

for the net book value of the assets at the time of closing.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before June 6, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and § 385.214) 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 pretestants parties to the proceedings. 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.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the 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 or if the Commission on its own review of the matter, finds that a grant of the certificate for the proposal is required by the public convenience and necessity. If the Commission 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 NGT to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. MG97-13-000]

Northwest Pipeline Corporation; Notice of Filing

May 19, 1997.

Take notice that on May 8, 1997, Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Northwest) filed revisions to its standards of conduct under Order Nos.

497 *et seq.*¹ and Order Nos. 566 *et seq.*² Northwest states that it is revising its standards of conduct to incorporate the changes required by Order Nos. 566 *et seq.*

Northwest states that copies of its filing have been served upon Northwest's customers and interested state regulatory commissions.

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 Rules 211 or 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 or 385.214). All such motions to intervene or protest should be filed on or before June 3, 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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¹ Order No. 497, 53 FR 22139 (June 14, 1988), FERC Stats. & Regs. 1986-1990 ¶ 30,820 (1988); Order No. 497-A, *order on rehearing*, 54 FR 52781 (December 22, 1989), FERC Stats. & Regs. 1986-1990 ¶ 30,868 (1989); Order No. 497-B, *order extending sunset date*, 55 FR 53291 (December 28, 1990), FERC Stats. & Regs. 1986-1990 ¶ 30,908 (1990); Order No. 497-C, *order extending sunset date*, 57 FERC 9 (January 2, 1992), FERC Stats. & Regs. 1991-1996 ¶ 30,934 (1991), *rehearing denied*, 57 FR 5815 (February 18, 1992), 58 FERC ¶ 61,139 (1992); *Tenneco Gas v. FERC* (affirmed in part and remanded in part), 969 F.2d 1187 (D.C. Cir. 1992), Order No. 497-D, *order on remand and extending sunset date*, 57 FR 58978 (December 14, 1992), FERC Stats. & Regs. 1991-1996 ¶ 30,958 (December 4, 1992); Order No. 497-E, *order on rehearing and extending sunshine date*, 59 FR 243 (January 4, 1994), FERC Stats. & Regs. 1991-1996 ¶ 30,987 (December 23, 1993); Order No. 497-F, *order denying rehearing and granting clarification*, 59 FR 15336 (April 1, 1994), 66 FERC ¶ 61,347 (March 24, 1994); and Order No. 497-G, *order extending sunset date*, 59 FR 3284 (June 26, 1994), FERC Stats. & Regs. 1991-1996 ¶ 30,996 (June 17, 1994).

² Standards of Conduct and Reporting Requirements for Transportation and Affiliate Transactions, Order No. 566, 59 FR 32885 (June 27, 1994), FERC Stats. & Regs. 1991-1996 ¶ 30,997 (June 17, 1994); Order No. 566-A, *order on rehearing*, 59 FR 52896 (October 20, 1994), 69 FERC ¶ 61,044 (October 14, 1994); Order No. 566-B, *order on rehearing*, 59 FR 65707 (December 21, 1994), 69 FERC ¶ 61,334 (December 14, 1994).

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-524-000]

William Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

May 19, 1997.

Take notice that on May 15, 1997, Williams Natural Gas Company (WNG), P.O. Box 3288, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101, filed a request with the Commission in Docket No. CP97-524-000, pursuant to Sections 157.205, 157.212(a), and 157.216(b) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to install a delivery meter for Western Resources, Inc. (WRI) and to abandon in place by sale to WRI approximately 5.2 miles of the Riverton 2-inch lateral pipeline, domestic meters, and other equipment all located in Cherokee County, Kansas authorized in blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-479-000, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

WRI proposes to install a new domestic style positive meter setting at the site of WNG's high pressure regulator in Section 30, Township 33 South, Range 25 East, Cherokee County, Kansas. After the new meter is installed, WNG proposes to abandon by sale in place to WRI approximately 5.2 miles of the Riverton 2-inch lateral pipeline (Line FE) beginning in the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section 30, Township 33 South, Range 25 East, and ending in the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section 29, Township 34 South, Range 25 East, Cherokee County, Kansas, the domestic meters, and other equipment. In the past WNG has measured gas on this line through domestic meters.

