

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2928-004]

Merrimac Paper Company, Inc.; Notice Establishing Procedures for Relicensing and a Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments

January 8, 1998.

The license for the Merrimac Hydro Project No. 2928, located on the Merrimack River in Essex County, near Lawrence, Massachusetts, will expire on November 30, 1999. On September 29, 1997, an application for subsequent license was filed. The following is an approximate schedule and procedures that will be followed in processing the application:

| Date | Action |
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| March 1, 1998 | Commission notifies applicant that its application has been accepted and specifies the need for additional information and due date. |
| March 1, 1998 | Commission issues public notice of the accepted application establishing dates for filing motions to intervene and protests. |
| May 1, 1998 | Commission's deadline for applicant for filing a final amendment, if any, to its application. |
| January 15, 1999 .. | Commission notifies all parties and agencies that the application is ready for environmental analysis. |

Upon receipt of all additional information and the information filed in response to the public notice of the acceptance of the application, the Commission will evaluate the application in accordance with applicable statutory requirements and take appropriate action on the application.

Any questions concerning this notice should be directed to Mark Pawlowski at (202) 219-2795.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-167-000]

PG&E Gas Transmission—Northwest; Notice of Application

January 8, 1998.

Take notice that on December 30, 1997, PG&E Gas Transmission—Northwest (PG&E) [formerly Pacific Gas Transmission Company], 2100 Southwest River Parkway, Portland, Oregon 97201, filed in the above-referenced docket, an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing PG&E to install and operate additional compression at three existing compressor stations, all as more fully set forth in the application that is on file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and open to public inspection.

PG&E states that the purpose of this project is to increase system compression by upgrading two existing compressor units at its Compressor Station 4 near Standpoint, Idaho, one unit at its Compressor Station 7 near Starbuck, Washington, and one unit at its Compressor Station 9 in Morrow County, Oregon. PG&E further states that the additional compression to be added will allow it to offer additional firm service between Kingsgate, British Columbia and Standfield, Oregon of 56,000 Dth/d on an annual basis, and an additional firm service between Kingsgate and Malin, Oregon of 20,000 Dth/d during the four months of November through February. PG&E has executed transportation agreements for the additional capacity with Avista Energy, Inc., Duke Energy Trading and Marketing, L.L.C., El Paso Energy Marketing Canada, Inc., Montana Power Trading and Marketing Company, and POCO Marketing Ltd.

The total cost of the compression facilities is estimated to be \$6,000,000, which will be financed using funds on hand. PG&E proposes to install the additional compression in order to provide the additional transportation service beginning November 1, 1998.

Any person desiring to participate in the hearing process or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before January 29, 1998, 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 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. The Commission's rules require that protestors provide copies of their protests to the party or parties directly involved. 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.

A person obtaining intervenor status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by every one of the intervenors. An intervenor can file for rehearing of any Commission order and can petition for court review of any such order. However, an intervenor must submit copies of comments or any other filing it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as 14 copies with the Commission.

A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have comments considered. A person, instead, may submit two copies of comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of environmental documents and will be able to participate in meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission and will not have the right to seek rehearing or appeal the Commission's final order to a federal court.

The Commission will consider all comments and concerns equally, whether filed by commenters or those requesting intervenor status.

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 PG&E to appear or be represented at the hearing.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-420-002]

Southern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes to FERC Gas Tariff

January 8, 1998.

Take notice that on January 5, 1998, Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Seventh Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets to become effective February 5, 1998:

First Revised Sheet No. 43
Fifth Revised Sheet No. 44
Second Revised Sheet No. 57
Fifth Revised Sheet No. 58
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 62
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 63
First Revised Sheet No. 154

Southern states that its filing is in compliance with the Commission's December 24, 1997 order approving changes to its OFO procedures and directing Southern to file revised tariff sheets consistent with its order.

Southern states that copies of the filing will be served upon all parties designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in these proceedings.

Any person desiring to protest this 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 of Practice and Procedure. 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, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public

inspection in the Public Reference Room.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-169-000]

Stingray Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

January 8, 1998.

Take notice that on December 31, 1997, Stingray Pipeline Company (Stingray), 701 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois 60148, filed in Docket No. CP98-169-000 a request pursuant to §§ 157.205 and 157.208(b) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.208(b) for authorization to construct, own and operate facilities to connect Stingray's existing East Cameron Block 338 (EC 338), Offshore Louisiana platform to a new production platform to be located in East Cameron Block 373 (EC 373), Offshore Louisiana under Stingray's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP91-1505-000 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.

Specifically, Stingray proposes to construct, own and operate a dual 8-inch meter and approximately 0.10 miles of 16-inch lateral on a new platform to be located in EC 373; approximately 12.91 miles of 16-inch lateral from the new EC 373 platform to the existing EC 338 platform; and approximately 0.05 miles of 16-inch lateral to connect the 12.91-mile lateral to the existing EC 338 platform. Stingray estimates the cost of the proposed facilities to be \$11,358,000.

Stingray states that it will provide self-implementing transportation service by means of the proposed facilities pursuant to its Order No. 509 blanket certificate and Subparts G and K of Part 284 of the Commission's Regulations. Stingray asserts that the proposed facilities will allow Stingray to receive approximately 24,982,000 Mcf of additional production on annual basis for transportation onshore.

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 § 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.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-168-000]

Williams Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application

January 8, 1998.

Take notice that on December 31, 1997, Williams Natural Gas Company (WNG), P.O. box 3288, Tulsa Oklahoma 74101 filed in Docket No. CP98-168-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act, as amended, to abandon by sale, for subsequent reclaim and abandonment in place about 126.1 miles of pipeline and related facilities in Hemphill County Texas and Ellis, Woods and Woodward Counties, Oklahoma, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, WNG seeks authority to abandon by sale to CPI Pipe and Supply, Inc., to reclaim for salvage and to abandon in place, about 126.1 miles of the Pampa 20-inch acetylene welded line. WNG estimates that the cost of abandonment will be about \$246,550 and the sales price is \$2,825,000.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before January 29, 1998, 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) 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