

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 If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. OA96-19-002, ER97-1359-000, ER95-1686-000, ER95-496-000]

Northeast Utilities Service; Notice of Filing

August 24, 1998.

Take notice that on August 19, 1998, Northeast Utilities Service Company, in compliance with the order of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Northeast Utilities Service Company, *et al.*, 83 FERC 61,184 (1998), submitted revised pages to the Northeast Utilities System Companies' Open Access Transmission Tariff. Copies of the compliance filing were served on all customers taking service under the tariff.

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 and protests should be filed on or before September 8, 1998. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. 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. CP98-744-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application for Abandonment

August 28, 1998.

Take notice that on August 25, 1998, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124, filed in the above docket an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 157.7 and 157.18), requesting permission and approval to abandon as non-jurisdictional facilities, by sale to El Paso Offshore Gathering and Transmission Company (El Paso), certain non-contiguous pipeline facilities, with appurtenances, located in Matagorda Island, Offshore Texas known as the Seagull Shoreline Laterals (SSL facilities), all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. Specifically these facilities include:

(1) MATAGORDA ISLAND 623 A: (TOS-84071) approximately 2 miles of 16-inch pipeline and appurtenant facilities, extending from the platform in MAT 623 "A" to an underwater connection in MAT 623 "B".

(2) MATAGORDA ISLAND 623 B & 624: (TOS-83431 & TOS 83421) approximately 4 miles of 24-inch pipeline with associated metering and appurtenant facilities from the "B" platform in MAT 623 to EL Paso's facilities in MAT 624, and approximately 0.4 miles of 10-inch pipeline from MAT 624 to a subsea tap on the 24-inch line in MAT 623.

(3) MATAGORDA ISLAND 622 C: (TOS-84961) approximately 3 miles of 24-inch pipeline with associated metering and appurtenant facilities from MAT 622 "C" to the "B" platform in MAT 623.

(4) MATAGORDA ISLAND 638: (TOS-85411) approximately 7 miles of 16-inch pipeline with associated metering and appurtenant facilities, extending from the platform in MAT 638 "B" to an underwater connection in MAT 622 "C".

Northern will sell these facilities to EL Paso for \$3,100,000 as adjusted per the sales agreement at closing.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before September 18, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., 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 385.211 and 385.214) 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 proceedings. 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 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 or if the Commission on its own review of the matter, finds that a grant of the certificate for the proposal is required by the public convenience and necessity. If the Commission 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-293-001]

Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

August 28, 1998.

Take notice that on August 25, 1998, Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc. (Williams), tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original