

the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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**[Docket No. CP97-259-000]**

**Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Application**

February 27, 1997.

Take notice that on February 21, 1997, Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin), 1284 Soldiers Field Road, Boston, Massachusetts 02135, filed an application with the Commission in Docket No. CP97-259-000 pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for permission and approval to abandon and remove pipe in New Jersey and pursuant to Section 7(c) of the NGA in order to temporary acquire temporary workspace adjacent to the existing right-of-way to replace the removed pipe, all as more fully set forth in the application which is open to the public for inspection.

Algonquin proposes to remove and replace approximately 2,400 feet of 26-inch diameter pipe in Raritan, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, in order to comply with a U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) class location change. Algonquin states that it must upgrade this portion of its pipeline or lower the Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure (MAOP) below the currently effective MAOP of 750 psig by January 17, 1998. Algonquin also states that it would be unable to meet its contractual obligations at an MAOP lower than the present MAOP of 750 psig.

Algonquin proposed to acquire temporary rights to use 35 feet of work space adjacent to its existing right-of-way in order to remove the 2,400 feet of pipe it needs to replace. Algonquin states that it would place new 26-inch diameter pipe in the same trench excavated to remove the old pipe. Algonquin further states that it would be forced to operate heavy equipment

over its in-service 30-inch diameter loop pipeline if Algonquin does not acquire the temporary workspace. Algonquin estimates that it would cost \$1,312,833 to replace the removed pipe.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before March 20, 1997, 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 NGA (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 the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the NGA 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 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 Algonquin to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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**[Docket No. CP97-258-000]**

**Gas Transport, Inc.; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization**

February 27, 1997.

Take notice that on February 21, 1997, Gas Transport, Inc. (GTI), P.O. Box 430, Lancaster, OH 43130-0430, filed in Docket No. CP97-258-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's

Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212) for authorization to construct and operate a new delivery point in West Virginia under GTI's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP86-291-000 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.

GTI proposes to construct and operate a new connection for the delivery of gas to Hope Gas, Inc. (Hope). The new delivery point location is 702+00 GTI Line #1, Clay District, Wood County, West Virginia. The quantity of gas to be delivered at this delivery point is a maximum of 3,000 Mcf per year. GTI states that this new delivery point is not prohibited by its existing tariff and that it has sufficient capacity to accomplish deliveries without detriment or disadvantage to other customers. The proposed delivery point will not have an effect on GTI's peak day and annual deliveries and the total volumes delivered will not exceed total volumes authorized prior to this request. The cost of construction is estimated at \$2,000 and Hope will provide a contribution-in-aid-of-construction to finance the measurement and regulation.

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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**Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership; Notice of Compliance Filing**

February 27, 1997.

Take notice that on February 25, 1997, Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership (Great Lakes), tendered for