

permission and approval to abandon 1.3 miles of small diameter gathering pipeline, authorized by CNG's blanket certificate in Docket No. CP82-537-000, by sale to American Refining and Exploration Company (AR&E), all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

CNG relates that the 1.3 miles, composing 6 blanket-certificated lines, are a part of its sale to AR&E of 177 miles of gathering facilities, which includes: approximately 175.7 miles of uncertificated gathering lines, three filed compressor stations, and other non-jurisdictional production properties located in Clearfield, Elk, and Cameron Counties, Pennsylvania. CNG requests that the Commission make a determination of the non-jurisdictional nature of the facilities and AR&E operations of the gathering lines and compressors following the sale to AR&E.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before December 16, 1996, 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 and 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 in any proceeding herein 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 the jurisdiction conferred upon the 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 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 CNG to appear or to be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP97-111-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

November 25, 1996.

Take notice that on November 20, 1996, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124-1000, filed a request with the Commission in Docket No. CP97-111-000, pursuant to Sections 157.205, 157.121 and 157.216(b) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to retire five (5) of its meters and appurtenant facilities and then upgrade the existing delivery points to accommodate incremental gas deliveries to Wisconsin Power & Light (WP&L) authorized in blanket certificate issues in Docket No. CP82-401-000, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Northern proposes to upgrade five (5) existing delivery points located in Columbia, Rock, Lafayette and Iowa Counties, Wisconsin. In addition Northern proposes to retire the meters and appurtenant facilities associated with the upgrade of the existing delivery points which would accommodate natural gas deliveries to WP&L. Northern states that the estimated total cost to install and upgrade the proposed facilities would be \$212,700.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after the Commission has issued this notice, 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 NGA (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the allowed time, 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 NGA.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Project No. 11464-000-Utah]

Utah State University; Notice of Surrender of Preliminary Permit

November 25, 1996.

Take notice that Utah State University has requested to surrender its preliminary permit for the U.S.U. Project No. 11464, which would have been located in Logan, Utah. The preliminary permit was issued on November 14, 1994, and would have expired on October 31, 1997.

The permittee requested the surrender on October 31, 1996, and the preliminary permit shall remain in effect through the thirtieth day after issuance of this notice unless that day is a Saturday, Sunday or holiday as described in 18 CFR 385.2007, in which case the permit shall remain in effect through the first business day following that day. New applications involving this project site, to the extent provided for under 18 CFR Part 4, may be filed on the next business day.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP97-108-000]

Williams Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

November 25, 1996.

Take notice that on November 19, 1996, Williams Natural Gas Company (WNG), One Williams Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101 filed in Docket No. CP97-108-000 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 approval and permission to install and operate a delivery tap and appurtenant facilities for the delivery of transportation gas to Cal-Maine Foods, Inc. (Cal-Maine), located in Rice County, Kansas, under the blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-479-000, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

WNG states that it proposes to install and operate a delivery tap, measuring, and appurtenant facilities in Rice County, Kansas to deliver transportation gas to Cal-Maine for use in a new egg production facility near Chase, Kansas. WNG further states that the deliveries through the facilities proposed herein will have no effect on WNG's existing customers. It is estimated that the