

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 285.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before September 2, 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.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-701-000]

NorAm Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

August 21, 1997.

Take notice that on August 18, 1997, NorAm Gas Transmission Company (NGT), 525 Milam Street, P.O. Box 21734, Shreveport, Louisiana 71151, filed in Docket No. CP97-701-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211, of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.211) for approval to continue to operate an existing one-inch tap originally installed solely to provide service authorized under Section 311 of the Natural Gas Policy Act (NGPA) and Subpart B, Part 284 of the Commission's Regulations under Subpart G of Part 284 of the Commission's Regulations, under NGT's blanket certificates issued in Docket Nos. CP82-384-000 and CP82-384-001, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

NGT states that the facilities, which consist of a one-inch tap, valve, and first-cut regulator, are located on NGT's Line TM-10 in Arkansas County, Arkansas. NGT asserts that the estimated volumes of natural gas to be delivered through these facilities are approximately 85 MMBtu annually and 1 MMBtu on a peak day. NGT further asserts that the tap was constructed in July, 1997 at an estimated cost of \$2,838

and \$2,135 will be reimbursed to NGT by ARKLA, a local distribution company.

Any person or the Commission's Staff may, within 45 days of the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214), a motion to intervene 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 activities 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 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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-685-001]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Amendment of Application

August 21, 1997.

Take notice that on August 20, 1997, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124-1000, filed in Docket No. CP97-685-001 an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to amend its original prior notice application pending Commission approval in Docket No. CP97-685-000, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Northern is amending its original prior notice application requesting the application be converted to a case-specific Section 7(c) in order to meet its customer's requirements for natural gas service on an expedited basis. It is asserted that the Rippey Co-Op has requested expedited consideration as it has installed a larger grain dryer which must be tested prior to undertaking grain drying activities for the 1997 crop. It is stated that the Rippey Co-Op is concerned that due to the weather, it will be unable to meet its requirements regarding grain drying if it has to wait

for the 45-day notice to expire in Northern's original application.

Northern proposes to upgrade the Rippey #2, an existing delivery point located in Greene County, Iowa, to accommodate increased interruptible natural gas deliveries to UtiliCorp United, Inc. (UCU) for redelivery to the Rippey Co-Op.

Northern states that the proposed increase in volumes to be delivered to UCU at the Rippey #2 are 910 MMBtu on a peak day and 48,500 MMBtu on an annual basis. Northern estimates a cost of \$56,000 for upgrading and UCU will be reimbursing Northern.

Any person desiring to be heard or any person desiring to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before August 28, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., 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 18 CFR 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 the 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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