

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 petition for leave to intervene is 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 Maritimes & Northeast to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-648-000]

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

July 23, 1997.

Take notice that on July 17, 1997, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Applicant), 701 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois 60148, filed in Docket No. CP97-648-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205, 157.216, and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act for authorization to abandon a 1.8 mile segment of Applicant's 36-inch Howard Street Lateral located in Cook County, Illinois, by sale to The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company (PGLC), a local distribution company; to abandon by removal certain meter facilities comprising Applicant's existing Rogers Park delivery point, the point where Applicant currently delivers gas to PGLC; and to construct and operate a replacement delivery point to PGLC on the Howard Street Lateral, under blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-402-000,¹ all as more fully set forth in the request for authorization on file with the Commission and open for public inspection.

Applicant states that the proposed activity is to create a direct interconnection between the systems of PGLC and Northern Illinois Gas Company (NI-Gas), without constructing substantial new facilities, and while maintaining Applicant's delivery capabilities to both systems off the Howard Street Lateral. Applicant has agreed to sell and PGLC has agreed

to purchase the 1.8 miles of pipe for the sum of \$225,000. Applicant states that this facility has a net book value of \$0, and the \$225,000 price is based on the approximate value of the right-of-way. PGLC's purchase of the facility will make it unnecessary for PGLC to acquire new right-of-way for the construction of a new facility to accomplish the PGLC/NI-Gas interconnect.

Applicant states that all transportation volumes being delivered at the current Rogers Park delivery point would be reassigned to the replacement delivery point, which would retain the Rogers Park name and have comparable delivery capability. There is no contemplated change between the present and proposed quantities of gas to be delivered; nor, will there be an impact on Applicant's peak day and annual deliveries as a result of the change in delivery point location. Applicant states that its customers on the subject facilities have no objection to the proposal.

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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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-646-000]

NorAm Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

July 23, 1997.

Take Notice that on July 17, 1997, NorAm Gas Transmission Company (NGT), 1600 Smith Street, Houston, Texas 77002, filed in Docket No. CP97-646-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the

Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.211) for authorization to construct and operate a tap in Arkansas under NGT's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-348-000 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 install and operate a 1-inch tap and a first cut regulator on its Line JM-19 in Lee County, Arkansas. The total estimated volumes to be delivered to these facilities are 2,600 MMBtu annually and 16 MMBtu on a peak day. The estimated total cost of the project is \$2,743.

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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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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NorAm Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

July 23, 1997.

Take notice that on July 18, 1997, NorAm Gas Transmission Company (NGT), 1600 Smith Street, Houston, Texas 77002, filed in Docket No. CP97-654-000 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 certain facilities in Arkansas and construct and operate certain facilities in Arkansas to deliver gas to Tyson Foods, Inc. under NGT's blanket

¹ See, 20 FERC § 62,415 (1982).