

blanket certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing Lee 8 to transport natural gas under Section 284.224 of the Commission's Regulations, as may be amended from time to time, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

It is stated that Lee 8 is a partnership of Howard Energy Co., Inc. (Howard), MG Ventures Storage, Inc. (MG Ventures) and Panhandle Storage Company (Panhandle Storage). It is further stated that Howard is an independent energy production and marketing company, located in Michigan; MG Ventures is a wholly-owned subsidiary of UtiliCorp United Inc., an electric and gas utility and energy marketing company, also located in Michigan; and that Panhandle Storage is an affiliate of Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company, an interstate natural gas pipeline.

It is asserted that Lee 8 owns and operates a natural gas storage facility located in Lee Township, Calhoun County, Michigan. It is explained that the facilities consist of a gas storage reservoir, gas processing and metering equipment, 2 1,200 horsepower compressors and 12.5 miles of pipeline connecting Lee 8's facilities to Panhandle Eastern's interstate pipeline. It is further asserted that Lee 8 will connect its facilities to the system of Michigan Gas Utilities (MGU), a local distribution company affiliated with MG Ventures.

Lee 8 asserts that it is a Hinshaw pipeline within the meaning of the NGA and qualified for an exemption from Commission regulation under Section 1(c) of the NGA. It is explained that Lee 8 is engaged in interstate commerce for the purpose of providing flexible and competitive storage services for consumers in Michigan. It is further explained that all of Lee 8's facilities are located within the state of Michigan and that Lee 8 receives all of its gas within or at the boundaries of the state of Michigan, and the gas is consumed within the state of Michigan. It is asserted that Lee 8 is subject to regulation by the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC), with gas transactions regulated as to rates, terms and conditions of service.

Lee 8 states that it will use its rates and tariffs on file with the MPSC for the services rendered under the blanket certificate requested in the subject application. Lee 8 further states that it will comply with all applicable conditions contained in paragraph (e) of § 284.224 of the Commission's Regulations.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before November 27, 1995, 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 Rule.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the 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 permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are 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 Lee 8 to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96-65-000]

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Application

November 20, 1995.

Take notice that on November 13, 1995, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural), 701 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois, 60148, filed in Docket No. CP96-65-000 an abbreviated application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act, as amended, and Sections 157.7 and 157.18 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Regulations thereunder,

for permission to abandon a firm natural gas transportation service for Texas Gas Transmission Corporation (Texas Gas), all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Natural states that it proposes to abandon a firm transportation service authorized in Docket No. CP85-308-000 and performed under Natural's Rate Schedule X-140. Natural further states that under the arrangement, Texas Gas made available up to 60,000 MMBtu of natural gas per day to Natural on a firm basis (plus interruptible overrun volumes) in High Island Block A-489, offshore, Texas which Texas Gas purchased in High Island Block A-462, offshore, Texas.¹ Natural indicates it would redeliver such gas in High Island Block A-498,² offshore, Texas to High Island Offshore System for further transportation.

Natural states that by a letter agreement dated September 1, 1995, Natural and Texas Gas agreed to terminate the agreement and Natural's Rate Schedule X-140 effective January 1, 1996.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before December 5, 1995, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C., 20426, a petition 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 protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to the proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a petition to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the 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

¹ Texas Gas owns an offshore line running from High Island Block A-462 to High Island Block A-489, both offshore Texas.

² Natural would redeliver such gas by utilizing its capacity in a jointly-owned line which Natural owns with Koch Gateway Pipeline Company, ANR Pipeline Company and Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation constructed in Docket No. CP79-327.

Commission on this application if no petition to intervene is filed within the time required herein, and if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that the abandonment is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a petition 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 provide for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Natural to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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New England Power Company; Notice of Filing

November 20, 1995.

Take notice that on November 15, 1995, New England Power Company tendered for filing an amendment 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 December 5, 1995. 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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[Docket No. CP96-60-000]

Northwest Pipeline Corporation; Notice of Application

November 20, 1995.

Take notice that on November 13, 1995, Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Northwest), 295 Chipeta Way, Salt Lake City, Utah 84108, filed an application pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for permission and approval to

abandon an ownership interest in certain of its facilities by sale to Transwestern Pipeline Company (Transwestern), certain related transportation agreements and operation of the facilities, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Northwest proposes to (1) abandon, by sale to Transwestern, an undivided 77.7 percent ownership interest in Northwest's existing and planned facilities extending from the outlet of its La Plata "B" compressor near Ignacio, Colorado southward to the jointly owned Blanco Hub near Bloomfield, New Mexico (La Plata Facilities); (2) abandon, by assignment of the underlying agreements to Transwestern, existing firm transportation between receipts point on the La Plata Facilities, which has been authorized under Northwest's blanket certificate; and (3) abandon its certificated operation of the La Plata Facilities and two third-party meter stations connected to the La Plata Facilities, in favor of Transwestern assuming such operation.

Northwest states that its exiting La Plata Facilities include the La Plata "A" Compressor Station near Ignacio, approximately 33 miles of 30-inch pipeline from that station to the Blanco hub and various receipt or delivery facilities at third-party interconnections with the La Plata pipeline. It is stated that the planned additions to the La Plata Facilities, which will be installed under Northwest's blanket certificate authority as a necessary precursor to the proposed abandonment, include a new meter station between Northwest's La Plata "B" compressor outlet and La Plata "A" compressor inlet and a new meter station, with approximately 600 feet of 24-inch piping, from the Williams Gas processing Company Ignacio Plant to the La Plata "A" compressor inlet.

It is stated that pursuant to a Purchase and Sale Agreement dated November 3, 1995, Transwestern will acquire the proposed 77.7 percent ownership interest in the La Plata Facilities at a price equal to 77.7 percent of the net book value on the closing date. If the closing were to occur at year end 1996, Northwest contends that the total net book value of the La Plata Facilities, including the planned facility additions, is projected to be approximately \$25.6 million, resulting in a purchase price of about \$19.9 million.

Northwest states that the 22.3 percent ownership in the La Plata Facilities to be retained by Northwest will provide 212,788 Dth per day of north flow capacity from various La Plata Facility

receipt points to Northwest's wholly-owned mainline, plus 23,811 Dth per day of south flow capacity from Northwest's mainline to a La Plata Facility delivery point. Northwest contends that these retained capacities are the quantities required for Northwest to continue accommodating existing long-term firm contract obligations to provide transportation to and from the La Plata Facilities.

It is stated that Northwest will operate the La Plata Facilities pursuant to the terms and conditions of an Ownership and Operating Agreement dated November 3, 1995. Northwest and Transwestern will share the operating expenses of the La Plata Facilities and will each treat its respective ownership interest in the La Plata Facilities as an integral part of its own pipeline system, with transportation transactions thereon subject to the applicable owner's open-access transportation tariff.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before December 11, 1995, 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.

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