

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. ER98-1686-000]

Public Service Company of New Mexico; Notice of Filing

February 11, 1998.

Take notice that on January 30, 1998, Public Service Company of New Mexico, submitted a notice of termination of the 1997 Wholesale Power Agreement between Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM), and Texas-New Mexico Power Company (PNM FERC Rate Schedule No. 119 and Supplement No. 1) pursuant to § 35.15(c) of the Rules and Regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. By the express terms of Section 5 of the contract, it was in effect for the period January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997. PNM's filing also is available for public inspection at its offices in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal 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 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before February 24, 1998. 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,*Acting Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP98-215-000]

Questar Pipeline Company; Notice of Application

February 11, 1998.

Take notice that on February 2, 1998, Questar Pipeline Company (Questar), 180 East 100 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, filed in Docket No. CP98-215-000, an application pursuant to Sections

7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing Questar to replace approximately 16.4 miles of Main Line (M.L.) No. 43 pipeline and to abandon in place the existing pipeline, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Questar proposes to replace the entire 16.4 miles of 16-inch diameter M.L. No. 43 pipeline with a new 20-inch pipeline to be known as M.L. No. 103 in Uintah County, Utah. Questar states that the proposed new 20-inch diameter replacement pipeline will parallel the existing M.L. No. 43 pipeline right-of-way. Questar requests authorization to replace the existing 16-inch M.L. No. 43 pipeline because the protective coating on M.L. No. 43 is deteriorating. Questar also proposes to install pig launching and pig receiving facilities on either end of the proposed M.L. No. 103 project. The total cost associated with the installation of M.L. No. 103, as well as the installation of pig launcher and receiver facilities, valves, auxiliary pipeline and other appurtenances, is approximately \$6,559,000.

Questar states that, following installation of the M.L. No. 103 pipeline, the existing 16.4 mile, 16-inch diameter M.L. No. 43 pipeline will be capped on both ends, purged with an inert gas and retired in place at an approximate cost of \$40,700.

Any person desiring to be heard or making any protest with reference to said application should on or before March 4, 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 person to whom the protests are directed. 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 issued by the Commission, filed by the applicant, or filed by all other 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 serve copies of comments or any other filing it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as filing an original and 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 such 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 NGA and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on these applications 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 Questar to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,*Acting Secretary.*

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