

The Commission, by order issued September 10, 1997, in Docket No. RP97-369-000,<sup>1</sup> on remand from the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals,<sup>2</sup> required First Sellers to refund Kansas ad valorem tax reimbursements to pipelines, with interest, for the period from 1983 to 1988, by March 9, 1998. In its January 28, 1998 Order Clarifying Procedures [82 FERC ¶ 61,059 (1998)], the Commission stated that producers (i.e., First Sellers) could file dispute resolution requests with the Commission, asking the Commission to resolve the dispute with the pipeline over the amount of Kansas ad valorem tax refunds owed.

Any person desiring to comment on or make any protest with respect to the above-referenced petition should, on or before August 11, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C., 20426, a motion to intervene or protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211). 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 the proceeding, or to participate as a party in any hearing therein, must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-117-000]

#### K N Interstate Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

July 21, 1998.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference in this proceeding will be convened on Tuesday, August 18, and Wednesday, August 19, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. The settlement conference will be held at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C.

<sup>1</sup> See 80 FERC ¶ 61,264 (1997); order denying rehearing issued January 28, 1998, 82 FERC ¶ 61,058 (1998).

<sup>2</sup> *Public Service Company of Colorado v. FERC*, 91 F.3d 1478 (D.C. 1996), cert. denied, Nos. 96-954 and 96-1230 (65 U.S.L.W. 3751 and 3754, May 12, 1997).

20426, for the purpose of exploring the possible settlement of the above referenced docket.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant as defined in 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 385.214).

For additional information, contact Thomas J. Burgess at 208-2058 or Lorna J. Hadlock at 208-0737.

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2047-004]

#### Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation; Notice of Filing for Application

July 21, 1998.

Take notice that on June 23, 1998, the Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation filed an application to relicense the Stewarts Bridge Hydroelectric Project No. 2047.

The Stewarts Bridge Project is located on the Sacandaga River, in Saratoga County, New York. The project includes an earth dam about 1,650 feet long and 112 feet high with a concrete gated spillway and penstock intake structure; a reservoir of about 475 acres at elevation 705 feet USGS datum; a steel penstock to a brick powerhouse with one generator rated at 30,000 kW; an outdoor transformer, switching station and 400-foot-long transmission line; and appurtenant facilities. The licensee proposes no changes in operation or new construction for the project. The current operating license expires July 1, 2000.

To facilitate on going discussions to settle issues at projects in the Sacandaga-Hudson River Basin, including the Stewart's Bridge Project, requirements for compliance with Sections 16.8(c)(5)-(10) have been waived and modified. Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation has until October 15, 1998 to comply with Sections 16.8(c)(8) and 16.8(f). Therefore, if any resource agency, Indian tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merits, a request for the study, together with justification for such request in

accordance with section 4.32 of the Commission's regulations, must be filed no later than November 30, 1998.

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-666-000]

#### Northwest Pipeline Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

July 21, 1998.

Take notice that on July 13, 1998, Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Northwest), 295 Chipeta Way, Salt Lake City, Utah 84108, filed in Docket No. CP98-666-000 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 existing regulator facilities and constructing and operating upgraded replacement regulator facilities in Spokane County, Washington under Northwest's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-433-000 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.

The upgrade is being requested because of a request by Washington Water Power Gas Company for increased delivery pressure. As a result of the upgrade, the maximum design delivery capacity of the meter station will increase from 34,945 to approximately 37,450 Dth per day at 250 psig and the station will be able to deliver gas at 400 psig when operating conditions are suitable. The total cost of the upgrade will be approximately \$32,075.

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