

the Natural Gas Act and Rules 206 and 212 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. In its original complaint, MGE requested, *inter alia*, an immediate contract reduction in its contract demand volume with Williams Natural Gas Company (Williams) if the Commission found Williams' construction project to be lawful. In its amendment to its complaint, MGE states that upon further review it does not seek at this time the previously requested contract demand reduction relief.

In order that protests, interventions and answers to the complaint and the amended complaint may be filed on the same date, an extension of time is being granted. Any person desiring to be heard or to make a protest with reference to the complaint and the amendment should on or before February 28, 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 385.214 or 385.211). 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 this proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules. Answers to the complaint and the amendment shall be due on or before February 28, 1997.

Lois D. Cashell,  
Secretary.

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**[Docket No. CP97-232-000]**

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

February 7, 1997.

Take notice that on February 6, 1997, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National), 10 Lafayette Square, Buffalo, New York 14203, filed a request with the Commission in Docket No. CP97-232-000, pursuant to Sections 157.205, and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to construct and operate a sales tap to render service for an existing firm transportation customer authorized in blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-4-000, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

National proposes to construct and operate a new sales tap to provide service to National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation. The sales tap, designated as Station No.-2886, would be located in McKean County, Pennsylvania, on National's Line S-21 and would provide a proposed quantity of up to 100 Mcf per day. The estimated cost of the proposed sales tap is \$20,000, for which National would be reimbursed.

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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**[Docket No. EL97-25-000]**

**NorAm Energy Services, Inc.; Notice of  
Issuance of Order Initiating  
Jurisdictional Inquiry**

February 7, 1997.

On February 5, 1997, the Commission issued an order initiating a jurisdictional inquiry concerning the planned merger of NorAm Energy Corporation, the parent company of NorAm Energy Services, Inc. (NorAm), a public utility, with Houston Industries, Incorporated, an exempt public utility holding company, and Houston Industries' subsidiaries, Houston Lighting & Power Company, an electric utility located in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, and Houston Industries Energy, Inc., owner of various interests in foreign utilities, exempt wholesale generators, and a qualifying facility.<sup>1</sup>

Because the planned merger may require Commission approval pursuant to section 203 of the Federal Power Act,<sup>2</sup> the order directs NorAm to make a filing setting forth its views on the

issue, and offers other interested persons an opportunity to comment on NorAm's filing. The order states that, in the alternative, NorAm may file an application for authorization pursuant to section 203.

The order directs NorAm to make said filing within 30 days of the issuance date of the order. If NorAm files a response arguing that authorization under section 203 is not required, interventions, protests, or comments are due 15 days after NorAm's filing. If NorAm files an application under section 203, interventions, protests, or comments will be due as specified by further notice.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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**[Docket No. RP96-200-017]**

**NorAm Gas Transmission Company;  
Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC  
Gas Tariff**

February 7, 1997.

Take notice that on February 3, 1997, NorAm Gas Transmission Company (NGT) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheets to be effective February 1, 1997:

Tenth Revised Sheet No. 7  
Third Revised Sheet No. 7A  
Third Revised Sheet No. 7B  
Third Revised Sheet No. 7C  
Third Revised Sheet No. 7D  
Original Sheet No. 7E.01  
Original Sheet No. 7E.02  
Original Sheet No. 7E.03  
First Revised Sheet No. 7F

NGT states that these tariff sheets are filed herewith to reflect specific negotiated rate transactions for the month of February, 1997.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rule 211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211). All such protests must be filed as provided in 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 protestant parties to the proceeding. Copies of this filing are

<sup>1</sup> NorAm Energy Services, Inc., 78 FERC ¶61,111 (1997).

<sup>2</sup> 16 U.S.C. § 824b.

on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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[Docket No. CP97-229-000]

**Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization**

February 7, 1997.

Take notice that on February 4, 1997, Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (Texas Eastern), 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, Texas 77056-5310, filed in Docket No. CP97-229-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.211) for authorization to construct a delivery point in New Jersey for providing natural gas deliveries to Elizabethtown Gas Company, a Division of NUI Corporation (Elizabethtown), under Texas Eastern's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-535-000 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.

Texas Eastern proposes to construct, install, own, operate and maintain an 8-inch tap valve (Tap) and dual 6-inch orifice meters (Meter Station), electronic gas measurement equipment, and approximately 120 feet of 8-inch pipeline which will extend from the Meter Station to the Tap and appurtenant facilities on Texas Eastern's existing 24-inch Line No. 20-B at Mile Post 7.68 in Union County, New Jersey. In addition to these facilities, Elizabethtown will install, or cause to be installed, and own, operate and maintain a heater and pressure regulation valves. The estimated capital costs of Texas Eastern's proposal is \$1,922,000. Texas Eastern will deliver up to 58 MMcf/d of natural gas at the proposed delivery point.

Texas Eastern states that its existing tariff does not prohibit the additional facility and that the new delivery point will have no effect on peak or annual deliveries and that this proposal can be accomplished without detriment or disadvantage to other customers.

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.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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[Docket No. CP97-220-000]

**Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization**

February 7, 1997.

Take notice that on January 31, 1997, Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (TETCO), 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, TX 77056-5310 filed in Docket No. CP97-220-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205, and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.211) for approval and permission to operate, as a jurisdictional facility under Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, a delivery point in Montgomery County, Texas, which was previously constructed under Section 311 of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA) for the delivery of natural gas to the city of Magnolia, Texas (Magnolia) on behalf of Union Natural Gas Pipeline Company (Union Natural), under the blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-535-000, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Additionally, pursuant to Section 385.216 of the Commission's Regulations, this application also serves as TETCO's notice of withdrawal of its Request for Authorization of Blanket Activity filed in Docket No. CP97-157-000.

TETCO states that it constructed the delivery point consisting of a two-inch tap valve and two-inch check valve on TETCO's twenty-four inch Line No. 11 in Montgomery County, Texas. TETCO further states that Union Natural installed or caused to be installed, a single two-inch turbine (Meter Station), approximately fifty feet of two-inch

pipeline which extends from the Meter Station to the tap, and electronic gas measurement equipment. It is indicated that TETCO will render firm transportation through the delivery point pursuant to TETCO's Rate Schedule FT-1.

Any person or the Commission's Staff may, within 45 days after the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (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 activities 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 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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[Docket No. EG97-8-000, et al.]

**P.H. Don Pedro, S.A., et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings**

February 6, 1997.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

1. P.H. Don Pedro, S.A.

[Docket No. EG97-8-000]

On October 29, 1996, P.H. Don Pedro, S.A., a corporation (sociedad anónima) organized under the laws of Costa Rica ("Applicant"), with its principal place of business at Santo Domingo de Heredia del Hotel Bouganville 200 Mts. al Este de la Iglesia Católica (Primera Entrada Portón con Ruedas de Artillería) Heredia, Costa Rica, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to Part 365 of the Commission's Regulations (the "Application").

Applicant intends to own and operate an approximately 14 megawatt (net), hydroelectric power production facility located in the District of Sarapiquí, Canton of Alajuela, Province of Alajuela, Costa Rica.

On February 4, 1997, the Applicant filed an amendment to the Application to reflect that Baltimore Gas and Electric