

whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

B. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

C. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION", "COMPETING APPLICATION", "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

C1. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

D2. Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described

application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

D10. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—The application is ready for environmental analysis at this time, and the Commission is requesting comments, reply comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions.

The Commission directs, pursuant to section 4.34(b) of the regulations (see Order No. 533 issued May 8, 1991, 56 FR 23108, May 20, 1991) that all comments, recommendations, terms and conditions and prescriptions concerning the application be filed with the Commission within 60 days from the issuance date of this notice (April 2, 1996 for Project No. 11374-001). All reply comments must be filed with the Commission within 105 days from the date of this notice (May 17, 1996 for Project No. 11374-001).

Anyone may obtain an extension of time for these deadlines from the Commission only upon a showing of good cause or extraordinary circumstances in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2008.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "REPLY COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS", "TERMS AND CONDITIONS", or "PRESCRIPTIONS;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Any of these documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies required by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above address. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on the

service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b), and 385.2010.

H. In responding, commenters may submit a copy of their comments on a 3 1/2-inch diskette formatted for MS-DOS based computers. In light of our ability to translate MS-DOS based materials, the text need only be submitted in the format and version that it was generated (i.e., MS Word, WordPerfect 5.1/5.2, ASCII, etc.). It is not necessary to reformat word processor generated text to ASCII. For Macintosh users, it would be helpful to save the documents in Macintosh word processor format and then write them to files on a diskette formatted for MS-DOS machines.

Dated: February 15, 1996, Washington, D.C.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[CP96-171-000, et al.]

**ANR Pipeline Corporation, et al.;
Natural Gas Certificate Filings**

February 14, 1996.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

1. ANR Pipeline Corporation

[Docket No. CP96-171-000]

Take notice that on February 6, 1996, ANR Pipeline Corporation (ANR), 500 Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan 48243, filed in Docket No. CP96-171-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act, as amended, and Sections 157.7 and 157.18 of the Commission's Regulations thereunder, for permission and approval to abandon certain natural gas transportation services 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.

ANR states that by orders issued in Docket Nos. CP69-249, CP73-65 and CP86-157, it was authorized, pursuant to transportation agreements designated as Rate Schedules X-11, X-33 and X-156 respectively, to transport natural gas for Texas Gas from various offshore Louisiana receipt points and redeliver the gas at a delivery point near Calumet, St. Mary's Parish, Louisiana.

ANR states that by letter dated August 8, 1995, Texas Gas requested that the termination of the three firm gas transportation services be made effective February 29, 1996.

ANR further states that no facilities are proposed to be abandoned.

Comment date: March 6, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

2. ANR Pipeline Company

[Docket No. CP96-172-000]

Take notice that on February 8, 1996, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR), 500 Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan 48243 filed an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations requesting permission and approval to abandon three certificated transportation services on behalf of Texas Gas Transmission Corporation (Texas Gas), ANR's Rate Schedules X-11, X-33 and X-156, Original Volume No. 2 of ANR's FERC Gas Tariff. The application is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

ANR proposes to abandon the above services authorized in Docket Nos. CP69-249, CP73-65 and CP86-157-000.¹ ANR states that it was authorized to transport natural gas for Texas Gas from various offshore Louisiana receipt points and to redeliver the gas near Calumet, St. Mary's Parish, Louisiana.

ANR states that the firm transportation service for Rate Schedules X-33 and X-156 is to continue through the date of termination of service under ANR's Rate Schedule No. X-11. Article I of Rate Schedule X-11 provides for an initial service term of twenty years from first delivery and from year to year thereafter unless canceled by either party with at least six (6) months written notice, which may be made effective at the end of the initial twenty years or any year thereafter. By a letter dated August 8, 1995, Texas Gas has exercised its right to terminate the agreements and has requested a termination date of February 29, 1996.

ANR states that no facilities are proposed to be abandoned. ANR also states that its facilities will continue to be available for service on an open-access basis pursuant to Part 284 of the Commission's regulations.

Comment date: March 6, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

3. Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation

[Docket No. CP96-174-000]

Take notice that on February 7, 1996, Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (Texas Eastern), 5400 Westheimer Court,

Houston, Texas 77056-5310, filed in Docket No. CP96-174-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.211) for authorization to construct and install a delivery point on its existing 30-inch Line Nos. 10 and 15 in Rutherford County, Tennessee, in order to make interruptible deliveries to the Town of Smyrna (Smyrna), a public utility in the state of Tennessee, for its system supply. Texas Eastern will install the proposed facilities for an estimated cost of \$63,000 under its blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-535-000, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

To provide the proposed service to Smyrna, Texas Eastern will construct, install, own, operate, and maintain a 2-inch tap valve and a 2-inch check valve, on each of its Line No. 10, at Mile Post 271.26 and on its Line No. 15 at Mile Post 271.369. Smyrna will reimburse Texas Eastern for 100% of the costs and expenses associated with the installation of the proposed delivery taps. Additionally, Texas Eastern states that Smyrna will install, or cause to be installed, dual 2-inch turbine meters, approximately 45 feet of 2-inch pipeline, and the electronic gas measurement equipment (EGM). Texas Eastern claims that while Smyrna will own, operate, and maintain the dual turbine meters and connecting pipe, Texas Eastern states that it will own and operate the EGM. Texas Eastern proposes to deliver up to 5 MMcf/d under its Interruptible Transportation Service Rate Schedule. Texas Eastern asserts that the proposed service will be provided by utilizing existing capacity on the system, therefore, it will have no effect on its peak day or annual deliveries. Additionally, Texas Eastern claims that the proposed service will be accomplished without detriment or disadvantage to its other customers.

Comment date: April 1, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

4. Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C.

