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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP97-168-000, CP97-169-000, CP97-177-000, and CP97-178-000]

### Alliance Pipeline L.P.; Notice of Applications

January 8, 1997.

Take notice that on December 24, 1996, Alliance Pipeline L.P. (Alliance), 190 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 3174, Chicago, Illinois 60603-3441, filed in Docket Nos. CP97-168-000, CP97-169-000, CP97-177-000, and CP97-178-000 applications pursuant to section 7(c) and section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and parts 284 and 157 of the Commission's regulations for: a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to the Commission's optional certificate procedures to construct, own, operate, and maintain natural gas pipeline facilities; authorization pursuant to section 3 of the NGA and a Presidential Permit for the siting, construction, operation, and maintenance of certain facilities for the importation of natural gas; a blanket certificate authorizing open-access firm and interruptible transportation; and blanket certificate authorization to engage in certain routine activities, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

As part of a coordinated pipeline project designed to transport 1.325 Bcf per day of natural gas from Alberta/British Columbia production areas in Canada to the midwestern United States, Alliance proposes to construct the United States portion of the pipeline facilities. Upon acceptance of the requested certification, Alliance will be a natural gas company subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

In Docket No. CP97-168-000, Alliance requests authorization to construct, own, operate, and maintain 886.6 miles of 36-inch diameter pipeline originating at a point of interconnection with the Canadian portion of the coordinated project at the North Dakota/

Saskatchewan border near Sherwood, Renville County, North Dakota. The proposed pipeline facilities would extend through North Dakota, Minnesota, and Iowa to a terminus in Will County, Illinois. Alliance also proposes to construct seven compressor stations located in: McHenry and Barnes Counties, North Dakota; Richland, Renville, and Freeborn Counties, Minnesota; Delaware County, Iowa, and Whiteside County, Illinois. The project cost is estimated to be about \$1.3 billion. Alliance further requests pregranted abandonment of the proposed facilities, consistent with section 157.103(f) of the Commission's regulations.

In addition, Alliance states that a related gas processing plant is proposed to be constructed and operated by a non-jurisdictional affiliate, Aux Sable Liquid Products LP, in Grundy County, Illinois.

Alliance requests a Preliminary Determination on non-environmental issues by May 1, 1997, and a final order granting certificate authority on or before March 1, 1998, so that the proposed facilities can be placed in service by late 1999.

In Docket No. CP97-169-000, Alliance submitted an application pursuant to section 3 of the NGA, part 153 of the Commission's regulations, and Executive Order 10485, as amended by Executive Order 12038, and the Secretary of Energy's Delegation Order No. 0204-112, for section 3 authorization and a Presidential Permit to construct, operate, and maintain certain facilities for the importation of natural gas to be located at the international border between the United States of America and Canada near Sherwood, Renville County, North Dakota.

In Docket No. CP97-177-000, Alliance requests a blanket certificate under Part 284, Subpart G of the Commission's regulations. Alliance filed a *pro forma* tariff that offers firm and interruptible transportation with flexible delivery points. Alliance offers two rate options for firm transportation, negotiated or recourse rates. Shippers who choose negotiated rates would agree not to contest certain elements of the cost of service, and Alliance would agree not to change those elements for the length of the primary term and any extension under firm service agreements. Shippers who choose recourse rates would pay the rates ultimately approved by the Commission.

The Docket No. CP97-178-000, Alliance requests a blanket certificate authorizing construction operation, and

abandonment of certain facilities under Part 157, Subpart F 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 January 29, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, 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 3, 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 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 Alliance to appear or be represented at the hearing.

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*Acting Secretary.*

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### Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Notice Granting Extension of Time

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On December 26, 1996, the Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment (NDEA) for the Mokelumne River Project No. 137 was issued in the Federal Register (Vol. 61 No. 249 FR 68033). The NDEA requested that any comments should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice. The