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Note: Copies of the draft report may be obtained from the following Internet address: <http://www.hr.doe.gov/seab/> or by contacting the Office of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board at (202) 586-7092.

Tentative Agenda

Thursday, January 27, 2000

10:30 A.M.–10:45 A.M.

Opening Remarks—Co-Chairs: E. Moniz & J. McTague

10:45 A.M.–11:15 A.M.

Overview of the LDRD Working Group Findings and Recommendations—Dr. Paul Fleury, Working Group Chairman

11:15 A.M.–12:00 P.M.

Public Comment Period

12:00 P.M.–12:15 P.M.

LDRD Working Group Comment and Action—Dr. Paul Fluery, LDRD Working Group Chairman

12:15 P.M.–12:30 P.M.

LOB Review and Comment

12:30 P.M.

Adjourn

This tentative agenda is subject to change.

Public Participation: In keeping with procedures, members of the public are welcome to monitor the business of the Laboratory Operations Board and to submit written comments or comment during the scheduled public comment period. The teleconference meeting will be conducted in a fashion that will, in the Co-Chairs' judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. During its open teleconference meeting, the Laboratory Operations Board welcomes public comment. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. The Board will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. You may submit written comments to Betsy Mullins, Executive Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board, AB-1, US Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585. This notice is

being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to the late resolution of programmatic issues.

Minutes: A copy of the minutes and a transcript of the meeting will be made available for public review and copying approximately 30 days following the meeting at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190 Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C., between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. Further information on the Laboratory Operations Board is available at the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board's web site, located at <http://www.hr.doe.gov/seab>.

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Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Docket No. RP99-484-001]

Notice of Compliance Filing

January 18, 2000.

Take notice that on November 12, 1999, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National Fuel) tendered for filing Amendment No. 3 to the transportation service agreement filed on August 26, 1999, in the above-referenced proceeding.

National Fuel states that the filing is being made in compliance with the Letter Order issued by the Commission on October 27, 1999. The order directed National Fuel to revise and refile its non-conforming service agreement for transportation service with ProGas U.S.A., Inc., to reflect the elimination of certain language found in the second footnote of Exhibit 1.

National Fuel states that in compliance with that directive, National Fuel submits Amendment No. 3 which replaces Exhibit 1 to the service agreement.

National Fuel states that copies of the filing are being mailed to all of National Fuel's customers, parties on the official service list compiled by the Secretary and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section

385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed on or before January 25, 2000. 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. 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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Questar Pipeline Company; Docket No. CP00-68-000]

Notice of Application

January 18, 2000.

Take notice that on January 10, 2000, Questar Pipeline Company (Questar), 180 East 100 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, filed in Docket No. CP00-68-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas act (NGA), for authorization to construct and operate pipeline and compression facilities in Utah, in order to increase the capacity of its system, all as more fully set forth in the application 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/htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Specifically, Questar proposes to construct and operate a 24-inch diameter loop of an existing section of its Main Line (M.L.) No. 40 and the entirety of its M.L. No. 41. Questar states that the loop, to be known as M.L. No. 104, will extend approximately 75.6 miles from Price, Utah, to the Payson, Utah, City Gate and on to an interconnection with Kern River Gas Transmission company (Kern River) located near Elberta, Utah. It is explained that the loop will be located in Carbon, Emery, Sanpete and Utah Counties, Utah. In addition, Questar proposes to add 9,336 site-rated horsepower of compression at Questar's existing Oak Spring Compressor station, near Price, Utah.

Questar states that the reason for the proposed construction is to expand the capacity of its southern transmission

system in order to gain access to increasing reserves of coal-seam gas reserves in the Price area, and to satisfy increased transportation demand. It is asserted that M.L. Nos. 40 and 41 are currently operating near maximum capacity. It is further asserted that the proposed looping and compression will add approximately 272,000 Dt equivalent of incremental capacity to Questar's southern transmission system. In addition to transporting gas from the Price area, Questar explains that it has entered into an agreement with CIG Resources Company to transport volumes delivered to Questar from Colorado Interstate Gas Company's Uinta Basin Lateral at Natural Buttes in Uinta County, Utah.

Questar states that once the proposed project is placed in service, Questar will sell a 50 percent interest to CIG Gas Supply Company (Supply) and then lease back the 50 percent interest to give Questar control over the facilities. It is explained that the sale/leaseback arrangement will enhance both companies' ability to meet market needs most efficiently. Questar explains that it will retain the right to re-purchase Supply's 50 percent interest at net book value.

The cost of the proposed construction is estimated at \$80,850,975, including pipeline looping and compression facilities. Questar requests rolled-in rate treatment for the costs associated with the project, stating that the project is in accordance with the Commission's recent policy statement issued in PL99-3-000.

Questar asserts that it conducted an open season between December 28, 1998, and February 23, 1999, to determine market demand and asserts that the result was that Questar has executed firm transportation service contracts with three customers (CIG Resources Company, Questar Gas Company, and Texaco Natural Gas, Inc.) for a total of 270,000 Dt equivalent of reserved daily capacity with contract terms ranging from 5 to 10 years.

Any questions regarding the application may be directed to Alan K. Allred, Manager, Regulatory Affairs and Gas Supply Services, Questar Regulated Services Company, 180 East 100 South, P.O. Box 43560, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0360, (801) 324-5768.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before February 8, 2000, 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 Commission by sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures, 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 and 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 Questar to appear, or be represented, at the hearing.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

**[Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation;
Docket No. CP00-67-000]**

Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

January 18, 2000.

Take notice that on January 7, 2000, Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (Texas Eastern), P.O. Box 1642, Houston, Texas 77251-1642, filed in Docket No. CP00-67-000 a request pursuant to Sections 167.205 and 157.208 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.208) for authorization to construct, own, operate, and maintain certain facilities (Vermillion Lateral) located in Vermillion County, Illinois and Vermillion County, Indiana, to render

interruptible lateral transportation service to Duke Energy Vermillion, LLC (DEV) under Texas Eastern's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-535-000, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that 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).

Texas Eastern proposes to construct, own, operate, and maintain: (i) a measurement facility which will consist of one 6-inch and one 10-inch ultrasonic meter run plus associated pipeline, electronic gas measurement equipment and associated instrumentation (M&R Station); and (ii) the Vermillion Lateral, which will consist of approximately 14.03 miles of 16-inch diameter pipeline that will extend from a proposed interconnect with Midwestern Gas Transmission Company (Midwestern), to be located at milepost 2116 - 1+9.93 in Vermillion County, Illinois, to the M&R Station which will be located at the interconnection with the DEV Plant at milepost 14.03 in Vermillion county, Indiana.

Texas Eastern states that the estimated cost of the Vermillion Lateral facilities is approximately \$13 million dollars and that DEV will reimburse Texas Eastern for 100% of the costs and expenses associated with the construction and installation.

Midwestern proposes to construct, own, and operate an interconnect to be located at the intersection of the Vermillion Lateral and Midwestern's 30-inch mainline pipeline (Line No. 2100) located in Vermillion County, Illinois at milepost 2116 - 1+9.93, which will be constructed under Midwestern's Part 157 blanket construction certificate.

After receipt of the authorization requested and installation of the facilities for which authorization is requested herein, Texas Eastern states that it will deliver up to 200 MMcfd of natural gas to DEV at the DEV Plant, pursuant to a service agreement entered into under Texas Eastern's open access interruptible Rate Schedule IT-1. Texas Eastern declares that the transportation service to be rendered will have no effect on their peak day or annual deliveries and submits that its proposal herein will be accomplished without detriment or disadvantage to Texas Eastern's other customers.

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