

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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP96-320-009]

**Koch Gateway Pipeline Company;
Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC
Gas Tariff**

March 21, 1997.

Take notice that on March 18, 1997, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch) tendered for filing to be part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheets:

Effective February 5, 1997: Fourth Revised Sheet No. 29

Effective March 1, 1997: Fifth Revised Sheet No. 29

Koch states that this filing contains the tariff sheet which provides the additional information required by the Commission's March 7, 1997, Order Rejecting Tariff Sheet. Koch states this filing also provides the tariff sheet which removes the negotiated rate contracts effective March 1, 1997.

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 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 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP97-292-000]

**Louisiana Nevada Transit Company;
Notice of Petition for Waiver**

March 21, 1997.

Take notice that on March 18, 1997, Louisiana Nevada Transit Company (LNT) pursuant to the March 4, 1997, Order on Compliance Filing, issued by the Commission, and in accordance with Order Nos. 587 and 587-B, tendered for filing a request for waiver of any and all standards that required the use or support of any Electronic Data Interchange ASC X12 (EDI) format, electronic delivery mechanism (EDM) to transmit EDI datasets, Internet usage, as well as any other related requirement (referred to collectively as EDI/EDM) because compliance with such standards would force LNT into bankruptcy.

LNT states that the specific standards for which LNT seeks a waiver are listed in Appendix A to the filing.

LNT states that copies of the filing have been served upon all parties required to be served.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said 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 Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed on or before March 28, 1997. 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP97-238-000]

**Portland Natural Gas Transmission
System and Maritimes & Northeast
Pipeline, L.L.C.; Notice of Application**

March 21, 1997.

Take notice that on March 18, 1997, Portland Natural Gas Transmission System (PNGTS), 300 Friberg Parkway, Westborough, Massachusetts 01581-5039, and Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C. (Maritimes), 1284 Soldiers Field Road, Boston,

Massachusetts 02135, (together as joint applicants), completed the filing of a joint application in Docket No. CP97-238-000 for a certificate of public convenience and necessity, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, to construct and operate jointly-owned pipeline facilities for the transportation of natural gas, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

The completion of the joint application, originally filed February 10, 1997, was preceded by two public conferences at the Commission and four letters from the Office of Pipeline Regulation (OPR) requesting the information required to complete the filing. The joint applicants request that the Commission issue a preliminary determination on non-environmental issues by May 31, 1997, and a certificate by August 31, 1997.

Specifically, joint applicants seek authorization to construct about:

- 99.8 miles of 30-inch pipeline and appurtenant facilities from Dracut, Massachusetts to Westbrook, Maine;
- a 3.8 mile, 12-inch lateral at Westbrook, Maine (Westbrook Lateral);
- a 1.36 mile, 16-inch lateral near Newington, New Hampshire (Newington Lateral);
- a 0.6 mile, 20-inch interconnecting line at Haverhill, Massachusetts (Haverhill Lateral);
- eight meter and regulation stations, and other appurtenant facilities

The estimated cost of the joint pipeline proposal is \$172.4 million.

PNGTS will be responsible for the engineering, design, and construction management of the jointly-owned pipeline, and Maritimes will be designated as the operator, including field operations and gas dispatching. The cost and ownership of the joint pipeline facilities will be based upon the ratio of each owner's allocated capacity. The total capacity of the joint pipeline is 631,860 Mcf per day, with 421,860 Mcf per day allocated to Maritimes and 210,000 Mcf per day allocated to PNGTS. The proposed laterals off the joint pipeline will be part of the jointly-owned facilities and will be sized according to each owner's requirements. The cost allocation of the laterals will be based on the ratio of each owner's capacity through the lateral. The cost and ownership ratios are in the following table.

| Facilities | Maritimes (percent) | PNGTS (per- cent) |
|--|------------------------|----------------------|
| Mainline | 66.76 | 33.24 |
| Westbrook Maritimes Meter | 100.00 | 0.00 |
| Westbrook PNGTS Meter | 0.00 | 100.00 |
| Dracut Meter and Modifications | 67.69 | 32.31 |
| Wells Meter | 89.09 | 10.91 |
| Westbrook Lateral | 63.35 | 36.65 |
| Granite State Meter at Westbrook | 41.10 | 58.90 |
| Newington Lateral | 41.10 | 58.90 |
| Granite State Meter at Newington | 0.00 | 100.00 |
| PSNH Meter at Newington | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| Haverhill Lateral | 1.42 | 98.58 |
| Tennessee Meter at Haverhill | 0.00 | 100.00 |

Each owner will be responsible for recovering all of its share of costs and expenses of the joint pipeline facilities through rates proposed in its related filings in Docket Nos. CP96-178-000, *et al.* (Maritimes), CP96-809-000 (Maritimes), and CP96-249-000, *et al.* (PNGTS). The Joint Pipeline facilities will be operated in accordance with each of the owner's separate tariffs proposed in their respective filings listed above.

The joint applicants each amended their original proposals to address the impacts of the joint application. Maritimes' amendments were filed on February 24, 1997, and PNGTS' amendment was filed on March 18, 1997. Separate notices of these amendments will be issued. However, certain information which is needed to complete the processing of this application remains to be filed.¹ Complete and accurate filing of that information on the schedule stated in the joint applicants' March 18, 1997, filing is essential for the expeditious processing of these applications.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before April 15, 1997 file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest 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 Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

¹ See the March 21, 1997, OPR Director's letter to the joint applicants.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the certificate is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for the joint applicants to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP97-282-000]

**Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company;
Notice of Request Under Blanket
Authorization**

March 21, 1997.

Take notice that on March 10, 1997, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee), P.O. Box 2511, Houston, Texas 77252, filed in Docket No. CP97-282-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.216) for authorization to abandon by removal measurement facilities located in Carter County, Kentucky, under Tennessee's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-413-000, pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the

Commission and open to public inspection.

Tennessee proposes to abandon the facilities, including the meter, piping and appurtenant facilities, which were installed and placed in service in June 1949 to serve Inland Gas Corporation (Inland), for the sale of natural gas for resale to the public for residential, commercial and industrial uses. It is stated that no gas has flowed through the meter since 1987. It is asserted that Inland was the only customer served by the facilities, and a letter was included in the application from Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. (Columbia), successor in interest to Inland, showing Columbia's consent to the abandonment.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 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 Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, 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 time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP97-286-000]

**Transwestern Pipeline Company;
Notice of Application**

March 21, 1997.

Take notice that on March 12, 1997, Transwestern Pipeline Company (Transwestern), 1400 Smith Street, P.O.