

DATES: The information presentation will be held on Wednesday, December 2, 1998, with the briefing portion held from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. A Questions and Answer session will follow from 11:30–1 p.m. with members of the Nuclear Cities Initiative staff responsible for specific aspects of the program. Representatives from the Office of General Counsel and the Office of Procurement Operations will also be present to provide program support.

ADDRESSES: The information presentation will be held at the U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal building, Main Auditorium, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585. It is advisable to register for attendance in advance by contacting either individual named above and to provide the program office with the name of the company or firm that you represent and a list of any other attendees from your company/firm in advance. All those inquiring will be added to an Nuclear Cities Initiative database and will receive any additional information and updates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Reeshemah Speaks NN-40, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-6568, email:reeshemah.speaks@hq.doe.gov; or Denise Tramble, NN40, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Initiatives of Proliferation Prevention, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, 202-586-1007, e-mail:denise.tramble@hq.doe.gov. FAXES ARE WELCOME. Fax number is 202-586-2164.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Energy, together with the Russian Ministry of Atomic Energy, is the Executive Agent charged with carrying out the Nuclear Cities Initiative.

The Nuclear Cities Initiative is an agreement between the US and Russian Federation for mutual cooperation to address the problems faced by the ten closed cities which house the Russian nuclear weapons uranium enrichment, plutonium production, weapons design, and weapons assembly facilities.

The Nuclear Cities Initiative has near term goals to provide civilian employment for displaced weapons workers in the ten closed nuclear cities and long term goals to assist the Russian Federation in reducing the size of its nuclear weapons complex. In its first year the project will focus on three of the ten nuclear cities designated by Minatom for assistance. Those cities are Sarov (Arzamas-16), Snezhinsk

(Chelyabinsk-70), and Zheleznogorsk (Krasnoyarsk-26).

The Department of Energy has thus far allocated \$15,000,000 for the Nuclear Cities Initiative in Fiscal Year 1999. Early activities will feature assessment trips to the first three nuclear cities to yield an analysis of the strengths, weaknesses opportunities and potential problems specific to each of the three cities.

Once that is accomplished DOE will be looking to the private sector to participate in assessing business opportunities and job creation in these cities.

This information briefing will provide opportunities for interested parties to find out more about the nuclear cities, the mandate of the project, and how the public and private sector can participate. Nongovernmental Organizations within the nonproliferation and social support communities will also have a role under Nuclear Cities Initiative and are also welcome.

Information about the Nuclear Cities Initiative including project description, chronology, mission statement, lists and maps of the nuclear cities, copies of the Government-to-Government Agreement and descriptions of the business, commercial development, training and social support components of the project will be available.

This program is intended to provide general information and will not necessarily result in any future request for proposals, invitation for bids, or preapplications or applications for a financial assistance agreement such as a Grant or Cooperative Agreement. Unsolicited proposals and/or any offer to enter into a contract with the Department of Energy will not be invited and shall not be accepted. Matters that will be considered are described below.

Matters to be Considered: DOE is interested in receiving comments and views of interested parties, such as statements of capability, informational brochures and other written materials prepared by attendees providing relevant information and activities that would facilitate creation of conditions necessary for business training, job creation, and the attracting of investment opportunities in the designated nuclear cities for the purposes prescribed in the "Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Russian Federation on the Nuclear Cities Initiative" signed on September 22, 1998, in Vienna, Austria.

After reviewing comments from those attending the information briefing and

the assessment reports of the working groups, the Department will issue a report on the results, with outlines of how interested parties can continue to actively participate in the initiative.

Those unable to attend can receive an information packet about the Nuclear Cities Initiative by contacting the Nuclear Cities Initiative program office at the address given above.

Tentative Agenda: Wednesday, December 2, 1998

- Welcoming Remarks and Opening of Meeting.
- Overview of NCI by Director of Office of Initiative for Proliferation Prevention and Nuclear Cities Initiative.
- Introduction to staff of Nuclear Cities Initiative.
- Outline of program activities envisioned under NCI.
- Question and Answer period/Public Discussion.

Issued in Washington DC on November 4, 1998.

Louis Licht,

Interagency Coordinator and Federal Liaison, Nuclear Cities Initiative.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-127-000]

Colorado Interstate Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Tariff

November 4, 1998.

Take notice on October 30, 1998, Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG), tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, Second Revised Sheet No. 336, Sixth Revised Sheet No. 337, Fourth Revised Sheet No. 337A, Third Revised Sheet No. 337B, and Second Revised Sheet No. 337C, with an effective date of January 1, 1999.

CIG states the purpose of this filing is to comply with Section 1.7 of the Gas Research Institute (GRI) Settlement dated January 21, 1998 in Docket No. RP97-149-003, *et al.*, to provide for a voluntary GRI contribution mechanism in CIG's General Terms and Conditions.

CIG states that copies of the filing were served upon the company's jurisdictional firm customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,

888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with 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 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 in the Public Reference Room.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-287-027]

El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

November 4, 1998.

Take notice that on October 30, 1998, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1-A, the following tariff sheets to become effective November 1, 1998:

Twentieth Revised Sheet No. 30

Twelfth Revised Sheet No. 31

El Paso states that the above tariff sheets are being filed to implement ten negotiated rate contracts pursuant to the Commission's Statement of Policy on Alternatives to Traditional Cost-of-SERVICE Ratemaking for Natural Gas Pipelines and Regulation of Negotiated Transportation Services on Natural Gas Pipelines issued January 31, 1996 at Docket Nos. RM95-6-000 and RM96-7-000.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. 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 protestants parties to the proceedings. 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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-40-000]

Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

November 4, 1998.

Take notice that on October 28, 1998, Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc. (Granite State), 300 Friberg Parkway, Westborough, Massachusetts 01581, filed in Docket No. CP99-40-000, a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.212) for authorization to construct and operate a new delivery point located in the Town of South Berwick, York County, Maine, for service to Northern Utilities, Inc. (Northern Utilities) under Granite State's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-515-000, pursuant to 18 CFR Part 157, Subpart F of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Granite State proposes to construct and operate an additional delivery point for Northern Utilities on its pipeline system to enable Northern Utilities to provide firm gas service to the new Marshwood High School under construction in South Berwick, Maine. Granite State further states that the estimated proposed volumes delivered through the new delivery point would be approximately 9,811 Mcf. Granite State further states that the estimated cost of the facility is \$68,000 for which Northern Utilities would reimburse to Granite State. It is further stated that the operation of the new delivery point would not adversely affect Granite State's ability to provide its maximum daily delivery and annual obligations to other transportation shippers.

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) 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 No. RP99-124-000]

Kern River Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

November 4, 1998.

Take notice that on October 30, 1998, Kern River Gas Transmission Company (Kern River) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets, to become effective January 1, 1999.

Thirteenth Revised Sheet No. 5

Eleventh Revised Sheet No. 6

Second Revised Sheet No. 124

Fourth Revised Sheet No. 891

Kern River states that the purpose of this filing is (1) to include a "check the box" mechanism in the General Terms and Conditions of the tariff that allows Kern River's customers to voluntarily contribute funds to the Gas Research Institute (GRI) in addition to the amounts collected by Kern River through GRI surcharges, and (2) to update Kern River's tariff to reflect the 1999 GRI surcharges.

Kern River states that a copy of this filing has been served upon its customers and interested state regulatory commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with 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