

Specifically, Northern proposes to delay abandonment of certain compressor station facilities at its Owatonna compressor station and is requesting that the certificate issued in Docket No. CP96-57-000 be amended to authorize the continued operation of the Owatonna compressor facilities until its Peak Day 2000 certificate application pending Commission approval in Docket No. CP97-25-000 is granted and the new Owatonna compressor facilities proposed therein are installed.

Northern states that allowing it to continue to operate the Owatonna units also provides backup on the system should other horsepower on the system go down due to routine or non-routine maintenance and notes that Northern would avoid the costs to abandon these units at this time.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before April 18, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 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 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 Northern to appear or be represented at the hearing.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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**Pacific Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff**

[Docket No. RP97-299-000]

March 28, 1997.

Take notice that on March 26, 1997, Pacific Gas Transmission Company (PGT) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1-A: Second Revised Sheet Nos. 37 through 39 and First Revised Sheet No. 40. PGT requested the above-referenced tariff sheets become effective April 26, 1997.

PGT asserts that the purpose of this filing is to modify the methodology used for allocating capacity in its parking and lending services (Rate Schedules PS-1 and AIS-1, respectively) from a first-come, first-served methodology to an economic dispatch methodology, with pro-rata allocation as a tie-breaker.

PGT further states that a copy of this filing has been served on PGT's jurisdictional customers and interested state regulatory agencies.

Any person desiring to be heard or protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All such motions or protests must be filed as provided in 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 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 in the Public Reference Room.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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[Docket No. CP97-304-000]

**Questar Pipeline Company; Notice of Application**

March 28, 1997.

Take notice that on March 24, 1997, Questar Pipeline Company (Questar), 79

South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, filed in Docket No. CP97-304-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act, for permission and approval to abandon, a compressor and related facilities located at the Horseshoe Draw Compressor Station in Sweetwater County, Wyoming, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Questar requests authority to abandon one 1,085 horsepower gas turbine compressor, the Horseshoe Draw compressor, and associated flow-control and automation equipment, two 24 MMcf/d dehydration units, two generator sets, a 2 MMBtu/d line heater and miscellaneous valves, yard and station piping located at the junction of Questar's Jurisdictional Lateral No. 6 and Questar's Main Line No. 22 in southwestern Wyoming. It is indicated that those facilities have not been used during the past five years.

Questar states that, upon receipt of the requested abandonment authority, the Horseshoe Draw compressor will be physically removed from its present location, restaged and installed at Questar's existing Nightingale-Kanda-Coleman Compressor Complex also located in Sweetwater County, Wyoming. (Questar indicates its intent to install the Horseshoe Draw compressor at the Nightingale Station pursuant to 18 CFR 2.55(b). It is stated that related flow control and automation equipment will also be relocated to the Nightingale-Kanda-Coleman Compressor Complex, while the balance of the facilities at Questar's Horseshoe Compressor site will be abandoned, physically removed and scrapped. It is stated that the gross book and net book value of the facilities to be abandoned, total \$782,570 and \$457,804 respectively.

Further, Questar explains that the removal of the above-described facilities will have no adverse impact on transmission services provided by Questar. Questar asserts that its abandonment project does not constitute a major Federal action that could significantly affect the quality of the human environment, since all principal facilities to be removed are skid-mounted, and all abandonment activities will take place within the confines of the existing Horseshoe Draw Compressor Station yard.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before April 14, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a