[Docket No. CP97–20–000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

October 17, 1996.

Take notice that on October 9, 1996, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124–1000, filed in Docket No. CP97–20–000, a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.216(b) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 FR 157.205 and 157.216(b)) for authorization to abandon 21 small volume measuring station facilities (facilities) located in Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, and South Dakota, under the blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82–401–000, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Northern states that 21 of its end-users have requested the removal of the facilities from their properties. Northern has included in its filing, a copy of a consent form from each end-user authorizing removal of such facilities. Northern has listed the facilities to be abandoned, with maps detailing their locations, in Attachment A to the filing. Northern asserts that the facilities will be abandoned and removed in accordance with all applicable environmental laws and regulations and the sites restored to their original condition by leveling the sites and reseeding with native vegetation. Northern says the removal will be accomplished with no additional disturbance since no piping associated with the proposed abandonment of the facilities will be abandoned.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after 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 therefor, 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 If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of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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[Docket No. CP96–820–000]

Questar Pipeline Co.; Notice of Application

October 17, 1996.

Take notice that on September 30, 1996, Questar Pipeline Company (Questar) 79 State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, filed in Docket No. CP96–820–000 an application, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for authorization to construct and operate, in two phases, approximately 41.2 miles of 20-inch pipeline loop in Sweetwater County, Wyoming and Daggett County, Utah, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Questar states that it proposes to install, in two phases, 41.2 miles of 20-inch outside diameter pipeline looping facilities that will parallel its existing Main Line No. 58 (ML 58) between Questar's Clay Basin underground natural gas storage field and its Nightingale/Kanda/Coleman Compressor Complex. Questar explains that Phase I of the looping project will comprise the installation of 27.6 miles of pipeline, the construction of which will commence during the spring of 1997, increase mainline transmission capacity by approximately 59,000 Dekatherms per day (Dth/d) and cost an estimated $11,553,000. It is further explained that Phase II of the project will comprise the installation of 13.6 miles of pipeline, the construction of which is expected to commence during 1998, increase mainline capacity by approximately 29,000 Dth/d per day and cost an estimated $6,276,000. In all, Questar states, the construction of both phases of the ML No. 58 project will increase transmission capacity by approximately 88,000 Dth/d at an estimated cost of $17,829,000.

Questar further states that, thus far, it has entered into two new firm transportation service agreements and an amendment to an existing firm-service agreement, totalling 35,000 Dth/d, that support the looping project. It is stated that the net rate impact associated with rolling the combined Phase I and Phase II construction costs and incremental service level into Questar's currently effective rate design is substantially less than five percent and that Questar seeks rolled-in rate treatment for the Phase I and Phase II facility costs. Furthermore, Questar avers that the installation of both phases of the looping project will benefit all existing customers of Questar by (1) providing expanded delivery-point flexibility, (2) offering, through broadened access to gas supplies, additional receipt point flexibility, (3) improving market access for producers located adjacent to Questar's transmission system, (4) enhancing Clay Basin storage service and (5) ensuring long-term service reliability.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before November 7, 1996, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 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 385.214 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 the 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 Questar to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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