The total annual volume of gas currently delivered through the thirty-nine (31) domestic meters is 3,103 Dth with a total peak day volume of 34 Dth. WNG states that it does not anticipate any change in delivered volumes as a result of the installation of the new meter setting.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after the Commission has issued this notice, 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 allowed time, 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 NGA.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of New Docket Prefix DR

May 19, 1997.

Notice is hereby given that a new docket prefix DR has been established for petitions requesting the Commission's approval of changes in depreciation rates made for accounting purposes.

On May 15, 1997, in *MidAmerican Energy Company*, 79 FERC ¶ 61,169 (1997) the Commission clarified that section 302(a) of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 825a(a) (1994), requires that public utilities and licensees must file for Commission approval prior to changing depreciation rates for accounting purposes.

In order to properly docket and manage this type of filing and assess Commission resources applicable to this type of work, it is necessary to establish a new docket prefix for petitions seeking the Commission's approval of depreciation rate changes made for accounting purposes only. The new docket prefix will be DRFY-NNNNN, where the FY stands for the fiscal year in which the filing was made and the NNNNN is a sequential number. For example, the first depreciation rate change accounting filing petition made this fiscal year will be assigned DR97-1-000, the second will be the DR97-2-000, etc.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2000-010]

Power Authority of the State of New York; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Hold Public Scoping Meetings on Project Relicensing

May 19, 1997.

Power Authority of the State of New York (NYPA) is the licensee for the St. Lawrence-FDR Power Project, which is located on the St. Lawrence River in St. Lawrence County, New York. The license for the project expires October 31, 2003.

On June 3, 1996, NYPA filed a Notice of Intent to seek a new license to continue to operate and maintain its St. Lawrence-FDR Project.

NYPA, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission), the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), resource agencies, local governments, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and many interested members of the public have been conducting a Cooperative Consultation Process (CCP) to identify resource issues to be addressed during the relicensing of the project. The establishment of the CCP Team and the commencement of the Scoping Process for the relicensing were announced in a Notice of Memorandum of Understanding, Formation of Cooperative Consultation Process Team, and Initiation of Scoping Process Associated with Relicensing the St. Lawrence-FDR Power Project, issued May 2, 1996, and published in the **Federal Register** dated May 8, 1996, Volume 61, No. 90, on page 20813. Representatives of the Canadian government, the International Joint Commission, and Mohawk Nation communities have also attended some of the meetings. The Scoping Process will assist the FERC and the DEC in satisfying their requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act.

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement

The Commission and DEC staffs have determined that relicensing the existing project could constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, the staffs intend to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the relicensing of the St. Lawrence-FDR Project in accordance with NEPA.

The DEC is a cooperating agency and is responsible for the issuance of a water quality certificate under the Clean Water Act.

The EIS will consider both site specific and cumulative environmental impacts of the proposed project and reasonable alternatives, and will include an economic and engineering analysis.

A draft EIS will be issued and circulated for review by all interested stakeholders and the public. All comments filed on the draft EIS will be analyzed by the Commission staff and considered in a final EIS.

As part of the relicensing process, the CCP Team has prepared a Scoping Document I (SDI), which provides information on the scoping process, relicensing schedule, background information, environmental issues, and the proposed project and alternatives. The issues contained in SDI are based on agency and public comments at the CCP Team and other meetings.

The purpose of this notice is to: (1) Advise all interested individuals, organizations, and agencies as to the proposed scope of the environmental analysis, including cumulative effects, and to seek additional information pertinent to this analysis; and (2) advise all individuals, organizations, and agencies of their opportunity for comment.

Scoping Process

The staffs' scoping objectives are to:

- Identify significant environmental issues;
- Determine the depth of analysis appropriate to each issue;
- Identify the resource issues not requiring detailed analysis; and
- Identify reasonable project alternatives.

The purpose of the scoping process is to identify significant issues related to the proposed action and to determine what issues should be addressed in the EIS.

Scoping Meetings

The Commission and DEC staffs will conduct one afternoon scoping meeting and three evening scoping meetings. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend and assist the staff in identifying the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EIS.

To help focus discussions, SDI will be circulated to enable appropriate federal, state, and local resource agencies, Indian tribes, NGOs, and other interested individuals, organizations, and agencies to participate effectively in and contribute to the scoping process. SDI provides a brief description of the