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Lois D. Cashell,  
Secretary.

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**[Docket No. ER97-1412-000]**

**Niobrara Valley Electric Membership Corporation; Notice of Filing**

February 5, 1997.

Take notice that on January 28, 1997, Niobrara Valley Electric Membership Corporation (Niobrara) tendered for filing as a rate schedule an executed Agreement with Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) entitled "Agreement for Joint Planning and Ownership of Subtransmission Facilities" dated January 22, 1979, as amended. Niobrara explains that the filing is made pursuant to Ordering Paragraph (F) of the Commission's Order of October 30, 1996 in *Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. et al.*, Docket Nos. OA96-41-000 et al.

The filing states that the Agreement with NPPD is the sole document in Niobrara's possession or control that establishes a basis for the use of its subtransmission facilities. Niobrara states that it has, through agreements with NPPD, turned over responsibility for operational control of its facilities to NPPD, the control area operator. Any charges for the use of Niobrara's facilities are said to be developed by NPPD and are part of the overall rates that NPPD charges for its sale and transmission facilities.

Niobrara's filing indicates that, under the Agreement, each party pays for service on its facilities on the basis of a formula which compares each party's proportion of the total investment to its proportion of the noncoincidental peak load. As of the date of the filing, according to Niobrara, it is deemed the deficient party and makes a monthly payment to NPPD. Niobrara states that it receives no revenues for use of the facilities, directly or indirectly.

Niobrara's filing also notes that it has filed a motion for reconsideration of the Commission's Order determining that it is performing jurisdictional transmission service.

Niobrara seeks a waiver of the requirement for filing supporting data, required to accompany a rate schedule filing, citing its small size and small administrative staff. Noting that the Agreement has been in force for 18 years and is the basis for continued service to its retail customers, Niobrara has also sought a waiver of the notice

requirements in the Commission's Regulations and an immediate effective date for the Agreement.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before February 14, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,  
Secretary.

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**[Docket No. CP97-208-000]**

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

February 5, 1997.

Take notice that on January 27, 1997, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124-1000, filed in Docket No. CP97-208-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205, 157.212 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212 and 157.216) for authorization to operate an upgrade to an existing delivery point in Washington County, 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 states that due to extreme winter weather conditions and fear of facility failure, the Hasting #1C TBS was upgraded pursuant to the emergency provisions of Part 284 Subpart I of the Commission's Regulations (emergency regulations) to accommodate emergency natural gas deliveries for Minnegasco, a Division of NorAm Energy Corp. (Minnegasco). This upgrading assured the protection of 2,310 residential and commercial customers served by this station. On January 16, 1997, Minnegasco filed its 48-hour report as required by Section 284.270(b) of the

Commission's Regulations. The upgrading included the replacement of the existing meter and appurtenant facilities (e.g., meter run and piping) with larger facilities. The facilities constructed under the emergency regulations and costing \$32,000 will be paid for by Minnegasco in accordance with Section 284.264(a)(6)(ii) of the Commission's Regulations. Northern states that service is being provided to Minnegasco pursuant to currently effective throughput service agreement(s). Northern's proposed accounting entries will reflect the retirement of the meter and appurtenant facilities associated with the upgrade facilities.

Northern states that the total volumes to be delivered to Minnegasco after the request do not exceed the total volumes authorized prior to the request. Northern states that the proposed activity is not prohibited by its existing tariff and that it has sufficient capacity to accommodate the upgraded facilities without detriment or disadvantage to Northern's other customers.

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 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 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.

Lois D. Cashell,  
Secretary.

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**[Docket No. RP97-247-000]**

**Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff**

February 5, 1997.

Take notice that on January 31, 1997, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), tendered for filing to become part of Northern's FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets proposed to become effective on April 1, 1997:

Second Revised Sheet No. 257

Second Revised Sheet No. 259  
Second Revised Sheet No. 260

Northern is filing to eliminate acceptance of facsimiles in the nomination process under the April 1, 1997 GISB timeline. However, Northern requests authority to waive the proposed tariff provision eliminating facsimile nominations during a four-month implementation period from April 1, 1997 through July 31, 1997, provided the nomination is received by Northern by 10:00 a.m. CCT for transportation that will occur on Northern at 9:00 a.m. CCT on the following gas day.

Northern states that copies of the filing were served upon Northern's customers and interested State Commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such petitions or protests must be filed on or before in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make protestant a party to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,  
*Secretary.*

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**[Docket No. RP97-248-000]**

**Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff**

February 5, 1997.

Take notice that on January 31, 1997, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), tendered for filing to become part of Northern's F.E.R.C. Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1 and original Volume No. 2 the following tariff sheets, proposed to be effective March 1, 1997:

Fifth Revised Volume No. 1

32 Revised Sheet No. 50

32 Revised Sheet No. 51

13 Revised Sheet No. 52

32 Revised Sheet No. 53

Original Volume No. 2

152 Revised Sheet No. 1C

27 Revised Sheet No. 1C.a

In this filing, Northern states that it is seeking to recover costs relating to take-or-pay, pricing or other contract provisions, and buydown or reformation costs pursuant to the Commission's Order No. 528.

Northern states that copies of the filing were served upon the Company's customers and interested State Commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C., 20426, in accordance with Section 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken in this proceeding, but will not serve to make protestant a party to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

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*Secretary.*

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**[Project No. 1927]**

**Pacificorp; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation**

February 5, 1997.

On January 30, 1995, Pacificorp, licensee for the North Umpqua Project No. 1927, filed an application for a new or subsequent license pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Commission's regulations thereunder. Project No. 1927 is located on the North Umpqua River in Douglas County, Oregon.

The license for Project No. 1927 was issued for a period ending January 29, 1997. Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year to year an annual license to the then licensee under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in Section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA. If the project's prior license waived the applicability of Section 15 of the FPA, then, based on Section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR

16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to Section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 1927 is issued to Pacificorp for a period effective January 30, 1997, through January 29, 1998, or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first. If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before January 29, 1998, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

If the project is not subject to Section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that Pacificorp is authorized to continue operation of the North Umpqua Project No. 1927 until such time as the Commission acts on its application for subsequent license.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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**[Docket No. CP94-207-003]**

**Southern California Gas Company; Notice of Amendment**

February 5, 1997.

Take notice that on January 31, 1997, Southern California Gas Company (SoCal), located at 555 West Fifth Street, Los Angeles, California 90013-1011, filed an amendment in Docket No. CP94-207-003, pursuant to Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 153 of the Commission's Regulations under the NGA, seeking to further amend the previously amended Section 3 authorization and the amended Presidential Permit, both issued May 22, 1995, to reflect a change in the location of pipeline and metering facilities it proposes to construct at the international boundary of the United States of America and Mexico.