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*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP01-59-000]

#### Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application

December 29, 2000.

Take notice that on December 22, 2000, Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company (Eastern Shore), Post Office Box 1769, Dover, Delaware 19903-1769, filed in Docket No. CP01-59-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act for authorization to construct and operate additional pipeline and compression facilities in Maryland and Pennsylvania to expand its system by providing added transportation capacity, all as more fully set forth in the application 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/htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Eastern Shore proposes to construct and operate 6 miles of 16-inch pipeline looping on its existing system in Maryland and Pennsylvania, to install 3,330 horsepower of additional capacity at the existing Daleville Compressor Station on Eastern Shore's system in Chester County, Pennsylvania, and to install delivery point facilities in Chester County, Pennsylvania. It is stated that the proposed construction would enable Eastern Shore to provide 19,800 dt equivalent of additional daily firm service capacity on its system. Eastern Shore estimates the total cost of the proposed facilities at \$12,478,745. It is requested that a certificate be issued allowing construction to be completed by November 1, 2001.

Eastern Shore asserts that the facilities would provide system-wide benefits without requiring a rate increase for existing customers. Therefore, Eastern Shore requests a determination that the

cost of the project be given rolled-in rate treatment. Eastern Shore convened an open season for the additional capacity and secured 10-year firm contracts with PECO Energy Company, Connecticut Power Delivery, and Delaware Division of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation for the additional capacity.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Stephen C. Thompson, President, Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company, 417 Bank Lane, Dover, Delaware 19904 (302) 734-6710.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before January 19, 2001, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 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 385.214 or 385.211) 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 proceeding. 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. Comments and protests may be filed electronically in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's website at <http://ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

A person obtaining intervenor status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by every one of the intervenors. An intervenor can file for rehearing of any Commission order and can petition for court review of any such order. However, an intervenor must submit copies of comments or any other filing it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as 14 copies with the Commission.

A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have comments considered. A person, instead, may submit two copies of comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of environmental documents and will be able to participate in meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all parties. However, commenters will not

receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission and will not have the right to seek rehearing or appeal the Commission's final order to a federal court.

The Commission will consider all comments and concerns equally, whether filed by commenters or those requesting intervenor status.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory 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, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the certificate is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion 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 Eastern Shore 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. CP99-600-000]

#### National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation; Notice of Technical Conference

December 28, 2000.

Take notice that a technical conference will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 2001, at 2:00 p.m., in Room 3m-1 at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. On December 21, 2000, Norse Pipeline, L.L.C. and Nornew Energy, Inc. filed in request to meet with the Staff and interested parties regarding their options to address the jurisdictional issues raised by the Commission's December 14, 2000 Order Addressing Petition for Declaratory Order and Directing Compliance Filing (93 FERC 61,276 (2000)).

All interested parties and Staff are permitted to attend. For additional information, please contact Robert Christin (202) 208-1022.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP01-57-000]

#### SunCor Development Company; Notice of Petition

December 29, 2000.

Take notice that on December 21, 2000, SunCor Development Company (SunCor), 3838 North Central, Suite 1500, Phoenix, Arizona 85012, filed in Docket No. CP01-57-000, a Petition for Exemption of Temporary Acts and Operations from Certificate Requirements, pursuant to Rule 207(a)(5) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 387.207(a)(5)), and section 7(c)(1)(B) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), seeking approval of an exemption from certificate requirements to perform temporary activities related to drill site preparation and the drilling of a stratigraphic test well, all as more fully set forth in this petition which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. SunCor has requested expedited consideration of this Petition. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Specifically, SunCor seeks authorization to engage in certain temporary activities for the sole purpose of drilling a 5,200 foot stratigraphic test well in the Luke salt deposit located in Section 2, Township 2 North, Range 1 West, Maricopa County, Arizona. SunCor states the proposed stratigraphic test well is critical in determining of the Luke salt deposit would be suitable for development of a natural gas salt storage facility. SunCor states that it intends to conduct the well test in compliance with any environmental requirements of the Arizona Oil & Gas Conservation Commission. SunCor also requests that the Commission grant pregranted abandonment authority under Section 7(b) of the NGA to the extent it is necessary or required.

Any questions regarding this petition should be directed to Steve Garvais, Vice President and General Counsel,

SunCor Development Company, 3838 North Central, Suite 1500, Phoenix, Arizona 85012 at (603) 285-6800.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before January 9, 2001, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right

to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission may issue a preliminary determination on non-environmental issues prior to the completion of its review of the environmental aspects of the project. This preliminary determination typically considers such issues as the need for the project and its economic effect on existing customers of the applicant, on other pipelines in the area, and on landowners and communities. For example, the Commission considers the extent to which the applicant may need to exercise eminent domain to obtain rights-of-way for the proposed project and balances that against the non-environmental benefits to be provided by the project. Therefore, if a person has comments on community and landowner impacts form this proposal, it is important either to file comments or to intervene as early in the process as possible.

Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EG01-72-000, et al.]

#### Geysers Statutory Trust, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

December 28, 2000.

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

##### 1. Geysers Statutory Trust

[Docket No. EG01-72-000]

Take notice that on December 19, 2000, Geysers Statutory Trust (Geysers Trust), tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator (EWG) status pursuant to Part 365 of the Commission's Regulations.