

treating facilities from Northern following Northern's abandonment of such facilities in related Docket No. CP97-609-000. Western further states that, thereafter, the facilities will become an integral part of Western's two Puckett Field gathering systems.

Western states in its petition that it seeks a declaration from the Commission that the four compressor units, totaling 5,062 horsepower, treating facilities and appurtenances, located in Pecos County, Texas, which Western proposes to acquire from Northern, are gathering facilities.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said petition should on or before August 8, 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). 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.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-238-000 and CP96-347-000]

Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C., Portland Natural Gas Transmission System; Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Availability, Final Environmental Impact Statement, PNGTS/Maritimes Phase I Joint Facilities Project

July 18, 1997.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared this Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) on natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C. and Portland Natural Gas Transmission System in the above-referenced docket. The FEIS also includes certain facilities to be abandoned by Granite State Gas Transmission Inc. in the above-referenced docket. The specific facilities addressed in this FEIS are referred to as the PNGTS/Maritimes Phase I Joint

Facilities Project (Phase I Joint Facilities).

The FEIS was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures as recommended, would have limited adverse environmental impact.

The FEIS addresses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the following facilities:

- about 66.1 miles of 30-inch-diameter mainline between Dracut, Massachusetts and Wells, Maine;
- about 0.8 mile of 20-inch-diameter pipeline (Haverhill Lateral);
- about 1.1 miles of 16-inch-diameter pipeline (Newington Lateral);
- five meter stations, three taps, and other associated aboveground facilities; and
- abandonment of 15.3 miles of 6-inch-diameter pipeline and two 375 horsepower compressor units in Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

The FEIS will be used in the regulatory decision-making process at the FERC. While the period for filing interventions in this case has expired, motions to intervene out-of-time can be filed with the FERC in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures, 18 CFR 385.214(d). Further, anyone desiring to file a protest with the FERC should do so in accordance with 18 CFR 385.211.

The FEIS has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Room 2A, Washington, D.C. 20426, (202) 208-1371.

Copies of the FEIS have been mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Paul McKee in the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (202) 208-1088.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP94-43-000]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

July 18, 1997.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference will be convened in this proceeding on Monday, July 28, 1997, at 10:30 a.m., at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, for the purpose of exploring the possible settlement of the above-referenced docket.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant as defined in 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 385.214).

For additional information, please contact William J. Collins at (202) 208-0248.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Cases Filed With the Office of Hearings and Appeals

Week of June 23 Through June 27, 1997

During the Week of June 23 through June 27, 1997, the appeals, applications, petitions or other requests listed in this Notice were filed with the Office of Hearings and Appeals of the Department of Energy.

Any person who will be aggrieved by the DOE action sought in any of these cases may file written comments on the application within ten days of publication of this Notice or the date of receipt of actual notice, whichever occurs first. All such comments shall be filed with the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of Energy, Washington, D.C. 20585-0107.

Dated: July 15, 1997.

George B. Breznay,

Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals.