

considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. 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.

Lois D. Cashell,  
Secretary.

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**[Docket No. CP96-97-000]**

**Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Hockessin Expansion Project**

May 29, 1996.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company (Eastern Shore) in the above-referenced docket.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the following facilities proposed by Eastern Shore:

- Construction of a 2,170-horsepower (hp) compressor station, with a 1,085-hp back-up unit, in New Castle County, Delaware;
- Construction and operation of 0.89 mile of 16-inch-diameter pipeline in New Castle County, Delaware to tie the suction side of the proposed compressor station into the Hockessin Line; and
- Upgrading the maximum allowable operating pressure from 500 pounds per square inch gauge (psig) to 590 psig on the 28.7-mile Salisbury Lateral from the outlet of Eastern Shore's existing Bridgeville Compressor Station in Sussex County, Delaware to the Citizens Meter and Regulator Station in Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland.

The purpose of the proposed facilities is to enable Eastern Shore to provide 4,796 thousand cubic feet per day (Mcf/d) of additional firm capacity on its system.

Eastern Shore also proposes to abandon 100 Mcfd of firm sales service

to Playtex Apparel, Inc., a direct sales customer.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, state and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

A limited number of copies of the EA are available from: Mr. Herman Der, Environmental Project Manager, Environmental Review and Compliance Branch I, Office of Pipeline Regulation, PR-11.1, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-0896.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Written comments must reference Docket No. CP96-97-000, and be addressed to: Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-0896.

Comments should be filed as soon as possible, but must be received no later than July 5, 1996, to ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on this proposal. A copy of any comments should also be sent to Mr. Herman Der, Environmental Project Manager, PR-11.1, at the above address.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentator a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Additional information about this project is available from Mr. Herman Der, Environmental Project Manager.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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**[Docket No. CP96-495-000, et al.]**

**GPM Gas Corporation v. Continental Natural Gas, Inc., et al.; Natural Gas Certificate Filings**

May 28, 1996.

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

1. GPM Gas Corporation v. Continental Natural Gas, Inc.

[Docket No. CP96-495-000]

Take notice that on May 2, 1996, GPM Gas Corporation (GPM), First Interstate Tower, 1300 Post Oak Blvd., Room 880, Houston, Texas 77056, filed in Docket No. CP96-495-000 a motion to intervene, complaint, and protest to the new pipeline tap and interconnection proposed by Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) in its request filed in Docket No. CP96-246-000 and noticed on March 18, 1996, to be constructed and operated under its blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-401-000, involving deliveries of natural gas to Continental Natural Gas, Inc. (CNG), for plant feedstock purposes. GPM requests that its filing be processed as a separate application from Northern's filing, although GPM protests the proposal in Docket Nos. CP82-401-000 and CP96-246-000, and moves to intervene in those dockets. GPM's complaint is on file with the Commission and open for public inspection.

GPM states that its complaint is filed against CNG since it appears that, based on the configuration and the present and proposed usage of CNG's facilities, CNG must first obtain authorization under the Natural Gas Act before it may handle the subject gas to be received from Northern. GPM alleges that CNG is currently, effectively functioning as an interstate pipeline without Federal Energy Regulatory Commission oversight through the use of its own pipelines to effect processing, at different plant locations, of interstate gas received from transmission lines.

*Comment date:* June 27, 1996, in accordance with the first paragraph of Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice. Answers to the Complaint shall also be due or before June 27, 1996.

2. K N Interstate Gas Transmission Co.

[Docket No. CP96-531-000]

Take notice that on May 22, 1996, K N Interstate Gas Transmission Co. (K N Interstate), P.O. Box 281304, Lakewood, Colorado, 80228, filed in the above docket, a request pursuant to Sections 157.205(b) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act for authorization to install and operate