

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

[Docket Nos. PR08-19-000; PR08-19-001]

**Northwest Natural Gas Company; Notice of Offer of Settlement**

August 12, 2008.

Take notice that on August 5, 2008, Northwest Natural Gas Company (NW Natural) filed an Offer of Settlement in the above-docketed proceeding. Included in its filing was a request to shorten the period for filing initial and reply comments, in response to the Offer of Settlement. NW Natural requested the initial comments to be due on August 15, 2008 and reply comments to be due on August 19, 2008.

The request is approved. The initial comments are due on August 15, 2008 and reply comments are due on August 19, 2008.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,***Deputy Secretary.*

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

[Docket No. CP08-450-000]

**National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization**

August 12, 2008.

Take notice that on July 31, 2008, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National Fuel), 6363 Main Street, Williamsville, New York 14221, filed in Docket No. CP08-450-000, an application pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.211(a)(2) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) as amended, to acquire and operate an existing delivery point from Seneca Resources Corporation (Seneca), under National Fuel's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-4-000,<sup>1</sup> all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to the public for inspection.

National Fuel proposes to acquire and operate certain lateral facilities from Seneca off its existing Line K in Cattaraugus County, New York. National Fuel states that the facilities consist of a 6-inch diameter natural gas pipeline, two 8-inch diameter natural gas pipelines, and a 4-inch diameter natural

gas pipeline comprising approximately 15.33 miles in the Olean, New York, area and compression, metering, pressure regulators, and other appurtenant equipment. National Fuel also states that part of the facilities it would acquire include a delivery point used to serve Dresser-Rand Company. National Fuel further states that it would pay Seneca approximately \$285,000 for all of the facilities it would purchase.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to Antoinetta Mucilli, Senior Attorney, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation, 6363 Main Street, Williamsville, New York 14221, or via telephone at (716) 857-7067, facsimile number (716) 857-7206, or by e-mail: [mucillia@natfuel.com](mailto:mucillia@natfuel.com).

This filing is available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number filed to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERC [OnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:OnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free at (866)206-3676, or, for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. 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. The Commission strongly encourages intervenors to file electronically.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 60 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205), a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the allowed time for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,***Deputy Secretary.*

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

[Docket No. CP08-448-000]

**Trunkline Gas Company, LLC; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization**

August 12, 2008.

Take notice that on July 31, 2008, Trunkline Gas Company, LLC (Trunkline), 5444 Westheimer Road, Houston, Texas 77056-5306, filed in Docket No. CP08-448-000, an application, as supplemented on August 11, 2008, pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.216(b) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) as amended, to abandon by sale approximately 29 miles of 10-inch diameter pipeline and appurtenant facilities (the Quicksand Lateral facilities) to Enerfin Field Services LLC (Enerfin) in Beauregard Parish, Louisiana, under Trunkline's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-84-000,<sup>1</sup> all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to the public for inspection.

Trunkline states that Enerfin would use the Quicksand Lateral facilities as part of its nonjurisdictional gathering system. Trunkline also states that the Quicksand Lateral facilities transported an average of 2MMcf of natural gas per day in 2007. Trunkline further states that it cost approximately \$60,000 to upgrade the Quicksand Lateral facilities and approximately \$220,000 in additional annual expenses to operate and maintain the facilities (which exceeds the estimated annual revenue). Additionally, Trunkline states that the Quicksand Lateral facilities do not have any long-term viability to Trunkline, and there is no foreseeable commercial development in the area to support retaining the facilities as part of Trunkline's pipeline system. Finally, Trunkline states that it would cost approximately \$21,850,000 to replicate the Quicksand Lateral facilities based upon 2008 construction prices, and requests that the purchase price should remain confidential.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to Stephen T. Veatch, Regulatory Affairs, Trunkline Gas Company, LLC, 5444 Westheimer Road, Houston, Texas 77056-5306, telephone at (713) 989-2024, facsimile at (713) 989-1176, or via e-mail: [Stephen.Veatch@sug.com](mailto:Stephen.Veatch@sug.com).

<sup>1</sup> 22 FERC ¶ 62,044 (1983).<sup>1</sup> 21 FERC ¶ 62,298 (1982).

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**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Western Area Power Administration

#### Central Valley Project—Rate Order No. WAPA-139

**AGENCY:** Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of Order Temporarily Extending Formula Rates for Power, Transmission, and Ancillary Services.

