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Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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[Docket No. CP97-137-000]

**Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization**

December 10, 1996.

Take notice that on December 3, 1996, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124-1000, filed in Docket No. CP97-137-000 a request pursuant to §§ 157.205 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.216) for authorization to abandon 12 small volume measuring stations located in the states of Iowa and Minnesota, 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 requests authority to abandon 12 small volume measuring stations located in Webster and Polk Counties, Iowa, and Dakota, Washington, Isanti, Rice, Scott and Dodge Counties, Minnesota. Northern states that the end-users have requested the removal of these measuring stations from their property. Northern further states that copies of the consent forms from each end-user authorizing removal of such measuring stations are included in its application.

Northern also states that the facilities to be abandoned are jurisdictional facilities under the Natural Gas Act and were constructed pursuant to superseded 2.55 regulations, budget, or blanket authority, depending on the year the facilities were originally placed in-service.

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 If a protest is filed and not withdrawn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.

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[Docket No. CP94-38-001]

**Oachita River Gas Storage Company, L.L.C.; Notice of Application**

December 10, 1996.

Take notice that on December 2, 1996, Oachita Gas Storage Company, L.L.C. (Oachita), 9801 Westheimer, Suite 602, Houston, Texas 77042, filed in Docket No. CP94-38-001 an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, requesting authority to amend its certificate issued August 1, 1996, in Docket No. CP94-38-000 so as to modify certain tariff provisions and substitute a new rate schedule for an existing approved rate schedule, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Oachita states that on August 1, 1996, the Commission issued an order granting to Oachita a certificate to construct and operate the South Downsville Storage Project. The order also reaffirmed that Oachita could market-based for its storage services (firm, interruptible and hub). However, the Commission denied market-based rates for IHS transportation services without prejudice to Oachita filing a market-based rate proposal which was fully supported and met the standards of the Commission's Policy Statement. In the alternative, Oachita was directed to file propose cost-based initial rates for interruptible hub service, together with supporting cost data, within 75 days of the date of the order. Oachita states that it filed its initial rate proposal for hub transportation service on October 15, 1996, in Docket No. CP94-38-000.

Oachita states that it has been advised that Interruptible Hub Service (IHS) should more appropriately be limited to transportation-only service, with all storage-type services expressly handled through Oachita's Rate Schedules FSS (firm storage service) and ISS (interruptible Storage service). To facilitate this change, Oachita proposes to delete Rate Schedule IHS and replace it with Rate Schedule IHTS (interruptible hub transportation service). It is stated that Rate Schedule IHTS would be limited to interruptible

hub transportation service. It is further indicated that Rate Schedule ISS has been clarified to cover expressly both interruptible storage services and hub storage services (which are also interruptible). Thus, all storage services, including interruptible hub storage service and interruptible storage service would be offered under Oachita's Rate Schedule ISS.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before December 31, 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 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.

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 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 approval for the proposed application 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 Oachita to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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**US Energy Inc.; Notice of Filing**

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Take notice that on October 23, 1996, US Energy Inc. tendered for filing an