

Estimated cost burden to respondents:
1,680 hours/2,087 hours per year ×
\$102,000 per year = \$82,108.

The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide the information including: (1) reviewing instructions; (2) developing, acquiring, installing, and utilizing technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, verifying, processing, maintaining, disclosing and providing information; (3) adjusting the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; (4) training personnel to respond to a collection of information; (5) searching data sources; (6) completing and reviewing the collection of information; and (7) transmitting, or otherwise disclosing the information.

The estimate of cost for respondents is based upon salaries for professional and clerical support, as well as direct and indirect overhead costs. Direct costs include all costs directly attributable to providing this information, such as administrative costs and the cost for information technology. Indirect or overhead costs are costs incurred by an organization in support of its mission. These costs apply to activities which benefit the whole organization rather than any one particular function or activity.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96-595-000]

El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

July 2, 1996.

Take notice that on June 25, 1996, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso), P.O. Box 1492, El Paso, Texas 79978, filed in Docket No. CP96-595-000, a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.212) for authorization to upgrade and relocate the existing Chandler No. 3 Meter Station (meter station) located in Maricopa, Arizona, under Northern's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-432-000 and 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.

El Paso proposes to upgrade and relocate a meter station to make

additional firm deliveries of natural gas to Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest) for service to Chandler, Arizona, and environs. El Paso asserts that Southwest has requested additional firm service and that the present meter station is unable to accommodate such delivery. It is further asserted that, by letter agreement dated November 22, 1994, El Paso and Southwest have agreed that El Paso would therefore upgrade the existing meter station. El Paso states that, in order to facilitate ease of maintenance and to eliminate a potentially hazardous situation, El Paso has elected to relocate the existing meter station approximately 53 feet north on the Tucson-Phoenix Line and the Tucson-Phoenix Loop Line.

It is indicated that the proposed quantity of natural gas to be transported on a firm basis to the upgraded meter station is estimated to be 511,636 Mcf annually during the third full year of operation. It is further indicated that the estimated maximum peak day gas requirement at the meter station during the third calendar year of service is 13,680 Mcf. El Paso asserts the gas will be used by Southwest to satisfy the residential, residential space heating, commercial, commercial space heating, and the industrial requirements of customers in Chandler, Arizona, and environs. El Paso states that the proposed firm transportation of gas to Southwest at the meter station will have a negligible effect on El Paso's 1995 peak day and total annual transportation quantities. El Paso further states that estimated cost of the proposed facilities is \$101,500, which Southwest has agreed to reimburse El Paso.

Any person or the Commission Staff may, within 45 days of the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214), a motion to intervene 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 activities 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 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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[Docket No. CP96-610-000]

Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Application

July 2, 1996.

Take notice that on July 1, 1996, Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc. (Granite State), 300 Friberg Parkway, Westborough, Massachusetts 01581, filed in Docket No. CP96-610-000, an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the construction and operation of a liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility in Wells, Maine, to serve Northern Utilities, Inc. (Northern Utilities), pursuant to new Rate Schedule LNG-1, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Granite State submits that the LNG facility proposed in this application is identical to the one proposed in Docket No. CP-95-52-000, that was dismissed without prejudice to resubmitting the proposal changing its use from baseload to peakshaving service. According to Granite State, this resubmitted filing reflects a change in the nature of the service to be provided by such facility from winter baseload to peakshaving.

Granite State further states that the LNG facility is necessary to replace Northern Utilities' volumes currently flowing using capacity leased on the Portland Pipe Line Corporation's oil line that has been converted to natural gas use. According to Granite State, the lease is set to expire on April 30, 1998, and Granite State proposes an in-service date of November 1, 1998 for the proposed LNG facility, the first day of the first heating season after the lease expires.

Granite State states that Northern Utilities has contracted for transportation service on the Portland Natural Gas Transmission System (PNGTS) which also has a proposed in-service date of November 1, 1998. However, Granite State maintains that the LNG facility may be necessary for winter baseload service for Northern Utilities if PNGTS is not in service by that date. After PNGTS is in service, the LNG facility would provide peakshaving service to Northern Utilities.

According to information contained in the application, once the LNG facility is functioning as a peakshaver it would be operated in a fashion that would allow deliverability from the facility to increase by almost 150%. Accordingly, Granite State's resubmitted filing contains a revised precedent agreement