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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-54-032]

Colorado Interstate Gas Company; Notice of Settlement Agreement

October 17, 2000.

Take notice that on October 12, 2000, Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG), Public Service Company of Colorado (PSCo), Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power Company (Cheyenne), Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU), Union Pacific Resources Company (UPR), Helmerich & Payne Inc. (Helmerich), Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. (PNR), OXY USA Inc. (OXY), Eastman Dillon Oil & Gas Associates (Eastman), Amoco Production Company (Amoco), Coastal Oil and Gas Corporation (Coastal), Chevron U.S.A. Inc. (Chevron), Atlantic Richfield Company (ARCO), Mobil Oil Corporation (Mobil), Anadarko Petroleum Corporation (Anadarko), Broadhurst Operating LP (Broadhurst), Ivy League, Inc. (IVY), Ralph H. Howard, Inc. (RHH), and Texaco Exploration and Production Inc. (Texaco) (collectively referred to as the "Signatory Parties") filed for the approval of the Commission a Settlement Agreement (Settlement) under Rule 602 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure in the captioned docket. Signatory Parties state that the Settlement has the support of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Colorado, the Wyoming Public Service Commission, the Colorado Office of Consumer Counsel, the Colorado Energy Assistance Foundation, Citizens Utilities Company, and Greeley Gas Company, a division of Atmos Energy Corporation. The purpose of the Settlement is to extinguish the refund liability of 351 working interest owners currently subject to refund claims by CIG of less than \$25,000 (with interest calculated through August 31, 2000) associated with the collection of Kansas *ad valorem* tax reimbursements in excess of maximum lawful prices (MLP) under the Natural Gas Policy Act. The Signatory Parties urge the Commission to approve the Settlement no later than November 28, 2000, to enable refunds to

be paid to CIG no later than December 13, 2000 under terms of said agreement. A copy of the Settlement Agreement is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. The Settlement Agreement may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Other than the Signatory Parties, the remaining 64 working interest owners, who are subject to claims by CIG of \$25,000 or more, may voluntarily participate in the Settlement by agreeing to pay specified refunds. Acquiescence in the terms of the Settlement by these working interest owners and payments under the terms of the Settlement would relieve those working interest owners of all further liability associated with the collection of Kansas *ad valorem* tax reimbursements in excess of the MLP, except where otherwise specifically agreed to in writing by the working interest owner. In addition, any claims against royalty owners for royalty-related on the CIG system by working interest owners participating in the Settlement, as well as royalty claims associated with the extinguished liability of the 351 working interest owners whose individual liabilities have been calculated at less than \$25,000, are eliminated. Non-participating working interest owners whose individual refund liability is \$25,000 or more retain their legal challenges to CIG's refund claims.

In accordance with Section 385.602(f), comments on the Settlement Agreement are due October 31, 2000, and any reply comments are due November 10, 2000.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP01-40-000]

Cove Point LNG Limited Partnership; Notice of Compliance Filing

October 17, 2000.

Take notice that on October 11, 2000, Cove Point LNG Limited Partnership (Cove Point) filed in compliance with Order No. 587-L.

Cove Point states that it is a natural gas storage facility and has no imbalance provisions. Cove Point states that pursuant to Order Granting Clarification, issued September 28,

2000, in Docket No. RM96-1-016, Cove Point is not required to implement imbalance trading on its system.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 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 may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Docket No. RP01-43-000]

Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

October 17, 2000.

Take notice that on October 12, 2000, Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company (Eastern Shore) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, certain revised tariff sheets, proposed to be effective on November 1, 2000.

Eastern Shore states that the purpose of this filing is to make the necessary modifications to its tariff to permit imbalance trading in order to comply with the requirements of FERC Order No. 587-L.

Eastern Shore states that copies of its filing has been mailed to its 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, NE., Washington, DC 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. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2618]

Georgia Pacific Corporation; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

October 17, 2000.

Georgia Pacific Corporation, licensee for the West Branch Storage Project No. 2618, did not file an application for a new or subsequent license pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Commissions' regulations thereunder. Project No. 2618 is located on the West Branch St. Croix River in Washington County, Maine.

The license for Project No. 2618 was issued for a period ending September 30, 2000. Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year to year an annual license to the then licensee under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in Section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA. If the project's prior license waived the applicability of Section 15 of the FPA, then, based on Section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b),

to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to Section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 2618 is issued to Georgia Pacific Corporation for a period effective October 1, 2000, through September 30, 2001, or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first. If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before September 30, 2001, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

If the project is not subject to Section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that Georgia Pacific Corporation is authorized to continue operation of the West Branch Storage Project No. 2618 until such time as the Commission acts on its application for subsequent license.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP01-9-000]

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

October 17, 2000.

Take notice that on October 10, 2000, Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc. (Granite State), 300 Friberg Parkway, Westborough, Massachusetts 01581, filed in Docket No. CP01-9-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.216) for authorization to abandon certain facilities, located in York County, Maine, under Granite State's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-515-000, pursuant to Section 7(c) 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. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Granite State proposes to abandon three facilities in Biddeford, Maine. First, Granite State requests authority to abandon a farm tap, the Southern Maine Medical Station (Southern Maine Station), located in York County, Maine. Granite State states that a local distribution company affiliate, Northern Utilities, Inc. (Northern Utilities), has already constructed facilities to serve those customers located behind the Southern Maine Station. Granite State, therefore, proposes to abandon and remove the Southern Maine Station, because it is no longer necessary to provide service and is duplicative of facilities owned and operated by Northern Utilities. Granite State declares that it will continue to provide natural gas service to Northern Utilities via other existing facilities in order to enable Northern Utilities to continue serving the load behind the Southern Maine Station. Granite State asserts that customers behind the Southern Maine Station will see no diminution in service.

Second, Granite State proposes to abandon and remove facilities known as the Biddeford Industrial Station (Biddeford Station), located York County, Maine. Granite State declares that it has previously constructed a new station at this location under Docket No. CP98-96. Therefore, Granite State asserts that the Biddeford Station facilities are not longer needed to provide service and are duplicative of the newly constructed facilities. Granite State states that service to customers behind the Biddeford Station will continue to be provided by Northern Utilities and will be unaffected by the proposed abandonment.

Third, Granite State proposes to abandon a third station, Five Points Station, also located in York County, Maine. Granite State declares that the Five Points Station, which is connected to Northern Utilities, is currently located within the path of a road construction project. Granite State proposes to remove, but not replace the Five Points Station. Granite State asserts that customers currently served, via Northern Utilities, will continue to be served by Northern Utilities by providing service to these customers with natural gas from other points of interconnect with Granite State, including the Biddeford Station. Granite State states that these customers will be wholly unaffected by grant of this application.

Granite State asserts that the proposed abandonments of the Southern Maine, Biddeford, and Five Points Stations will not affect Granite State's revenues. Granite State states that the combined