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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP01-434-000]

Gas Research Institute; Notice of Annual Application

June 7, 2001.

Take notice that on June 1, 2001, Gas Research Institute (GRI) filed an application requesting advance approval of its 2002-2006 Five-Year Research, Development and Demonstration (RD&D) Plan, and the 2002 RD&D Program and the funding of its RD&D activities for 2002, pursuant to section 154.401 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act, the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, and the Commission's April 29, 1998 Order Approving Settlement [83 FERC ¶ 61,093(1998)].

In its application, GRI states that all aspects of its proposed 2002 Program are consistent with the current Settlement. GRI states that proposed budgets are identical to those approved as part of the Settlement. GRI proposes to incur contract obligations of \$60.0 million in 2002. Consistent with the Commission's April 29, 1998 Order

Approving Settlement, GRI states that all \$60.0 million of the 2002 contract obligations will be for Core Projects. GRI's application seeks to collect funds to support its RD&D program through jurisdictional rates and charges during the twelve months ending December 31, 2002. In addition GRI adds that since actual collections for 2000 of \$134.0 million are \$9.9 million less than projected, proposed 2002 surcharges are those set forth in the Settlement Agreement adjusted upward by 10 percent consistent with the stated intention of Settlement Agreement Article II, section 1.0 and have the potential to narrow the gap between actual collections and projected revenues by approximately \$6 million.

Consistent with the Commission's April 29, 1998 Order Approving Settlement, GRI proposes to fund the 2002 RD&D program by the use of the following surcharges: (1) A demand/reservation surcharge of 6.6 cents per Dth per Month for "high load factor customers;" (2) a demand still reservation surcharge of 4.07 cents per Dth per month for "low load factor customers;" (3) a volumetric commodity/usage surcharge of 0.55 cents; and (4) a special "small customer" surcharge of .88 cents per Dth. All of the proposed 2002 surcharges represent decreases from corresponding current levels.

The Commission Staff will analyze GRI's application and prepare a Commission Staff Report. This Staff Report will be served on all parties and filed with the Commission as a public document on August 10, 2001. Comments on the Staff Report and GRI's application by all parties, except GRI, must be filed with the Commission on or before August 24, 2001. GRI's reply comments must be filed on or after August 31, 2001.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest GRI's application, except for GRI members and state regulatory commissions, who are automatically permitted to participate in the instant proceedings as intervenors, 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 the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before June 21, 2001. All comments and protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to this proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party, other than a GRI member or a state regulatory commission, 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). Comments, protests, and interventions 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. CP01-380-000]

Kern River Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Application

June 7, 2001.

Take notice that on May 30, 2001, Kern River Gas Transmission Company (Kern River), 295 Chipeta Way, Salt Lake City, Utah 84158, filed in docket No. CP01-380-000 an application pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and part 157 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing Kern River to construct and operate: (1) A 12-inch mainline tap on Kern River's mainline north of Las Vegas; (2) approximately 3.54 miles of 16-inch diameter delivery lateral pipeline in Clark County, Nevada (Moapa Lateral); and (3) a delivery meter station at the terminus of the lateral, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may be viewed at <http://www.rimsweb1.ferc.fed.us/rims.q?rp2-intro>. (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Specifically, Kern River requests authorization to construct the Moapa Lateral to provide up to 218.8 MMcf per day of natural gas to Duke Energy North America, LLP (Duke) to fuel its proposed 1,200 megawatt gas-fired power plant near Moapa, Nevada. Transportation service to the plant will be provided under authorized Part 284 transportation service agreements.

The estimated cost of the proposed lateral facilities is approximately \$3.8 million. Duke will reimburse Kern River for all of the actual costs of the proposed

facilities, plus associated income taxes, by making a lump sum payment upon completion of construction. Kern River requests a final certificate order no later than May 2, 2002, in order to complete the project before November 2002, the date Duke estimates it will require test gas for its new plant.

Because the pipeline will cross environmentally sensitive areas, i.e. the critical habitat of the desert tortoise, Kern River states that it is seeking a case specific certificate, rather than pursuing this pipeline construction project under its Part 157, Subpart F, blanket certificate authority.

An questions regarding this application should be directed to Mr. Gary Kotter, Manager, Certificates, Kern River Gas Transmission Company, P.O. Box 58900, Salt Lake City, Utah 84158-0900 or call (801) 584-7117.

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 *June 20, 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 of 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 from 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.gov/documents/makeanelectronicfiling/doorbell.htm>.

If the Commission decides to set the application for a formal hearing before an Administrative Law Judge, the Commission will issue another notice describing that process. At the end of the Commission's review process, a final Commission order approving or denying a certificate will be issued.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-399-002]

National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Notice of Compliance Filing

June 7, 2001.

Take notice that on June 4, 2001, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National Fuel) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1, revised *pro forma* tariff sheets, in compliance with Order Nos. 637 and 637-A.

National Fuel states that the filing is made to revise *pro forma* tariff sheets filed in Docket No. RP00-399-000 on July 17, 2000, in compliance with Order No. 637, and to make other revisions to tariff sheets that were not included in the July 17, 2000 filing. National Fuel states that the revised *pro forma* tariff sheets are the results of a collaborative process involving a number of discussions among the parties to the proceeding.

National Fuel states that copies of the filing were served upon its customers, interested state commissions and the parties on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such 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. 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). Comments, protests and interventions 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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