (Maritimes), 1284 Soldiers Field Road, Boston, Massachusetts 02135, filed in Docket No. CP02-78-000, an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate certain pipeline and compression facilities in order to render up to 400,000 dekatherms per day of firm transportation service, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS"

link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Specifically, Maritimes proposes to construct and operate: (1) Approximately 31.3 miles of 36-inch diameter pipeline loop in Washington County, Maine; (2) four new compressor stations in the state of Maine in the towns of Eliot, Gorham, Searsmont, and Brewer, each consisting of 26,800 horsepower (a total of 107,200 horsepower); (3) modifications at the existing Baileyville and Richmond Compressor Stations; (4) modifications to three existing compressor stations; and (5) a new meter station in Haverhill, Massachusetts. In addition, Maritimes proposes to construct various auxiliary installation under Section 2.55 of the Commission's regulations. Maritimes estimates that the cost of the proposed facilities is \$250 million and will be financed by equity (25 percent) and a combination of short-term and long-term debt (75 percent).

Maritimes further states that it will provide firm and interruptible service for the capacity created by its proposed facilities pursuant to its existing rate schedules on file with the Commission and the General Terms and Conditions of its FERC Gas Tariff. PanCanadian Energy Services Inc. (PanCanadian) has executed a precedent agreement for a ten-year term for the firm transportation of the entire capacity created by the proposed facilities. Maritimes states that it will provide service to PanCanadian at negotiated rates in accordance with its FERC Gas Tariff.

Maritimes states that its proposal is consistent with the Commission's Certificate Policy Statement. Maritimes maintains that its existing customers will not subsidize the proposed facilities since the revenues associated with the transportation of the PanCanadian volumes will exceed the costs associated with the proposed facilities.¹ Maritimes adds that its proposed facilities will have minimal impact on existing pipelines and their customers, or on landowners and communities and that the public benefits of its proposal outweigh any adverse effects.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Joseph F. McHugh, Director, Regulatory Affairs, M&N Management Company, 1284 Soldiers Field Road, Boston, Massachusetts 02135 at 617-560-1518.

¹ Maritimes states that it does not seek a determination at this time regarding the appropriateness of rolling-in the costs of the proposed facilities, but may do so in a future rate case.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before March 5, 2002, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene 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 NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission may issue a preliminary determination on non-

environmental issues prior to the completion of its review of the environmental aspects of the project. The preliminary determination typically considers such issues as the need for the project and its economic effect on existing customers of the applicant, on other pipelines in the area, and on landowners and communities. For example, the Commission considers the extent to which the applicant may need to exercise eminent domain to obtain rights-of-way for the proposed project and balances that against the non-environmental benefits to be provided by the project. Therefore, if a person has comments on community and landowner impacts from this proposal, it is important either to file comments or to intervene as early in the process as possible.

Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site under the "e-Filing" link.

If the Commission decides to set the application for a formal hearing before an Administrative Law Judge, the Commission will issue another notice describing that process. At the end of the Commission's review process, a final Commission order approving or denying a certificate will be issued.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP02-81-000]

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Abandonment Application

February 12, 2002.

On February 7, 2002, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural), 747 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois, 60148, filed an application in Docket No. CP02-81-000 pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for permission and approval to abandon certain facilities as detailed below, by sale to Prism Gas Systems, Inc. (Prism) and Panther Pipeline, Ltd. (Panther), two non-jurisdictional gathering companies (which are each to own a fifty percent (50%) interest in the facilities to be abandoned). The application also requests that the Commission determine that the facilities

to be sold to Prism and Panther, and the services rendered by means of such facilities, are non-jurisdictional gathering facilities and services, and will be exempt from the Commission's jurisdiction under the NGA, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from follow the instructions (call (202)208-2222 for assistance).

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to James J. McElligott, Senior Vice President, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, 747 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois 60148, at (630) 691-3525 or Philip R. Telleen, Esq. at (630) 691-3749.

Specifically, Natural requests authorization to abandon by sale the following:

(1) 26.70 miles of 16-inch diameter offshore and related onshore pipeline and appurtenances originating at the High Island (HI) Block 71A Platform Offshore Texas and terminating onshore near a connection with Natural's 30-inch Louisiana No. 1 Mainline in Jefferson County, Texas including a forty (40) foot portion of 12-inch line in HI Block 48 (HI 71A Lateral), a dual 8-inch meter and appurtenances located on the HI Block 71A Platform Offshore Texas, a dual 8-inch meter and appurtenances located onshore at Natural's Booster Station No. 344 (BS 344) in Jefferson County, Texas, two 12-inch subsea taps located in HI Block 11 and HI Block 48 (all authorized in Docket No. CP72-233), and two (2) 12-inch taps in HI Block 48 and an 8-inch tap in HI Block 71 all authorized in CP82-402 (HI 71A Facilities);

(2) 26.36 miles of 16-inch diameter offshore pipeline and appurtenances originating at the HI Block 139A Platform Offshore Texas and terminating at a 12-inch subsea tie-in tap in HI Block 48 (HI 139A Lateral), a dual 8-inch meter and appurtenances located on the HI Block 139 Platform Offshore Texas, three (3) 12-inch subsea taps in HI Block 51, HI Block 93 and HI Block 109 (authorized in Docket No. CP80-252), and an 8-inch subsea tap in HI Block 68 authorized in Docket No. CP82-402 (HI 139A Facilities);

(3) 3.12 miles of 20-inch onshore pipeline and appurtenances originating near Natural's BS 344 in Jefferson County, Texas and terminating near a connection with Natural's 30-inch Louisiana No. 2 in Jefferson County,

Texas (Sabine Pass Lateral) and a dual 12-inch meter and appurtenances located at BS 344 (all authorized in Docket No. CP80-86, as amended) (Sabine Pass Facilities).

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this abandonment. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this abandonment should, on or before March 5, 2002, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene 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 NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this abandonment. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the abandonment provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this abandonment should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the