

with FERC on July 9, 1996, will allow NMPC and Village of Richmondville to enter into separately scheduled transactions under which NMPC will provide network integration transmission service for Village of Richmondville.

NMPC requests an effective date of July 1, 1998. NMPC has requested waiver of the notice requirements for good cause shown.

NMPC has served copies of the filing upon New York State Public Service Commission and Village Richmondville.

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 18, 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.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-759-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

September 9, 1998.

Take notice that on September 2, 1998, Northern Natural Gas Company, (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68103, filed in Docket No. CP98-753-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.216 (b) of the Commission's Regulations and Northern's blanket certificate issued at Docket No. CP82-401-000 for authorization to construct and operate a new delivery point in Freeborn County, Minnesota for deliveries to Agri Resources D/B/A Exol (Exol), all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Northern states that it requests to construct and operate a new delivery

point for firm service to Exol under currently effective throughput agreements. It is also stated that Exol would provide firm service to a new facility in Albert Lea, Minnesota. The proposed volumes to be delivered to Exol are 1,600 MMBtu on peak days and 584,000 MMBtu on an annual basis. It is further stated that the total cost of the facility will be \$198,000.

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 835.214) 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.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-753-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

September 9, 1998.

Take notice that on August 28, 1998, Northern Natural Gas Company, (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68103, filed in Docket No. CP98-753-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.216 (b) of the Commission's Regulations and Northern's blanket certificate issued at Docket No. CP82-401-000 for authorization to construct and operate a new delivery point in Beadle County, South Dakota for deliveries to Northwestern Public Service Company (NWPS), all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Northern states that it requests to construct and operate a new delivery point to NWPS under currently effective throughput agreements. It is also stated that Northern would provide 2,450

MMBtu on peak days and 299,000 MMBtu on an annual basis to NWPS. NWPS has requested the facility to provide gas volumes to residential and commercial users. It is further stated that the total cost of the facility will be \$70,000 and will be reimbursed by NWPS.

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.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1981-010 Wisconsin]

Oconto Electric Cooperative; Notice of Intent to Conduct Scoping Meetings and Site Visit

September 10, 1998.

Oconto Electric Cooperative (OEC) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) an application on February 25, 1998, for a new minor license for the existing Stiles Project (P-1981). The 1,000 kilowatt project is located in the township of Stiles, Oconto County, Wisconsin, on the Oconto River.

Scoping Meetings

The Commission staff will conduct two scoping meetings on September 21 and 22, 1998, for the preparation of an environmental assessment (EA), pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. Section 4321 *et seq.*).

Federal and state resource agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and other interested parties are invited to attend one or both of the meetings, and to assist the Commission staff in identifying the scope of environment

issues that should be analyzed in the EA. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

Evening Scoping Meeting

Date: September 21, 1998

Time: From 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Location: OEC office

Address: 7479 REA Road, Oconto Falls, Wisconsin

Morning Scoping Meeting

Date: September 22, 1998

Time: From 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: OEC office

Address: 7479 REA Road, Oconto Falls, Wisconsin

Scoping Document 1 (SD1), which outlines the proposed project, alternatives, environmental issues, EA outline and schedule, and a request for information, will be mailed to the parties on the Commission's mailing list for the project. Copies of SD1 will also be available at the scoping meetings.

Site Visit

On Monday, September 21, 1998, OEC and the Commission staff will conduct a project site visit beginning at 1:00 p.m. All interested parties are invited to attend. All participants should meet at OEC's office, located at 7479 REA Road, Oconto Falls, Wisconsin. All participants are responsible for their own transportation to the site. Questions about the site visit can be directed to Mr. Tony Anderson, of OEC, at (920) 846-2816.

Objectives

The objectives of the scoping meetings are to: (1) summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the EA; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantified data, on the resources at issues; and (3) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EA.

Meeting Procedures

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will become part of the formal record of the Commission proceedings on the Stiles Project. Individuals presenting statements at the meetings will be asked to identify themselves for the record. Speaking time allowed for individuals will be determined before each meeting, based on the number of persons wishing to speak and the approximate amount of time available for the session, but all speakers will be provided at least five minutes to present their views.

Persons choosing not to speak at the meetings, but who have views on the

issues, may submit written statements for inclusion in the public record at the meetings. In addition, written scoping comments may be filed with the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, until October 22, 1998. All filings should contain an original and eight copies, and must clearly show at the top of the first page, "Stiles Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 1981-010".

For further information, please contact either Mr. Tony Anderson at (920) 846-2816 or Ms. Patti Leppert-Slack at (202) 219-2767.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EC98-60-000]

PG&E Energy Services, Energy Trading Corporation; PG&E Energy Services Corporation; Notice of Filing

September 10, 1998.

Take notice that on September 4, 1998, PG&E Energy Services, Energy Trading Corporation and PG&E Energy Services Corporation submitted an application pursuant to Section 203 of the Federal Power Act for authority to merge PG&E Energy Services, Energy Trading Corporation into PG&E Energy Services Corporation and to transfer any jurisdictional facilities. The proposed transaction is described more fully in the application, which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

The application states that at the conclusion of the merger, PG&E Energy Services, Energy Trading Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of PG&E Energy Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of PG&E Energy Services Corporation would cease to exist. Thereafter, PG&E Energy Services Corporation would perform the power marketing functions currently performed by PG&E Energy Services, Energy Trading Corporation. The application declares that the proposed transaction will not affect jurisdictional facilities, rates or services.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such 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 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice

and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before October 9, 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.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. OR98-24-000]

Tesoro Alaska Petroleum Company v. Amerada Hess Pipeline Corporation, ARCO Transportation Alaska, Inc., BP Pipelines (Alaska) Inc., Exxon Pipeline Company, Mobil Alaska Pipeline Company, Phillips Alaska Pipeline Corporation, and Unocal Pipeline Company; Notice of Complaint

September 9, 1998.

Take notice that on August 20, 1998, pursuant to sections 1(5), 3(1), 9, 13(1) and 15(1) of the Interstate Commerce Act (ICA), 49 U.S.C. App. §§ 1(5), 3(1), 9, 13(1) and 15(1), Sections 42.06.370, 42.06.380, and 42.06.410 of the Alaska Pipeline Act the regulations of the Commission under 18 CFR part 343, and the regulations of the Alaska Public Utilities Commission (APUC), 3 AAC §§ 48.100, 48.130, Tesoro Alaska Petroleum Company (Tesoro) tendered for filing a complaint and request for investigation concerning the current Trans Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) Quality Bank methodology and, in particular, the lawfulness of the values prescribed for naphtha and vacuum gas oil under such methodology.

Tesoro requests initiation of formal proceedings, including concurrent trail type hearings before the FERC and APUC, to investigate the lawfulness of the values assigned to the naphtha and VGO cuts under the current methodology.

Tesoro states that it is a shipper on TAPS and owns and operates a refinery in Kenai, Alaska. Tesoro competes with other TAPS shippers, particularly MAPCO and Petro Star, in the marketing and sale of refined products within Alaska and elsewhere. To the extent, therefore, the Quality Bank payments for the refinery return streams and other