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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-632-000]

NorAm Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

July 18, 1997.

Take notice that on July 11, 1997, NorAm Gas Transmission Company (NGT), 1600 Smith Street, Houston, Texas 77002, filed in Docket No. CP97-632-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205, 157.211 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.211, and 157.216) for authorization to abandon and operate facilities in Mississippi County, Arkansas under NGT's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-384-000 and CP82-384-001 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 reduce operating cost by replacing and upgrading inefficient metering tubes at an existing tap on its Line J. The replacement will also increase the meter stations delivery design capacity from 18,000 MMBtu/day to 40,000 MMBtu/day. The estimated total cost of the project is \$9,965.

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 If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-275-005 and TM97-2-59-003]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

July 18, 1997.

Take notice that on July 16, 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 May 1, 1997 and June 1, 1997:

Effective May 1, 1997

2nd Substitute Fourth Revised Sheet No. 61
2nd Substitute Fourth Revised Sheet No. 62
2nd Substitute Fourth Revised Sheet No. 63
2nd Substitute Fourth Revised Sheet No. 64

Effective June 1, 1997

2nd Substitute Fifth Revised Sheet No. 61
2nd Substitute Fifth Revised Sheet No. 62
2nd Substitute Fifth Revised Sheet No. 63
2nd Substitute Fifth Revised Sheet No. 64

Northern states that this filing is made in compliance with the Commission's Order issued July 1, 1997, in the above-referenced Dockets.

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

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such 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. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for inspection.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-641-000]

Western Gas Resources, Inc.; Notice of Petition For Declaratory Order

July 18, 1997.

Take notice that on July 16, 1997, Western Gas Resources, Inc. (Western), 12200 N. Pecos Street, Denver, Colorado 80234, filed in Docket No. CP97-641-000 a petition for an order declaring that Western's acquisition of natural gas compression and treating facilities, with appurtenances, from Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), will be exempt from the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Section 1(b) of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the petition which is on file with the commission and open to public inspection.

It is stated that Western owns and operates the Ellenberger Gathering System and the Devonian Gathering System, located in the Puckett Field producing area of southwestern Texas. It is stated that the Ellenberger system gathers raw, unprocessed gas from 20 low pressure wells for initial delivery into a natural gas liquids processing plant, then into a carbon dioxide removal and treating facility, and ultimately into Northern's adjacent transmission mainline. It is stated that the Devonian system gathers a raw gas stream flowing from 9 Puckett Field wells for initial delivery into a hydrogen sulfide removal and treating facility and ultimately into Northern's mainline.

Western maintains that the wells on the Ellenberger and Devonian systems generally produce at pressures of 125 psig or less, and wellhead or field compression must often be utilized to boost pressures up to as much as 300 psig. Western states that further compression, however, is necessary to enable efficient delivery of these gas streams through the related plant and treatment facilities and into the much higher pressure Northern mainline, which operates at 650 psig. Western states that the compression is provided to the Ellenberger gas, by two 2,000 horsepower compressor units having a suction pressure of 250 psig and a discharge pressure of 875 psig and provided to the Devonian stream by two 531 horsepower compressor units having a suction pressure of 75 psig and a discharge pressure of 675 psig. Western states that these compressor units are currently owned by Northern. Western states that it has agreed to purchase the four compressor units and