**SUMMARY:** This action is to temporarily extend the existing formula rates for power, transmission, and ancillary services for the Central Valley Project (CVP), transmission service on the California-Oregon Transmission Project (COTP), transmission service on the Pacific Alternating Current Intertie (PACI), and third-party transmission service through September 30, 2011. This action also extends the Western

Area Power Administration's (Western) recovery methodology of the Path 15 revenue requirement through September 30, 2011. Without this extension, formula rates for power, transmission, and ancillary services for the CVP, transmission service on the COTP, transmission service on the PACI, and third-party transmission service will expire September 30, 2009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Thomas R. Boyko, Regional Manager, Sierra Nevada Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, 114 Parkshore Drive, Folsom, CA 95630-4710, (916) 353-4418, e-mail [boyko@wapa.gov](mailto:boyko@wapa.gov) or Mr. Charles J. Faust, Rates Manager, Sierra Nevada Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, 114 Parkshore Drive, Folsom, CA 95630-4710, (916) 353-4468, e-mail [faust@wapa.gov](mailto:faust@wapa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** By Delegation Order No. 00-037.00, effective December 6, 2001, the Secretary of Energy delegated: (1) The authority to develop power and transmission rates to the Administrator of the Western Area Power Administration, (2) the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Deputy Secretary of Energy, and (3) the authority to confirm, approve, and place into effect on a final basis, to remand, or to disapprove such rates to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

The existing formula rates contained under Rate Order No. WAPA-115<sup>1</sup> became effective on January 1, 2005, and were approved for 4 years and 9 months through September 30, 2009. Subsequent to Rate Order No. WAPA-115, Western completed a minor rate adjustment, Rate Order No. WAPA-128,<sup>2</sup> which removed the reactive power costs from the Transmission Revenue Requirement and recovered these costs in the Power Revenue Requirement. This rate adjustment modified the formula rates associated with power and transmission service for the CVP and transmission service on the COTP and PACI. WAPA-128 became effective on September 1, 2006, and was approved for a period of 3 years and 1 month. Both rate orders (WAPA-115 and WAPA-128) expire on September 30, 2009. Western is extending the existing formula rates for power, transmission, and ancillary services on the CVP,

transmission service on the COTP, transmission service on the PACI, third-party transmission service, and the Path 15 revenue requirement methodology in accordance with 10 CFR part 903.23(b). Western seeks this extension to provide sufficient time for an informal rate process which will allow Western to meet and collaborate with its customers on the development of rates to replace the current rates. This extension allows Western and its customers the opportunity to evaluate the impacts of proposed market and industry initiatives, such as the California Independent System Operator's (CAISO) Market Redesign and Technology Upgrade (MRTU) and FERC Orders 890 and 890A, on the existing rate designs. The existing formula rate methodology collects annual revenue sufficient to recover annual expenses (including interest) and capital requirements, thus ensuring repayment of the project within the cost recovery criteria set forth in DOE Order RA 6120.2. This extension will permit a concurrent public process and rate approval period for the formula rates for power, transmission, and ancillary services for the CVP, transmission service on the COTP, transmission service on the PACI, and third-party transmission service through September 30, 2011. Upon its approval, Rate Order No. WAPA-115 and Rate Order No. WAPA-128 will be extended under Rate Order No. WAPA-139.

Western did not have a consultation and comment period and did not hold public information and comment forums which, in accordance with 10 CFR part 903.23(b), are not required. Following review of Western's proposal within the DOE, I hereby approve Rate Order No. WAPA-139 which extends the existing formula rates for the power, transmission, and ancillary services for the CVP, transmission service for the COTP, transmission service for the PACI, and third-party transmission service through September 30, 2011. This approval also extends Western's recovery of the Path 15 revenue requirement through the same time period.

Dated: August 12, 2008.

**Jeffrey F. Kupfer,**

*Acting Deputy Secretary.*

**Department of Energy**

*Deputy Secretary*

Rate Order No. WAPA-139.

In the Matter of: Western Area Power Administration Rate Extension for the Central Valley Project, the California-Oregon Transmission Project, the Pacific Alternating Current Intertie, and Third-Party

<sup>1</sup> WAPA-115 was approved by FERC on a final basis on October 11, 2005, in Docket No. EF05-5011-000 (113 FERC ¶ 61,026).

<sup>2</sup> WAPA-128 was approved by FERC on a final basis on January 25, 2007, in Docket No. EF06-5011-000 (118 FERC ¶ 61,052 (2007)).