

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

[Docket No. RP01-189-000]

**Northern Nevada Industrial Gas Users, Complainants, v. Northwest Pipeline Corporation Respondent; Notice of Filing**

December 15, 2000.

Take notice that on December 15, 2000, Eagle-Pilcher Minerals, Inc., Harrah's Reno Casino, Nevada Cement Company, Newmont Mining Corporation, Premier Chemicals, RR Donnelly & Sons Company, Sparks Nugget, Inc. and Winnemucca Farms, Inc. (jointly "Northern Nevada Industrial Users" or "NNIGU shippers") filed a complaint under Section 5 of the Natural Gas Act requesting that Northwest Pipeline Corporation ("Northwest") be directed to cease and desist violating the procedures for Must-Flow Operational Flow Orders set forth in section 14.15 of its FERC Gas Tariff.

NNIGU shippers allege that Northwest has violated section 14.15 by directing them to flow volumes southward on its system to create capacity by displacement for northward service on behalf of other shippers, notwithstanding the extremely high costs to NNIGU shippers under current market conditions of doing so. By denying their requests for exemption from the Must-Flow orders, Northwest has, they allege, ignored the Commission's rejection of the view that, to comply with section 14.15, shippers may be required to acquire "gas at any price." NNIGU shippers request disposition of this issue on a "Fast Track" basis under 18 CFR 385.206(h).

NNIGU shippers also allege that section 14.15 is unjust, unreasonable, and unduly discriminatory to the extent that it requires certain shippers to flow gas to create capacity for other shippers. They request amendment of section 14.15 accordingly. NNIGU shippers further request that Northwest be directed to compensate them for losses they have incurred as a result of its tariff violations.

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 385.214). All such motions or protests must be filed on or before December 27, 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 202-208-2222) for assistance. Answers to the complaint shall also be due on or before December 27, 2000. Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

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

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[Docket No. CP01-49-000]

**Northwest Pipeline Corporation; Notice of Application**

December 18, 2000.

Take notice that on December 8, 2000, Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Northwest), 295 Chipeta Way, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84158, filed in Docket No. CP01-49-000, an application, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Regulations for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing Northwest to construct and operate certain facilities in Snohomish County, Washington, 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 202-108-2222 for assistance.)

Specifically, Northwest proposes to construct and operate: (1) approximately 9 miles of 20-inch diameter delivery lateral pipeline in Snohomish County (Everett Delta Lateral), extending from an interconnect with Northwest's existing mainline and mainline loop north of the City of Lake Stevens to the proposed Northwest Power Company, LLC (NPC) power plant near Everett, Washington; and (2) two delivery meter stations at the terminus of the lateral, the Everett Delta Meter Station for deliveries to NPC and the Preston Point Meter Station for deliveries to the

distribution system of Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (PSE).

Northwest states that the Everett Delta Lateral will have a design capacity of approximately 133,000 Dth per day. Further, Northwest avers that the proposed facilities will be used to deliver natural gas to NPC to fuel its planned Everett Delta Power Plant and to PSE to accommodate increased demand for natural gas in its local distribution area.

Northwest estimates the cost of the proposed facilities at approximately \$17.2 million and states that all costs will be reimbursed by NPC and PSE pursuant to the delivery facilities reimbursement provisions of Northwest's FERC Gas Tariff. Northwest requests that the FERC issue a preliminary determination on non-environmental aspects of its requested authorizations by June 30, 2001 and issue a final certificate order herein no later than the end of year 2001, to allow adequate time for construction of the proposed delivery facilities before August 15, 2002, the date NPC estimates it will require test gas for its new power generating plant.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Gary Kotter, Manager, Certificates, at (801) 584-7117, Northwest Pipeline Corporation, P.O. Box 58900, Salt Lake City, Utah 84158.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party of the proceedings for this project should, on or before January 8, 2001, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene 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). A person obtaining party 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 all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental comments will be placed