8,760 Dth per day at 200 psig, as limited by the regulators.

Northwest states that this meter station upgrade is necessary to accommodate a request by Intermountain Gas Company for increased delivery capabilities at this point for service under existing firm transportation agreements.

Northwest states that the total cost of the proposed upgrade at the Twin Falls No. 2 Meter Station is estimated to be approximately $69,300.

Comment date: November 12, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

5. Northwest Pipeline Corporation

[Docket No. CP96–808–000]

Take notice that on September 20, 1996, Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Northwest), 295 Chipeta Way, Salt Lake City, Utah 84158, filed a prior notice request with the Commission in Docket No. CP96–808–000 pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to partially abandon certain facilities and to construct and operate replacement facilities at the Pocatello meter station in Bannock County, Idaho, under Northwest's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82–433–000 pursuant to Section 7 of the NGA, all as more fully set forth in the request which is open to the public for inspection.

Northwest proposes upgrade its delivery capacity at the Pocatello meter station to better serve the needs of Intermountain Gas Company (Intermountain) and its affiliate IGI Resources, Inc. (IGI) under existing firm service agreements. Northwest states that the maximum design capacity of the Pocatello meter station would increase from approximately 18,725 Dth per day at 250 psig to approximately 23,976 Dth per day at 350 psig, as limited by the regulators. Northwest estimates that it would cost $18,100 to upgrade the Pocatello meter station.

Comment date: November 12, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraphs

F. Any person desiring to be heard or make any protest with reference to said filing should on or before the comment date file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., 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 385.211 and 385.214) 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.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to 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 filing 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 the applicant to appear or be represented at the hearing.

G. Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 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 Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (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 filing a 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 Natural Gas Act.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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Office of Hearings and Appeals

Notice of Issuance of Decisions and Orders; Week of September 2 Through September 6, 1996

During the week of September 2 through September 6, 1996, the decisions and orders summarized below were issued with respect to appeals, applications, petitions, or other requests filed with the Office of Hearings and Appeals of the Department of Energy. The following summary also contains a list of submissions that were dismissed by the Office of Hearings and Appeals.

Copies of the full text of these decisions and orders are available in the Public Reference Room of the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Room 1E–234, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585–0107, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., except federal holidays. They are also available in *Energy Management: Federal Energy Guidelines,* a commercially published loose leaf reporter system. Some decisions and orders are available on the Office of Hearings and Appeals World Wide Web site at http://www.oha.doe.gov.

Dated: September 24, 1996.

George B. Breznay,

Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals.

Personnel Security Hearing

Oakridge Operations Office, 9/4/96, VSO–0091

An OHA Hearing Officer issued an Opinion regarding the eligibility of an Individual to maintain access authorization under the provisions of 10 CFR Part 710. After considering the Individual's testimony and the record, the Hearing Officer first found that the Individual had used an illegal drug, cocaine. The Hearing Officer also found the Individual to have two illnesses or mental conditions (Cocaine Abuse and Personality Disorder, Not Otherwise Specified) that in the opinion of a board-certified psychiatrist cause, or may cause, a significant defect in his judgment or reliability. In view of the Individual's positive drug test for cocaine, his personality disorder and his failure to file federal tax returns for several years, the Hearing Officer found that the Individual had engaged in unusual conduct or was subject to circumstances which tend to show that he is not honest, reliable, or trustworthy; or which furnishes reason to believe that he may be subject to pressure, coercion, exploitation, or duress which may cause him to act contrary to the best interests of the national security. Further, the Hearing Officer did not find sufficient evidence rebutting the derogatory information or mitigating the security concerns. Accordingly, the Hearing Officer recommended that the Individual's access authorization not be restored.

Refund Applications

The Office of Hearings and Appeals issued the following Decisions and Orders concerning refund applications, which are not summarized. Copies of the full texts of the Decisions and Orders are available in the Public Reference Room of the Office of Hearings and Appeals.

B H Y TRUCKING, INC. ET AL	RG272–00081	09/03/96
COOK MOTOR LINES, INC	RA272–75	09/06/96
GULF OIL CORPORATION/PYRAMID SUPPLY, INC	RF300–13356	09/03/96
SHADOW LAKE RANCH ET AL	RK272–3385	09/04/96

Dismissals

The following submissions were dismissed:

Name	Case No.
HARMON-BOLES GAS PRODUCTS INC	RF300–15343
IDAHO OPERATIONS OFFICE	VSO–0097
NIXON COMPANY	RF352–7
SULLIVAN COUNTY CENTRAL RECEIVING	RF272–95142

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Week of July 15 Through July 19, 1996

Notice of Issuance of Decisions and Orders by the Office of Hearings and Appeals

During the week of July 15 through July 19, 1996, the decisions and orders summarized below were issued with respect to appeals, applications, petitions, or other requests filed with the Office of Hearings and Appeals of the Department of Energy. The following summary also contains a list of submissions that were dismissed by the Office of Hearings and Appeals.

Copies of the full text of these decisions and orders are available in the Public Reference Room of the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Room 1E–234, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585–0107, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., except federal holidays. They are also available in *Energy Management: Federal Energy Guidelines,* a commercially published loose leaf reporter system. Some decisions and orders are available on the Office of Hearings and Appeals World Wide Web site at http://www.oha.doe.gov.

Dated: September 24, 1996.

George B. Breznay,

Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals.

Decision List No. 981

Appeals

Glen Milner, 7/16/96, VFA–0179

Glen Milner filed an Appeal from a determination issued to him by the Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Division (FOI/PA) in response to a request for information Mr. Milner submitted under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). In that determination, FOI/PA stated that it could not find the information Mr. Milner requested, regarding ''the decision in 1992 to send specially fitted railcars to Russia to transport nuclear weapons and the present use and condition of these railcars.'' This was a copy of a request sent to the Albuquerque Operations Office which was still processing the request. FOI/PA stated that no documents were found responsive to Mr. Milner's request, especially since no decision had been made in 1992 to send railcars to Russia. Furthermore, any information about the railcars is located in Albuquerque. Mr. Milner indicated in his Appeal that his was a broader request than that stated in FOI/PA's determination. The DOE found that the interpretation accorded his letter was reasonable. Accordingly, Mr. Milner's Appeal was denied.

Personnel Security Hearings

Oakland Operations Office, 7/16/96, VSA–0078

The Director of the Office of Hearings and Appeals issued an Opinion regarding the request for review by an individual of a Hearing Officer's adverse decision regarding his eligibility for access authorization under the provisions of 10 C.F.R. Part 710. The DOE had claimed the individual had forged a 161–K credential, a document permitting the carrying of a weapon on DOE property. After considering the individual's arguments and the record, the Director found that: the Hearing Officer had not imposed too high a burden of proof on the individual, the Hearing Officer's finding regarding the individual's evasiveness should be upheld, and despite the fact that the Hearing Officer failed to consider some portions of the evidence supporting the individual's case, the Hearing Officer had made a comprehensive, common sense judgment. Accordingly, the Director recommended that the individual's access authorization should not be reinstated.

Oakland Operations Office, 7/17/96, VSO–0088

Under the provisions set forth in 10 CFR Part 710, the Department of Energy, Oakland Operations Office (DOE/OK) suspended an individual's access authorization pending administrative review, based upon derogatory information received by the DOE/OK which indicated illegal use of marijuana by the individual. Following a hearing convened at the request of the individual, the Office of Hearings and Appeals Hearing Officer found in his Opinion that: (i) The individual's marijuana use was not substantial and was in remission, (ii) the individual successfully completed a viable drug treatment program, and (iii) the individual documented a sufficient period of abstinence and provided other evidence to support a showing of rehabilitation. Accordingly, the Hearing Officer concluded in the Opinion that the individual's access authorization should be restored.

Oakland Operations Office, 7/17/96, VSO–0089

Under the provisions set forth in 10 CFR Part 710, the Department of Energy, Oakland Operations Office (DOE/OK) suspended an individual's access authorization pending administrative review, based upon derogatory information received by the DOE/OK which revealed illegal use of methamphetamine, cocaine and marijuana. On this basis, DOE/OK also invoked 10 CFR § 710.8(1), finding that by use of the drugs the individual had