

proposed, and to revise the original cost estimate from \$17,029,000 to an approximate estimate of \$18,567,000. All other segments of the original proposal would not change.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before October 30, 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 385.214 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 the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory 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 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 Northwest 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. CP98-807-000]

Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company; Notice of Application

October 9, 1998.

Take notice that on September 29, 1998, Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line

Company (Panhandle), P.O. Box 1642, Houston, Texas 77251-1642, filed in Docket No. CP98-807-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for permission and approval to abandon its undivided 32.387% interest in certain compressor facilities located in Alfalfa and Major Counties, Oklahoma by assignment to Western Gas Resources (Western), all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Panhandle states that the facilities are currently operated by Western and that the requested abandonment will have no adverse affect on service to its customers.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before October 30, 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 385.214 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 the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory 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 permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are 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 Panhandle Eastern 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

[Project No. 2233-000]

Portland General Electric Company, Portland, OR; Smurfit Newsprint Corporation, Oregon City, OR; Notice of Portland General Electric Company and Smurfit Newsprint Corporation's Request To Use Alternative Procedures in Filing a License Application

October 9, 1998.

By letter dated September 1, 1998, Portland General Electric Company (PGE) of Portland, Oregon, and Smurfit Newsprint Corporation of Oregon City, Oregon, co-licensee, have asked to use an alternative procedure in filing an application for a new license for their Willamette Falls Project No. 2233.¹ PGE, acting on behalf of itself and Smurfit, has demonstrated that they have made a reasonable effort to contact the resource agencies, Indian tribes, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and others who may be affected by their proposal, and has submitted a communication protocol governing how participants in the proposed process may communicate with each other. PGE has also submitted evidence of support for their proposal, and it appears that a consensus exists that the use of an alternative procedure is appropriate in this case.

The purpose of this notice is to invite any additional comments on PGE's request to use the alternative procedure, as required under the final rule for Regulations for the Licensing of Hydroelectric Projects.² Additional notices seeking comments on the specific project proposal, interventions and protests, and recommended terms and conditions will be issued at a later date.

The alternative procedure being requested here combines the prefiling

¹ The project consists of an 8-foot-high dam along the crest of Willamette Falls on the Willamette River. PG&E operates the 16-megawatt T.W. Sullivan powerhouse, located on the west side of the falls. Co-licensee, Smurfit Newsprint Corporation, operates a 1.5-megawatt powerhouse on the east side of the falls. The project is not located on any Federal land.

² 81 FERC 61,103 (1997).