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[Docket No. CP95-623-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

July 21, 1995.

Take notice that on July 17, 1995, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124-1000, filed in Docket No. CP95-623-000 a request pursuant to §§ 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212) for authorization to upgrade facilities at an existing delivery point in Columbia County, Wisconsin, under Northern's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-401-000 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.

Northern proposes to upgrade the Portage Town Border Station #1 in order to accommodate increased deliveries Wisconsin Power & Light Company (WP&L) under Northern's currently effective throughout service agreements. It is stated that WP&L has requested the upgrade of the delivery point to accommodate growth of gas requirements in the area. It is asserted that Northern would use the upgraded delivery point for the delivery of up to 9,613 MMBtu equivalent of natural gas on a peak day and 1,956,013 MMBtu equivalent on an annual basis. It is further asserted that Northern is presently using the delivery point for the delivery of up to 6,113 MMBtu equivalent on a peak day and 678,513 MMBtu equivalent on an annual basis. It is explained that the proposed increase would be 3,500 MMBtu equivalent on a peak day and 1,277,500 on an annual basis. It is stated that the volumes to be delivered would not exceed the total volumes presently delivered to WP&L. The construction cost is estimated at \$166,898. It is stated that WP&L will reimburse Northern in the amount of \$154,159. Northern states that it has sufficient capacity to render the proposed service without detriment or disadvantage to its other existing customers and that its tariff does not prohibit the proposed upgrade of a delivery point.

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 § 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 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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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

FCC Clarification of Manual and Electronic Filing Process for the Broadband PCS "C Block" Auction; Improved Software and Instructions Provided—Electronic Signatures Are Acceptable

July 14, 1995.

Information for All Filers

By Public Notice, released June 13, 1995, the Commission announced it was suspending the June 15, 1995 filing deadline for the FCC Form 175 applications for the broadband personal communications services (PCS) C Block auction and would return any applications filed prior to the announcement of a new filing deadline. The Commission established a new, July 28, 1995 filing deadline by Public Notice on June 23, 1995. By this Public Notice, the Commission clarifies that it will continue to accept any short form applications that are filed up to the July 28 filing deadline. We remind bidders, however, that we have a pending rule making proceeding that proposes changes to the competitive bidding rules for the C Block auction. See Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making, FCC 95-263, 60 FR 34,201 (June 30, 1995). Bidders may want to wait until that proceeding is resolved before submitting their FCC Form 175 applications.

Electronic Filing Instructions

The FCC urges applicants for the upcoming broadband Personal Communications Services (PCS) "C

block" auction to file their FCC Form 175 applications electronically and emphasizes that the electronic transmission of a name in place of a handwritten signature is permitted.

In an Order released April 21, 1995 (April 21 Order), electronic filing of applications was announced. See *Order*, DA 95-805. The April 21 Order stated that "handwritten signatures will continue to be required on all applications unless and until specific procedures are established for electronic filing of such applications. Such procedures will be implemented by future Public Notices in the **Federal Register**, modified application forms, and other published procedures." *Id.* at ¶ 3.

The specific procedures for electronically filing applications for the C Block were set forth previously in the Bidder Information Package for the FCC Entrepreneurs' Block auction on Block C, which was released to the public in May 1995. The Commission, however, is republishing these procedures, as updated, in an attachment to this Public Notice, which will be printed in the **Federal Register** in its entirety. See Attachment A. By so doing, the agency is responding to concerns that electronic signatures may not be officially recognized according to the terms of the April 21 Order. The Commission will accept the electronic transmission of a name as a valid signature on all electronically filed FCC Form 175 applications as specified in Attachment A to the Public Notice.

Also, in an effort to make it easier for applicants to file electronically, the Commission has improved its software to facilitate the electronic filing process. Today, in re-releasing electronic filing procedures, the Commission offers new and improved instructions on how to down-load the software and on electronic filing generally. The new software will be available starting Saturday, July 15, 1995. Anyone interested in filing electronically must down-load the new software package since the old one will no longer be recognized by the Commission's computer system. Any information previously submitted to the electronic filing system has been purged. Therefore, on July 15, 1995, electronic filing will be available to the public. Electronically filed applications may be modified by the applicant up until the filing deadline, 5:30 p.m. E.D.T. on Friday, July 28, 1995, when the information submitted by the applicant will be considered a formally filed application. All applicants are encouraged to file electronically. Applicants are also encouraged to watch