

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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 proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

**David P. Boergers,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-55-000]

#### Portland Natural Gas Transmission System; Notice of Application

November 12, 1998.

Take notice that on November 6, 1998, Portland Natural Gas Transmission System (PNGTS), One Harbour Place, Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801, filed in Docket No. CP99-55-000, an application, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the construction and operation of pipeline facilities, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, PNGTS proposes to construct and operate a 4-inch diameter pipe that will extend three feet above ground and a 4-inch diameter valve and flange, near milepost 149.55 in Windham, Maine. PNGTS states that these facilities will be enclosed within a standard six-foot high and ten-foot square chain link fence located on PNGTS's permanent right-of-way. PNGTS expects to utilize these facilities to construct a delivery tap in Windham, Maine in the future to provide natural gas service. PNGTS is currently constructing its pipeline from the Canadian border to Portland, Maine. PNGTS contends that it is more efficient, less expensive, environmentally preferable, and safer to construct the proposed facilities during construction of the PNGTS pipeline rather than after the pipeline has been placed into operation. PNGTS states that

the estimated cost of the project is \$32,000.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before November 19, 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 proceeding. The Commission's rules require that protestors provide copies of their protests to the party or parties directly involved. Any person wishing to become a party in any proceeding herein 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 filed by the applicant and by every one of the 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 submit copies of comments or any other filing it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as 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 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 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 abandonments and a grant of the certificate 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 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 PNGTS to appear or to be represented at the hearing.

**David P. Boergers,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-140-000]

#### Questar Pipeline Company; Notice of Tariff Filing

November 12, 1998.

Take notice that on November 5, 1998, Questar Pipeline Company (Questar) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets, with an effective date of January 1, 1999:

Ninth Revised Sheet Nos. 5 and 5A  
Eighth Revised Sheet No. 40  
Third Revised Sheet No. 90  
Original Sheet No. 90A

Questar tendered this tariff filing in compliance with the Commission's April 29 order that approved the Stipulation and Agreement (S&A) filed by the Gas Research Institute (GRI) on January 21, 1998. The S&A reflects the GRI Surcharge rates for 1999. Additionally, the S&A created a Voluntary Contribution Mechanism for shippers who voluntarily choose to contribute to GRI through a "check-the-box" mechanism. This filing incorporates both the 1999 GRI Surcharge rates and the Voluntary Contribution Mechanism into Questar's tariff.

Questar states that a copy of this filing has been served upon its customers, the Public Service Commission of Utah and