

should be filed on or before April 18, 1997.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EC97-24-000]

NorAm Energy Services, Inc., Notice of Filing

April 2, 1997.

Take notice that NorAm Energy Services, Inc. (NES) on March 27, 1997, tendered for filing pursuant to Section 203 of the Federal Power Act (the "FPA"), 16 U.S.C. 824b, Part 33 of the Commission's Regulations, 18 CFR 33, and 18 CFR 2.26, an Application For Authorization Under Section 203.

Applicant states that the Application relates to an Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of August 11, 1996, pursuant to which Applicant's parent, NorAm Energy Corp., will be acquired by Houston Industries Incorporated ("HI"). As a result of the transaction, the Applicant, a Commission-regulated power marketer, will become a second tier subsidiary of HI. Applicant notes that the transaction will not result in any disposition or transfer of its power sales agreements and that Applicant will continue to hold and perform such agreements. The Applicant states that it has submitted the information required by part 33 of the Commission's Regulations, and by the Commission's recently issued Merger Policy Statement, Order No. 592, Inquiry Concerning the Commission's Merger Policy under the Federal Power Act, Policy Statement, issued December 18, 1996, 61 FR 68,595 (December 30, 1996), in support of the Application.

As required by 18 CFR 33.6, Applicant states that copies of the Application and related testimony and exhibits have been served on the Arkansas Public Service Commission, the Mississippi Public Service Commission, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, the Louisiana Public Service Commission, the Texas Railroad Commission and the Texas Public Utility Commission.

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 May 27, 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-289-000]

NorAm Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

April 2, 1997.

Take notice that on March 13, 1997, NorAm Gas Transmission Company (NGT), 1600 Smith Street, Houston, Texas 77002, filed in Docket No. CP97-289-000 a request pursuant to Sections 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 certain facilities in Kansas under NGT's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-384-000, *et al.*, 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.

NGT proposes to abandon a tap and metering facilities no longer needed due to the City of Winfield Gas Utility's (Winfield) expansion of its distribution system. The facilities, Rural Extension No. 671, to be abandoned consist of a 1-inch tap and 2-inch U-Shape meter station located in Cowley County, Kansas. NGT states that Winfield has requested that NGT disconnect the meter since Winfield's customers are now served by its own distribution system and that no customers or services will be abandoned.

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.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-311-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

April 2, 1997.

Take notice that on March 31, 1997, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68103-0330, filed a request with the Commission in Docket No. CP97-311-000, pursuant to Sections 157.205, and 157.216(b) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to abandon and remove a small volume measuring station and appurtenant facilities, located in Lancaster County, Nebraska authorized in blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-401-000, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Northern proposes to abandon and remove the Wanek Farm Tap and appurtenant facilities. Northern states the station is no longer required because gas service is now provided to the new delivery point, Wanek #1 TBS, which is located near Crete, Nebraska.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after the Commission has issued this notice, 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 NGA (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the allowed time, 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