

competing development application or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent to file a development application allows an interested person to file the competing application no later than 120 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing license application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

o. Notice of intent—A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit, if such an application may be filed, either a preliminary permit application or a development application (specify which type of application). A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

p. Proposed Scope of Studies under Permit—A Preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36 months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit would include economic analysis, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and a study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

q. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

r. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION", "COMPETING APPLICATION", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory

Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Hydropower Administration and Compliance, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

s. Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Regulation of Short-Term Natural Gas Transportation Services; Regulation of Interstate Natural Gas Transportation Services; Notice of Petition

March 21, 2001.

Take notice that on March 16, 2001, the American Gas Association (AGA) filed a reply to the February 1, 2001, Gas Industry Standards Board (GISB) report and a petition for clarification and a directive from the Commission regarding the requirement for capacity release scheduling equality.

AGA noted that in Order No. 637 the Commission amended the regulations to achieve scheduling equality between released capacity and interstate pipeline services. Because its standards were inconsistent with this regulatory change, GISB undertook to amend its capacity release standards. On February 2, 2001, GISB filed a report with the Commission dated February 1, 2001, which indicated GISB could not arrive at a consensus agreement on standards addressing "flowing day recalls" of capacity releases. AGA responded to that report. In addition, AGA expressed concern that no pipeline is yet adhering to the requirement for scheduling equality for released capacity.

AGA petitioned the Commission to rectify noncompliance with Order No. 637. Specifically, AGA requested the Commission to:

- Direct pipelines to immediately implement tariff changes incorporating timelines and procedures to allow released capacity, including recalled released capacity, to be nominated at any of the nomination deadlines currently in place.
- Provide clarification as to the impact on and instruction for revising GISB standards to reflect the Commission's scheduling equality policy.
- Consider implementing the use of a contract pre-approval process for capacity release transactions to facilitate scheduling equality.
- Require pipelines to effectuate recalls by providing recall notifications.

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 on or before April 16, 2001. 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). Comments, protests and interventions 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>.

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