[Docket No. CP96-178-0000]

Take notice that on February 8, 1996, Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C. (Maritimes & Northeast), filed in Docket No. CP96-178-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA). Maritimes & Northeast seeks authority necessary to construct, install, own, operate and maintain about

64.1 miles of new natural gas pipeline and ancillary facilities extending from Massachusetts to Maine. Maritimes & Northeast also seeks a Part 284, Subpart G blanket certificate for the transportation of natural gas for others; a Part 157, Subpart F blanket certificate for certain construction and operation of facilities and other minor activities under Section 7 of the NGA; and, approval of its initial rates and *pro forma* tariff provisions. Maritimes & Northeast's proposal is more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Maritimes & Northeast is a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware. Maritimes & Northeast's members are M & N Management Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Panhandle Eastern Corporation; Westcoast Energy (U.S.) Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Westcoast Energy Inc.; Mobil Midstream Natural Gas Investments Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mobil Oil Corporation and SableEast Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Eastern Enterprises, which is the parent of Boston Gas Company.

The proposed facilities are the "prebuild-Phase I" of the southern portion of the Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline Project—a natural gas transportation facility for the Sable Offshore Energy Project (Sable Project). The Sable Project is sponsored by a consortium of United States and Canadian energy companies and is currently in the pre-development stages. The Sable Project is scheduled to make offshore natural gas supplies available to Eastern Canada and the Northeastern United States in 1999. Under Maritime & Northeast's Phase I proposal, it is claimed that timely and cost competitive open access transportation service will be made available to the New Hampshire and southern Maine markets in 1997.

Maritimes & Northeast says that its proposal will provide an additional benefit of positioning these markets to access the Sable Project's supply in 1999. Maritimes & Northeast further states that the proposed Phase I facilities and services are not dependent upon the construction of facilities to connect the Sable Project's supplies. Maritimes & Northeast requests that the Commission issue a Preliminary Determination for the non-environmental issues and that a final certificate be issued by April 1, 1997.

The new pipeline would extend from a proposed point of interconnection with the existing facilities of Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company near Dracut,

¹ See, 41 FPC 828 (1969), 49 FPC 2 (1973) and 35 FERC ¶ 62,339 (1986), respectively.

Middlesex County, Massachusetts to a proposed point of interconnection with the existing facilities of Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc. near Wells, York County, Maine. The new pipeline will be 24-inches in diameter and have a capacity of 60,000 MMBtu per day. The estimated cost of the new pipeline is \$82 million, and the facilities are proposed to be in-service by November 1, 1997.

Maritimes & Northeast says that it will have the ability to redeliver 60,000 MMBtu per day of domestic natural gas from the North American pipeline grid and will provide several significant and operational benefits to the Maritimes & Northeast shippers and Northeast markets. Maritimes & Northeast has signed two firm transportation precedent agreements with two affiliates, both dated January 31, 1996. One is with PanEnergy Gas Services, Inc. for 40,000 MMBtu per day for a term of 20 years, and the other is with Mobil Natural Gas, Inc. for 20,000 MMBtu per day, also for 20 years.

Maritimes & Northeast says that the rates proposed to recover the cost of the project are cost-based straight fixed variable rates, leveled over the first seven years in order to reflect market requirements. The rates are designed to recover the costs of the facilities proposed herein over the life of those facilities. Maritimes & Northeast says that market conditions in the area to be served by Phase I require a leveled rate in the first seven years of operation so that shippers may effectively compete on a delivered cost basis in peak period consumer markets in Maine. Maritimes & Northeast proposes to record four percent annual depreciation for accounting purposes. The difference between the leveled and straight line methods would be recorded in a regulatory asset account.

Maritimes & Northeast also requests approval of its *pro forma* tariff governing the terms and conditions of the transportation services it proposes. Maritimes & Northeast proposes to offer four different types of firm transportation service and interruptible transportation service. Maritimes & Northeast says that it has conformed this *pro forma* tariff to the applicable requirements of the Commission's Order No. 636.

Comment date: March 6, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

5. Northwest Pipeline Corporation

[Docket No. CP96-182-000]

Take notice that on February 9, 1996, Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Northwest), 295 Chipeta Way, Salt Lake

City, Utah 84158, filed in Docket No. CP96-182-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.216(b) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.216(b)) for authorization to abandon by removal its Chemical Lime Meter Station (Chemical Lime M.S.), located in Baker County, Oregon, under the blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-433-000, pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Northwest states that Chemical Lime M.S. was constructed to deliver gas to Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade) for service to a single end-user, the Chemical Lime Company. Northwest claims that Chemical Lime M.S. consisted of a tap, meter and regulating equipment located on Northwest's 22-inch mainline. Additionally, Northwest asserts that no deliveries have been made to the Chemical Lime delivery point since the Chemical Lime plant ceased operations in 1983. Northwest notes that it disconnected the Chemical Lime M.S. effective July 11, 1990, because the facilities were obsolete and there did not appear to be a future use for them.

Northwest states that it currently has no contractual obligation to provide service to the Chemical Lime delivery point, and by a letter dated May 1, 1995, Cascade stated that it had no objections to the abandonment by removal of the Chemical Lime M.S. Northwest claims that the Chemical Lime M.S. has been dismantled from the site and that the removal was completed January 12, 1995. Northwest asserts that due to an administrative oversight, it did not request or receive approval prior to abandoning this meter station.

Northwest notes that the actual cost of removing this meter station was \$9,742.

Comment date: April 1, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraphs

F. Any person desiring to be heard or make any protest with reference to said filing should on or before the comment date file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street, N.E., 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 385.211 and 385.214) 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 filing 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 the applicant to appear or be represented at the hearing.

G. Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after the 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 therefore, 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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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; National Estuary Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).