

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. CP02-383-000]****National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Notice of Application**

June 19, 2002.

Take notice that on June 7, 2002, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National Fuel), 10 Lafayette Square, Buffalo, New York 14203, filed in Docket No. CP02-383-000 an application pursuant to Sections 7(b) and (c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to abandon certain pipeline facilities in New York, and for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the construction and operation of certain pipeline replacement facilities in New York, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu and follow the instructions (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance).

National Fuel proposes to abandon approximately 5.44 miles of 10-inch steel pipeline in Allegany County, New York, and to abandon approximately 27.35 miles of pipeline, also in Allegany County, New York, both segments of its Line PY-10. It is stated that the pipeline facilities would be abandoned in place except for those sections where the landowner specifically requests National Fuel to remove the pipe. National Fuel proposes to construct and operate approximately 5.44 miles of 8-inch plastic pipeline to replace the 5.44 miles being abandoned, with the new pipeline located in a new trench adjacent to the existing pipeline. It is stated that a portion of the new line will be located in a new right-of-way to avoid a house that has been constructed on the right-of-way. It is asserted that this portion of the line will be located 75 west of the existing line. National Fuel explains that the reason for the abandonment and replacement is that the existing line has deteriorated, and the cost of upgrading it would be substantial. The cost of the new construction is estimated at \$1.1 million, and the cost of abandonment is estimated at approximately \$505,607.

Any questions regarding this amendment should be directed to David N. Reitz, Assistant General Counsel, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation,

10 Lafayette Square, Buffalo, New York 14203, at (716) 857-7949.

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 July 10, 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 non-party 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.

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.

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.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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BILLING CODE 6717-01-P**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. RP01-317-005]****Reliant Energy Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Compliance Filing**

June 20, 2002.

Take notice that on June 14, 2002, Reliant Energy Gas Transmission Company (REGT) tendered for filing its report of activities during the first year of service under Rate Schedule PHS.

REGT states that copies of the filing have been mailed to each of REGT's customers 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