

should address a copy of those comments to the Commission, as explained below. The Commission received comments from two entities in response to an earlier **Federal Register** notice of November 9, 1999 (64 FR 62184-85) and has responded to those comments in this submission.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this collection are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before June 10, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Address comments to Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503. A copy of the comments should also be sent to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attention: Mr. Michael Miller, CI-1, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. Mr. Miller may be reached by telephone at (202)208-1415 and by e-mail at mike.miller@ferc.fed.us.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Description

The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review contains:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC-500, "Application for License, Relicense for Water Projects with More than 5 MW Capacity."

2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

3. *Control No.:* 1902-0058. The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve a three year extension of the expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection. This is a mandatory collection requirement.

4. *Necessity of Collection of Information:* Submission of the information is necessary to fulfill the requirements of Part I of the Federal Power Act (FPA) in order for the Commission to make the required finding that the proposal is economically sound, is best adopted to a comprehensive plan for improving/developing a waterway or waterways. Under Part I of the FPA (16 U.S.C. sections 79a *et seq.*), the Commission has the authority to issue licenses for hydroelectric projects on the waters over which Congress has jurisdiction. The Electric Consumers Protection Act (ECPA) (Pub. L. 99-495, 100 Stat. 1243) provides the Commission with the responsibility of issuing licenses for nonfederal hydroelectric plants. ECPA also amended the language of the EPA concerning environmental issues to ensure environmental quality. The information collected under FERC-500

is used by the Commission to determine the broad impact of a hydropower license application.

5. *Respondent Description:* The respondent universe currently comprises on average, 9 applicants for a hydropower license/relicense.

6. *Estimated Burden:* 15,276 total burden hours, 9 respondents 1 response (on occasion), 1,697 hours per response (rounded off).

7. *Estimated Cost to Burden to Respondents:* The estimated cost burden to respondents: 15,276+2080 hours per year×\$111,545 per year=\$819,212.

**Statutory Authority:** Sections 4(e), 9, 10, 14 and 15 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. Sections 791a *et seq.* and Energy Consumers Protection Act, Pub. L. 99-495, 100 Stat. 1243

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-275-000]

#### **Chesapeake Panhandle Limited Partnership, Complainant, v. Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, MidCon Gas Products Corp., MidCon Gas Services Corp., KN Energy, Inc. and Kinder Morgan, Inc., Respondents; Notice of Complaint**

May 12, 2000.

Take notice that on May 10, 2000, Chesapeake Panhandle Limited Partnership (Complainant) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission a complaint against Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America ("NGPL"), MidCon Gas Products Corp. (MidCon Gas Products), MidCon Gas Services Corp. (MidCon Gas Services), KN Energy, Inc. (KN) and Kinder Morgan, Inc. (Kinder Morgan) (collectively, Respondents) pursuant to Rule 206 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.206. According to the Complaint, Respondents, all affiliated companies, acted in concert to circumvent the filed rate doctrine and violate NGPL's Tariff by charging rates for gathering services which NGPL performed in connection with jurisdictional transportation services and which, in sum, exceeded the rate specified in the NGPL Tariff governing the relevant service.

Complainant alleges that from March 3, 1998 until January 1, 2000, Respondents effectively charged (i) a

"gathering fee" which in certain months exceeded the Maximum rate NGPL, a jurisdictional provider of gathering services through NGPL's West Panhandle Gathering System, was authorized to charge and (ii) a fuel retention rate for gathering service provided by NGPL, which was not included in NGPL's filed Tariff. The "gathering fee" and fuel retention rate were established in a Gas Sales and Purchase Agreement (GAS Sales Agreement) which MC Panhandle, Inc. (MC Panhandle), an affiliate of NGPL, had initially executed with another NGPL affiliate, MidCon Gas Services. MidCon Gas Services' interest was later transferred by assignment to MidCon Gas Products. Complainant states that, in 1998, it acquired ownership of MC Panhandle, the owner of certain gas wells in Moore and Carson Counties, Texas, subject to the terms of the Gas Sales Agreement. It avers that through this purchase it became obligated to pay, and in fact paid (through a reduced gas sales price), rates for gathering services actually performed by NGPL that were greater than the applicable rates set forth in NGPL's FERC Gas Tariff.

