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Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-374-004]

Northwest Pipeline Corporation; Notice of Compliance Filing

March 5, 2002.

Take notice that on February 28, 2002, Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Northwest) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets, with an effective date of February 18, 2002:

Substitute Eleventh Revised Sheet No. 364
Substitute Original Sheet No. 370

Northwest states that, consistent with the Commission's order in this proceeding, it is submitting tariff sheets to reflect removal of the nonconforming provision in Northwest's negotiated rate service agreement with Calpine Energy Services, L.P.

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 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. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2114-104]

Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington; Notice Dismissing Complaint

March 4, 2002.

On February 12, 2002, the Yakama Nation (Complainant) filed a complaint against Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington (Grant County), alleging that Grant County is in violation of its license for the Priest Rapids Hydroelectric Project No. 2114, Federal law authorizing the development of the Project, and certain sections of the Federal Power Act. The Complainant requested that the Commission employ fast track procedures to address its complaint.

On February 28, 2002, Complainant filed a motion, citing unspecified changed circumstances, requesting that the Commission hold processing of its complaint in abeyance pending the filing of an amended complaint at an unspecified future time. Rather than holding the complaint in abeyance pending the filing of a new, revised complaint, we will dismiss it without prejudice. At such time as complainant files an amended complaint, it will be noticed and a deadline for responses thereto will be established.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP02-95-000]

Steuben Gas Storage Company; Notice of Application

March 5, 2002.

Take notice that on February 22, 2002, Steuben Gas Storage Company (Steuben Gas), Nine Greenway Plaza, Houston, Texas 77046, filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to section 7 of the

Natural Gas Act (NGA), as amended, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (the Commission) Rules and Regulations thereunder. Steuben Gas requests authorization to modify two wells at the Adrian storage field in Steuben County, New York. The modifications will consist of: converting Adrian No. 2 well from an observation well to an injection/withdrawal well; and, laterally extending up to 1500 feet Adrian No. 8 well. These modifications are to improve the Adrian field's late-season deliverability, while maintaining the field's maximum operating limits originally certificated, all as more fully set forth in the application, which is on file with the Commission, and open for public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Steuben Gas requests that the Commission issue a certificate by May 1, 2002 so that contracts may be awarded and required work completed by July 31, 2002. The cost of the modifications is estimated to be approximately \$700,000. No new rates or rate schedules are proposed. The proposed modifications should improve the storage field's operating reliability and availability and provide significant operational benefits to all customers, so Steuben Gas would be allowed to roll-in the modification's costs in a future rate case. No changes are proposed to the currently authorized Maximum Daily Withdrawal Quantity or Maximum Daily Injection Quantity levels.

Questions regarding this filing should be directed to Dawn A. McGuire, Attorney, Steuben Gas Storage Company, 9 E Greenway Plaza, Houston, TX 77046 or call (832) 676-5503.

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 to the proceedings for this project should, on or before March 26, 2002, 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 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (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.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

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 commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the nonparty commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission may issue a preliminary determination on non-environmental issues prior to the completion of its review of the environmental aspects of the project. This preliminary determination typically considers such issues as the need for the project and its economic effect on existing customers of the applicant, on other pipelines in the area, and on landowners and communities. For example, the Commission considers the extent to which the applicant may need to exercise eminent domain to obtain rights-of-way for the proposed project and balances that against the non-environmental benefits to be provided by the project. Therefore, if a person has comments on community and landowner impacts from this proposal, it is important either to file

comments or to intervene as early in the process as possible.

If the Commission decides to set the application for a formal hearing before an Administrative Law Judge, the Commission will issue another notice describing that process. At the end of the Commission's review process, a final Commission order approving or denying a certificate will be issued.

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 under the "e-Filing" link.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 6032-041]

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation and Fourth Branch Associates (Mechanicville); New York; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

March 4, 2002.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for license for the Mechanicville Hydroelectric Project, located on the Hudson River in Saratoga and Rensselaer Counties, New York, and has prepared a Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) for the project. A Draft Environmental Assessment was issued on November 13, 2001. No federal lands or Indian reservations are occupied by project works or located within the project boundary.

The FEA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that surrendering the license for the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the FEA is attached to the Commission Order Accepting License Surrender issued on February 28, 2002 and is available for public inspection. The FEA may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS"

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For further information, contact Ellen Armbruster (202) 208-1672.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP01-361-000]

Northwest Pipeline Corp.; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Grays Harbor Pipeline Project

March 4, 2002.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Northwest) in the above-referenced docket.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the proposed gas pipeline and aboveground facilities including:

- About 49.0 miles of a 20-inch-diameter pipeline in Thurston and Grays Harbor Counties, Washington, which would tie in with Northwest's existing mainline and mainline loop south of the Town of Ranier in Thurston County, Washington. The pipeline would extend from the interconnect with Northwest's existing system to the Satsop Combustion Turbine Project that is being constructed in the town of Satsop in Grays Harbor County, Washington.
- A meter station adjacent to the Satsop Project plant site at the end of the pipeline;
- Upgrades to the existing Tumwater Compressor Station in Thurston County, including the addition of a new compressor unit (rated 3,894 horsepower) and replacement of an existing backup generator with a 355 kilowatt backup generator; and
- Other aboveground facilities including two 20-inch-diameter