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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-185-000]

NorAm Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

January 21, 1998.

Take notice that on January 14, 1998, NorAm Gas Transmission Company (NorAm), 1600 Smith Street, Houston, Texas 77002, filed in Docket No. CP98-185-000 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) under NorAm's blanket certificate issued in Docket Nos. CP82-384-000 and CP82-384-001 for authorization to operate certain facilities in Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

NorAm specifically requests authority at the request of ARKLA, a distribution division of NorAm Energy Corporation (ARKLA), to operate existing taps for delivery of natural gas to ARKLA for resale to consumers other than the right-of-way grantors from whom the taps were originally installed. NorAm states that the volumes through these taps range from 1 MMBtu to 200 MMBtu per day. The location and size of each tap for certification is shown in Exhibit Z of the application. NorAm further states that there will be no new construction.

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 If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for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. CP98-172-000]

South Georgia Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

January 21, 1998.

Take notice that on January 7, 1998, as supplemented on January 15, 1998, South Georgia Natural Gas Company, Post Office Box 2563, Birmingham, Alabama 35202-2563, filed in Docket No. CP98-172-000, a request, pursuant to Sections 157.205, 157.212, and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212, and 157.216), for authorization to construct and operate modifications to an existing delivery point in Suwannee County, Florida for transportation service to its existing customer, Florida Power Corporation (Florida Power), under South Georgia's blanket certificate authorization issued in Docket No. CP82-548-000, pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

South Georgia is proposing to add one 6-inch turbine meter and to replace the existing 3-inch regulators and monitors with 4-inch regulators and monitors at the existing meter station, known as Florida Power #2, located at or near Mile Post 100.324 on South Georgia's 10-inch Main Line in Suwannee County, Florida.

South Georgia estimates the total cost of the modifications to be \$196,550, to be reimbursed to it by Florida Power. South Georgia estimates the annual volumes for deliveries will increase from 350,000 Mcf to 1,050,000 Mcf, and the maximum daily delivery volumes will increase from 9720 Mcf to 29,160 Mcf per day.

South Georgia states that it will transport gas on behalf of Florida Power under its Rate Schedule IT. South Georgia states that the installation of the proposed facilities will have no adverse effect on its ability to provide its firm deliveries.

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 therefore, 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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Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-173-000]

Texas Gas Transmission Corporation Southern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application

January 21, 1998.

Take notice that on January 8, 1998, Texas Gas Transmission Corporation (Texas Gas) P.O. Box 20008, Owensboro, Kentucky 42304 and Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern) P.O. Box 2563, Birmingham, Alabama 35202 (jointly referred to as Applicants) filed in Docket No. CP98-173-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for permission and approval to abandon a natural gas exchange service between Texas Gas and Southern which was authorized in Docket No. G-11138, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Applicants propose to abandon the exchange service between Texas Gas and Southern provided under Texas Gas' Rate Schedule X-7 and Southern's Rate Schedule 11. The Applicants state that this exchange service is no longer required and has been terminated by Texas Gas giving notice to Southern by letter dated April 19, 1996, of its intent to terminate the Exchange Agreement effective July 19, 1996.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before February 11, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 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. 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 jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulation 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 the abandonment 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 Applicants to appear or be represented at the hearing.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application for Preliminary Permit

January 21, 1998.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Application:* Preliminary Permit.

b. *Project No.:* 11609-000.

c. *Date filed:* November 3, 1997.

d. *Applicant:* South Fork Irrigation District and Hot Springs Valley Irrigation District.

e. *Name of Project:* West Valley Project.

f. *Location:* On the Cedar Creek, in Lassen and Modoc Counties, California.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C., 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Don R. Pope, 9709 W. Fairview Avenue, Littleton, CO 80127-3955, (303) 973-9610.

i. *FERC Contact:* Mr. Robert Bell, (202) 219-2806.

j. *Comment Date:* April 7, 1998.

k. *Description of Project:* The proposed pumped storage project would consist of: (1) the existing 16-foot-high, 1,100-foot-long earthen Moon Lake Dam; (2) the Moon Lake Reservoir, having a surface area of 3,000 acres, a storage capacity of 35,000 acre-feet, and normal water surface elevation of 5,500 feet msl (this will serve as the upper reservoir); (3) a new 90-foot-high, 650-foot-long concrete dam; (4) a new reservoir having a surface area of 184 acres, a storage capacity of 8,280 acre-feet, and normal water surface elevation of 4,950 feet msl (this would serve as the lower reservoir); (5) a new 18,000-foot long tunnel connecting the reservoirs; (6) a new powerhouse within the tunnel, containing four generating units with a total installed capacity of 264 MW; (7) a new 5-mile-long, 230-KV transmission line; and (8) appurtenant facilities.

This project would have an annual generation of 542,880 MWh and would be sold to a local utility.

1. *This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs:* A5, A7, A9, A10, B, C, and D2.

A5. Preliminary Permit—Anyone desiring to file a competing application for preliminary permit for a proposed project must submit the competing application itself, or a notice of intent to file such an application, to the Commission on or before the specified comment date for the particular application (see 18 CFR 4.36).

Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing preliminary permit application no later than 30 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing preliminary permit application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

A7. Preliminary Permit—Any qualified development applicant desiring to file a competing development application must submit to the Commission, on or before a specified comment date for the particular application, either a competing development application or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent to file a development application allows an interested person to file the competing application no later than 120 days after the specified

comment date for the particular application. A competing license application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

A9. Notice of intent—A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit, if such an application may be filed, either a preliminary permit application or a development application (specify which type of application). A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

A10. Proposed Scope of Studies under Permit—A preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36 months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit would include economic analysis, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and a study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

B. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

C. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION", "COMPETING APPLICATION", "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the project number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application