

Commission and open to public inspection.

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Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before October 31, 1996, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 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.

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 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 Applicants to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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[Docket No. CP97-4-000]

**Northern States Power Company (Minnesota), and Northern Power Wisconsin Corporation; Notice of Application**

October 10, 1996.

Take notice that on October 1, 1996, Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation (NSP-M), and Northern Power Wisconsin Corporation (New NSP), together referred to as Applicants, both located at 414 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401, filed an abbreviated application pursuant to Sections 7 (b), (c), and (e) of the Natural Gas Act requesting: (1) authorization for NSP-M to abandon its Wescott liquefield natural gas (LNG) facility and the certificated interstate LNG services provided at the facility; (2) issuance to NSP-M of a blanket certificate under Section 284.224 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Regulations; and (3) pre-authorization of the transfer of NSP-M's Section 284.224 blanket certificate to its corporate successor, New NSP, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

NSP-M intends to merge with and into New NSP, with New NSP as the surviving company. The Wescott LNG facility will be transferred to New NSP through the merger. Applicants are requesting blanket authority to operate the Wescott LNG facility as a Hinshaw facility; however, New NSP is willing to accept Part 157 authorization to own and operate the Wescott LNG facility, if the Commission determines that such authorization is necessary. Authorization for the proposed merger of NSP-M and New NSP is pending before the Commission in Docket No. EC95-16-000.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before October 31, 1996, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., Washington, D.C. 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

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Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Applicants to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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[Docket No. CP96-805-001]

**Northwest Pipeline Corporation; Notice of Amendment to a Request Under Blanket Authorization**

October 10, 1996.

Take notice that on October 4, 1996, Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Northwest), 295 Chipeta Way, Salt Lake City, Utah 84158, filed an amendment to its September 20, 1996, prior notice request with the Commission in Docket No. CP96-805-000 pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to partially abandon certain undersized facilities and to construct and operate replacement facilities at the Twin Falls meter station in Twin Falls 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 originally proposed in Docket No. CP96-805-000 to (1) remove approximately 150 feet of 4-inch inlet piping, one 750,000 Btu per hour heater, one 4-inch filter, and four 4-inch regulators and appurtenances, and (2) install as replacement facilities approximately 150 feet of 6-inch inlet piping, one 1.5 MMBtu per hour heater, one 6-inch filter and four 4-inch control