According to the Complainant, although the Gas Sales Agreement was nominally between MC Panhandle (later succeeded by Chesapeake Panhandle) and MidCon Gas Services (later succeeded by its affiliate MidCon Gas Products), NGPL's role in the transaction as: (1) The provider of the gathering service, (2) the affiliate of the Gas Sales Agreements's Buyers, MidCon Gas Services and MidCon Gas Products, (3) the affiliate of the Gas Sales Agreement's initial Seller, MC Panhandle, and (4) a signatory to the Gas Sales Agreement, effectively make NGPL a party to the Gas Sales Agreement and, in any event, support the inference that NGPL benefited from the actions of its affiliates in charging a rate for services which NGPL provided, but for which NGPL itself could not lawfully have charged. Thus, Complainant seeks a refund, with interest, of the amounts it was charged (by way of a gas sales price reduction) for "gathering fees" in excess of NGPL's authorized gathering rate and fuel retainage during the period from March 3, 1998 through December 31, 1999.

Questions concerning the Complaint may be directed to counsel for Complainant, James F. Bowe, Jr., Dewey Ballantine LLP, 1775 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20006-4605, Phone 202/429-1444, Fax 202/862-1093, e-mail [jbowe@deweyballantine.com](mailto:jbowe@deweyballantine.com).

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214)). All such motions or protests must be filed on or before May 30, 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 proceeding. 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 also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-2222) for assistance. Answers to the complaint shall also be due on or before May 30, 2000.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-233-001]

#### Midwestern Gas Pipeline Transmission; Notice of Compliance Filing

May 12, 2000.

Take notice on May 9, 2000, Midwestern Gas Transmission Company (Midwestern), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the revised tariff sheets identified below, with an effective date of May 1, 2000:

Substitute Fourth Revised Sheet No. 90  
Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 98  
Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 99  
Substitute Third Revised Sheet No. 100  
Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 101  
Seventh Revised Sheet No. 110A

Midwestern states that this filing is in compliance with the Commission's April 26, 2000 Order Accepting Tariff Sheets Subject to Conditions in the above-referenced docket (April 26 Order). Midwestern Gas Transmission Company, 91 FERC ¶ 61,099 (2000).

Midwestern further states that the April 26 Order required Midwestern to file revised tariff language that would (1) Correct the Gas Industry Standards

Board version reference in its tariff; and (2) specify the requirements of the waiver set forth in 18 CFR 284.8(i) of the Commission's regulations. Midwestern requests an effective date of May 1, 2000.

Any person desiring to protest this 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 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. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-219-001]

#### Northwest Pipeline Corporation; Notice of Compliance Filing

May 12, 2000.

Take notice that on May 8, 2000, Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Northwest) tendered for filing additional information related to its March 16, 2000 filing in the above referenced docket.

Northwest states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission's Letter order issued April 26, 2000 in Docket No. RP00-219, which directed Northwest to provide additional information related to the reconciliation of 1999 lost and unaccounted for volumes and the allocation of fuel usage at the Jackson Prairie storage facility.

Northwest states that a copy of this filing has been served upon each person designated on the official service list complied by the Secretary in this proceeding.

Any person desiring to protest this 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 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. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-513-003]

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

May 12, 2000.

Take notice that on May 8, 2000, Questar Pipeline Company (Questar) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, Third Revised Sheet No. 7, with an effective day of May 8, 2000.

Questar states that the filing is being made to implement a negotiated-rate contract as authorized by Commission orders issued October 27, 1999, and December 14, 1999, in Docket Nos. RP99-513, *et al.* The Commission approved Questar's request to implement a negotiated-rate option for Rate Schedules T-1, NNT, T-2, PKS, FSS and ISS shippers. Questar submitted its negotiated-rate filing in accordance with the Commission's Policy Statement in Docket Nos. RM95-6-000 and RM96-7-000 (Policy Statement) issued January 31, 1996.

Questar further states that the tendered tariff sheet revises Questar's Tariff to implement a new negotiated-rate transportation service agreement between Questar and Texaco Natural Gas, Inc., executed May 1, 2000, with service commencing May 8, 2000.

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

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,