

with FERC on July 9, 1996, will allow NMPC and Village of Richmondville to enter into separately scheduled transactions under which NMPC will provide network integration transmission service for Village of Richmondville.

NMPC requests an effective date of July 1, 1998. NMPC has requested waiver of the notice requirements for good cause shown.

NMPC has served copies of the filing upon New York State Public Service Commission and Village Richmondville.

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 18, 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.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-759-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

September 9, 1998.

Take notice that on September 2, 1998, Northern Natural Gas Company, (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68103, filed in Docket No. CP98-753-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.216 (b) of the Commission's Regulations and Northern's blanket certificate issued at Docket No. CP82-401-000 for authorization to construct and operate a new delivery point in Freeborn County, Minnesota for deliveries to Agri Resources D/B/A Exol (Exol), all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Northern states that it requests to construct and operate a new delivery

point for firm service to Exol under currently effective throughput agreements. It is also stated that Exol would provide firm service to a new facility in Albert Lea, Minnesota. The proposed volumes to be delivered to Exol are 1,600 MMBtu on peak days and 584,000 MMBtu on an annual basis. It is further stated that the total cost of the facility will be \$198,000.

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 835.214) 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.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-753-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

September 9, 1998.

Take notice that on August 28, 1998, Northern Natural Gas Company, (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68103, filed in Docket No. CP98-753-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.216 (b) of the Commission's Regulations and Northern's blanket certificate issued at Docket No. CP82-401-000 for authorization to construct and operate a new delivery point in Beadle County, South Dakota for deliveries to Northwestern Public Service Company (NWPS), all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Northern states that it requests to construct and operate a new delivery point to NWPS under currently effective throughput agreements. It is also stated that Northern would provide 2,450

MMBtu on peak days and 299,000 MMBtu on an annual basis to NWPS. NWPS has requested the facility to provide gas volumes to residential and commercial users. It is further stated that the total cost of the facility will be \$70,000 and will be reimbursed by NWPS.

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.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1981-010 Wisconsin]

Oconto Electric Cooperative; Notice of Intent to Conduct Scoping Meetings and Site Visit

September 10, 1998.

Oconto Electric Cooperative (OEC) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) an application on February 25, 1998, for a new minor license for the existing Stiles Project (P-1981). The 1,000 kilowatt project is located in the township of Stiles, Oconto County, Wisconsin, on the Oconto River.

Scoping Meetings

The Commission staff will conduct two scoping meetings on September 21 and 22, 1998, for the preparation of an environmental assessment (EA), pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. Section 4321 *et seq.*).

Federal and state resource agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and other interested parties are invited to attend one or both of the meetings, and to assist the Commission staff in identifying the scope of environment