

Commissions' Regulations. The details of Maritimes' request are more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Maritimes says that Gorham Energy has requested and Maritimes has agreed to establish a new delivery point near milepost 99 of the Joint Facilities in the Town of Gorham, Cumberland County, Maine. The Joint Facilities natural gas pipeline is currently under construction and will be operated by Maritimes and jointly owned by Maritimes and Portland Natural Gas Transmission System (PNGTS).¹

Gorham Energy intends to build an 800 Megawatt electric power generation facility in Gorham, Maine (Gorham Plant), subject to its receipt of all applicable permits including this Commission's Certificate of Exempt Wholesale Generator status and approval of an Interconnection Agreement with Central Maine Power Company. Gorham Energy proposes to build an electric generating facility within a 260 acre site which it will acquire in Gorham from Regional Waste Systems, the current owner of the site. The Gorham Plant facilities will include dual-fuel fired turbines (principally natural gas), electric generation equipment, fuel oil storage, operations and maintenance buildings, electric switch gear, and plant roadways; all of which will occupy only about 19 acres of the site. The facilities will be capable of generating 800 MW of power for transmission into the grid at 345 kV. The site location takes advantage of the nearness of the existing electric transmission infrastructure and the Joint Facilities natural gas pipeline now under construction.

Maritimes proposes to construct and install a tap and side valve assembly, metering facilities, about 0.49 miles of 16-inch diameter lateral pipeline and associated auxiliary facilities. Construction is proposed to take place during summer and fall of 1999, and the project has an estimated cost of \$2,300,000. Maritimes says the Gorham Energy will reimburse it for 100% of the costs and expenses incurred for installing the tap, lateral line, meter station, EGM and yard piping up to the insulating flange of Gorham Plant. Gorham Energy will construct all

nonjurisdictional facilities downstream of the above facilities proposed to be constructed by Maritimes. The meter station, metering and certain auxiliary piping will be constructed, owned, operated, and maintained by Maritimes. The regulators, heaters, and other remaining natural gas facilities inside the Gorham Plant will be constructed, owned, operated and maintained by Gorham Energy.

After the installation of the facilities, Maritimes will transport up to 165,000 Dth/d of natural gas for Gorham Energy under Maritimes' Part 284 Blanket Certificate and its Rate Schedule MN365. Maritimes says that such transportation rights currently only apply to the lateral (from the interconnection with the Joint Facilities to Gorham Plant). Maritimes says that the rate to be charged Gorham Energy will reflect the fact that Gorham Energy is reimbursing Maritimes for the cost of the facilities and will be at or below the lateral line rate approved by the Commission for Phase II of Maritimes' project, a rate which is also less than the maximum rate approved by the Commission for Phase I of its Project.

Maritimes further says that Gorham Energy is responsible for arranging its own natural gas supply and transportation upstream of the Joint Facilities interconnection point. Gorham Energy has informed Maritimes that it will arrange for the transportation of natural gas supply from various supply sources to milepost 99 of the Joint Facilities (the interconnection of the Joint Facilities and the lateral proposed to be constructed by Maritimes herein). Such new transportation is said to be using only the currently certificated capacity on the Maritimes or PNGTS pipeline systems. Maritimes cites the existing certificates for itself and PNGTS which fix the certificated capacity of their systems at about 440,860 Mcf/d and 210,000 Mcf/d, respectively.

Maritimes says that peak day or annual commitments under firm service agreements between Maritimes and PNGTS and their respective customers will not be adversely affected by construction of the new facilities. Maritimes also says that existing Maritimes and PNGTS tariffs do not prohibit the addition of new delivery points.

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 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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-737-000]

Midcoast Interstate Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

August 28, 1998.

Take notice that on August 21, 1998, Midcoast Interstate Transmission, Inc. (Midcoast) 3230 Second Street, Muscle Shoals, Alabama 35661, filed in Docket No. CP98-737-000 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 install and operate two new delivery points in Limestone County, Alabama, under Midcoast's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP85-359-000 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.

Midcoast proposes to install and operate the facilities to accommodate natural gas deliveries to the City of Athens Utilities Department (Athens). Transportation service for Athens will be provided pursuant to Rate Schedule FT of Midcoast's FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1. The two new delivery points will be known as Athens #2 and Athens #3. Midcoast will install, own and operate all facilities.

Midcoast states that this addition is not prohibited by its existing tariff, that there is sufficient capacity to accomplish deliveries without detriment or disadvantage to other customers, that its peak day and annual deliveries will not be affected and that the total volumes delivered will not exceed the total volumes authorized prior to this request.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of

¹ Under its Joint Facilities Ownership Agreement with PNGTS, Maritimes gave notice to PNGTS of this proposed expansion. PNGTS indicated it did not wish to participate in the expansion, but even so, under the Ownership Agreement, PNGTS is entitled to a 0.000001 percent interest in these proposed facilities. Thus, this request is made on behalf of and at the request of PNGTS to the extent necessary to account for PNGTS's 0.000001 percent interest.

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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. OA96-19-002, ER97-1359-000, ER95-1686-000, ER95-496-000]

Northeast Utilities Service; Notice of Filing

August 24, 1998.

Take notice that on August 19, 1998, Northeast Utilities Service Company, in compliance with the order of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Northeast Utilities Service Company, *et al.*, 83 FERC 61,184 (1998), submitted revised pages to the Northeast Utilities System Companies' Open Access Transmission Tariff. Copies of the compliance filing were served on all customers taking service under the tariff.

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, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before September 8, 1998. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. 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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-744-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application for Abandonment

August 28, 1998.

Take notice that on August 25, 1998, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124, filed in the above docket an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 157.7 and 157.18), requesting permission and approval to abandon as non-jurisdictional facilities, by sale to El Paso Offshore Gathering and Transmission Company (El Paso), certain non-contiguous pipeline facilities, with appurtenances, located in Matagorda Island, Offshore Texas known as the Seagull Shoreline Laterals (SSL facilities), all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. Specifically these facilities include:

(1) MATAGORDA ISLAND 623 A: (TOS-84071) approximately 2 miles of 16-inch pipeline and appurtenant facilities, extending from the platform in MAT 623 "A" to an underwater connection in MAT 623 "B".

(2) MATAGORDA ISLAND 623 B & 624: (TOS-83431 & TOS 83421) approximately 4 miles of 24-inch pipeline with associated metering and appurtenant facilities from the "B" platform in MAT 623 to EL Paso's facilities in MAT 624, and approximately 0.4 miles of 10-inch pipeline from MAT 624 to a subsea tap on the 24-inch line in MAT 623.

(3) MATAGORDA ISLAND 622 C: (TOS-84961) approximately 3 miles of 24-inch pipeline with associated metering and appurtenant facilities from MAT 622 "C" to the "B" platform in MAT 623.

(4) MATAGORDA ISLAND 638: (TOS-85411) approximately 7 miles of 16-inch pipeline with associated metering and appurtenant facilities, extending from the platform in MAT 638 "B" to an underwater connection in MAT 622 "C".

Northern will sell these facilities to EL Paso for \$3,100,000 as adjusted per the sales agreement at closing.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before September 18, 1998, 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 385.211 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 protestants 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 Northern to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-293-001]

Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

August 28, 1998.

Take notice that on August 25, 1998, Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc. (Williams), tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original