

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP99-610-000]

**Natural Gas Processing Company; Notice of Application**

September 3, 1999.

Take notice that on August 30, 1999, Natural Gas Processing Company (NGP), 101 Division Street, Worland, Wyoming 82401, filed in Docket No. CP99-610-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(f) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for a service area determination, a finding that NGP, operating through its division, Zia Natural Gas Company (Zia), qualifies as a local distribution company for purposes of Section 311 of the Natural Gas Policy Act (NGPA), and for a waiver of the Commission's regulatory requirements, including reporting and accounting requirements applicable to natural gas companies under the NGA and NGPA, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

NGP proposes to connect a 4-inch pipeline to its existing distribution system and cross the New Mexico/Texas border, just outside the city limits of Hobbs, in Lea County, to serve an unincorporated subdivision located in Gaines County, Texas and immediately adjacent to the border. The service area, it is said, would be the subdivision NGP proposes to serve through Zia.

NGP states that the grant of the requested service area determination would allow NGP to provide natural gas service to residents of Texas who have not been provided such service by any other entity.

Zia, it is said, would provide the service at the same rates and under the same service rules as it does for its customers in Hobbs. It is further said that Zia has applied for and received the necessary authorizations and permits from the State of Texas to operate a natural gas distribution system in Texas, and it would be subject to the jurisdiction of the Texas Railroad Commission.

It is stated that the total cost of the project is approximately \$95,550.

Any person desiring to participate in the hearing process or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before September 24, 1999, 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 and 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. 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.

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 granting the certificates 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 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 NGP 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. RP99-494-000]

**Northwest Pipeline Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff**

September 3, 1999.

Take notice that on August 30, 1999, Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Northwest) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, the tariff sheets listed in the Appendix to the filing, to be effective October 1, 1999.

Northwest states that the purpose of this filing is to propose several unrelated changes to Northwest's tariff.

Specifically, Northwest proposes (1) to modify Northwest's rate schedules to specify common types of rate discounts so that service agreements incorporating these discounts will not be considered non-conforming, (2) to afford more flexibility in providing in-field transfers at the Jackson Prairie storage project, (3) to clarify withdrawal obligations when capacity is no longer available for interruptible storage under Rate Schedule SGS-21, (4) to add provisions pertaining to pro-rata allocations of nominated Rate Schedule SGS-21 storage withdrawals and injections, (5) to change the monthly rates for Rate Schedules SGS-21 and LS-21 to daily rates, (6) to revise the annual contract quantity provision in Rate Schedule TF-2, changing the annual contract quantity period from a calendar year to a year ending September 30, (7) to remove the list of marketing affiliates from Northwest's tariff, and (8) to make other minor changes, including various housekeeping and clean-up changes.

Northwest states that a copy of this filing has been served upon Northwest's customers and interested state regulatory commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with 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. 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 in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

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

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