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Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP08-81-000]

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

March 4, 2008.

Take notice that on February 27, 2008, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural), 747 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois, filed in Docket No. CP08-81-000 a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205, 157.208 and 157.213 of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Natural's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-402-000 for authorization convert 800 MMcf of cushion gas to working gas at Natural's North Lansing storage field in Harrison County, Texas, all as more fully set forth in the application, which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to Russell Frame, Engineer, Gas Storage, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, 747 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois 60148, or telephone (630) 691-3827.

Any person or the Commission's Staff may, within 60 days after the 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 Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for 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 If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of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 NGA.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests, and interventions via the Internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

Records Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

March 4, 2008.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(b), of the receipt of prohibited and exempt off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive a prohibited or exempt off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested proceeding, to deliver to the Secretary of the Commission, a copy of the communication, if written, or a

summary of the substance of any oral communication.

Prohibited communications are included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not a part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become a part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such a request only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication shall serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications are included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of off-the-record communications recently received by the Secretary of the Commission. The communications listed are grouped by docket numbers in ascending order. These filings are available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the eLibrary link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits, in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC, Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Exempt

Docket number	Date received	Presenter or requester
1. ER08-538-000	2-8-08	Hon. Olympia J. Snowe. Hon. Susan M. Collins.
2. Project No. 2677-019	2-12-08	Brian Tungate.
3. Project No. 2677-019	2-20-08	Arie DeWaal.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM01-8-009]

Revised Public Utility Filing Requirements for Electric Quarterly Reports

Issued March 3, 2008.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice Seeking Comments on
Proposed Revisions to Electric Quarterly
Report (EQR) Data Dictionary.

SUMMARY: In this notice, the Federal
Energy Regulatory Commission
(Commission) proposes to revise the
EQR Data Dictionary to clarify the
requirement to report all ancillary
service transactions, and invites
comments on this proposal. This
proposal is being made to reflect the
Commission's decision in Order No. 697
that information about third party sales
of ancillary services at market-based
rates should be reported in EQR filings,
rather than being reported on a separate
OASIS-like Internet site. If adopted, this
proposal will make reporting this
information less burdensome and more
accessible.

DATES: Comments on the proposal are
due April 10, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments
on the proposal, identified by Docket
No. RM01-8-009, by one of the
following methods:

- *Agency Web Site:* <http://www.ferc.gov>. Follow the instructions
for submitting comments via the eFiling
link found in the Comment Procedures
Section of the preamble.

- *Mail:* Commenters unable to file
comments electronically must mail or
hand deliver an original and 14 copies
of their comments to the Federal Energy
Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the
Commission, 888 First Street, NE.,
Washington, DC 20426. Please refer to
the Comment Procedures Section of the
preamble for additional information on
how to file paper comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Energy Regulatory Commission, 888
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20426, (202) 502-8321.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Before Commissioners: Joseph T.
Kelliher, Chairman; Sudeen G. Kelly,
Marc Spitzer, Philip D. Moeller, and
Jon Wellinghoff.

1. The Commission is proposing to
revise the Electric Quarterly Report
(EQR) Data Dictionary to clarify the
requirement to report all ancillary
service transactions and invites
comment on this proposal.

2. This proposal is being made to
reflect the Commission's decision in
Order No. 697 that information about
third party sales of ancillary services at
market-based rates should be reported
in EQR filings, rather than being
reported on a separate OASIS-like
Internet site. If adopted, this proposal
will make reporting this information
less burdensome and more accessible.

Background

3. On April 25, 2002, the Commission
issued Order No. 2001, a Final Rule
establishing revised public utility filing
requirements.¹ This rule revised the
Commission's filing requirements to
require companies subject to the
Commission's regulations under section
205 of the Federal Power Act² to file
quarterly reports that: (1) Provide data
identifying the utility on whose behalf
the report is being filed (ID Data); (2)
summarize pertinent data about the
utility's currently effective contracts
(Contract Data); and (3) summarize data
about wholesale power sales the utility
made during the reporting period
(Transaction Data). The requirement to
file EQRs replaced the requirement to
file quarterly transaction reports
summarizing a utility's market-based
rate transactions and sales agreements
that conformed to the utility's tariff.

4. In Order No. 2001, the Commission
also adopted a new section in its
regulations, 18 CFR 35.10b, which
requires that the EQRs are to be

prepared in conformance with the
Commission's software and guidance
posted and available from the
Commission Web site. This obviates the
need to revise 18 CFR 35.10b to
implement revisions to the software and
guidance. Since the issuance of Order
No. 2001, as need has arisen, the
Commission has issued orders to resolve
questions raised by EQR users and has
directed Staff to issue additional
guidance.

5. On September 24, 2007, the
Commission issued Order No. 2001-G,
adopting an EQR Data Dictionary that
collected in one document the
definitions of certain terms and values
used in filing EQR data (previously
provided in Commission orders and in
guidance materials posted at the
Commission's Web site) and providing
formal definitions for fields that were
previously undefined. On December 20,
2007, the Commission issued Order No.
2001-H, which addressed a pending
request for rehearing and clarifying the
information to be reported in several
EQR data fields.

6. On June 21, 2007, the Commission
issued Order No. 697,³ a Final Rule that
codified and, in certain respects, revised
the Commission's standards for market-
based rates for sales of electric energy,
capacity, and ancillary services. The
rule retained several of the core
elements of the Commission's existing
standards for granting market-based
rates and revised them in certain
respects. The rule also adopted a
number of reforms to streamline the
administration of the market-based rate
program. Among other issues addressed
in Order No. 697, the Commission
addressed the posting and reporting
requirements for third-party sellers of
ancillary services at market-based rates.

7. This matter had previously been
addressed in *Avista Corporation*, 87
FERC ¶61,223, *order on reh'g*, 89 FERC
¶61,136 (1999) (*Avista*), among other
cases. Prior to the issuance of Order No.
697, *Avista* provided a general policy
stating that third-party ancillary service
providers that could not perform a
market power study would be allowed
to sell ancillary services at market-based
rates, but only in conjunction with a
requirement that such third parties
establish an Internet-based, OASIS-like
site for providing information about and
transacting ancillary services. The
authorization in *Avista* extended only to
the following four ancillary services:
Regulation Service, Energy Imbalance

¹ *Revised Public Utility Filing Requirements*,
Order No. 2001, 67 FR 31043 (May 8, 2002), FERC
Stats. & Regs. ¶31,127 (Apr. 25, 2002), *reh'g denied*,
Order No. 2001-A, 100 FERC ¶61,074,
reconsideration and clarification denied, Order No.
2001-B, 100 FERC ¶61,342, *order directing filings*,
Order No. 2001-C, 101 FERC ¶61,314 (2002), Order
No. 2001-D, *order directing filings*, 102 FERC
¶61,334, Order No. 2001-E, *order refining filing
requirements*, 105 FERC ¶61,352 (2003),
clarification order, Order No. 2001-F, 106 FERC
¶61,060 (2004), *order adopting EQR Data
Dictionary*, Order No. 2001-G, 120 FERC ¶61,270
(2007), *order on reh'g and clarification*, Order No.
2001-H, 121 FERC ¶61,289 (2007).

² 16 U.S.C. 824d.

³ *Market-Based Rates for Wholesale Sales of
Electric Energy, Capacity and Ancillary Services by
Public Utilities*, Order No. 697, 72 FR 39904 (July
20, 2007), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶31,252 (June 21,
2007), *clarifying order*, 122 FERC ¶61,260 (2007).