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Office of Intergovernmental and Intergovernmental Affairs

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: Applications for the U.S.

Presidential Scholars Program.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:

Responses: 2,600.

Burden Hours: 41,600.

Abstract: The United States Scholars Program is a national recognition program to honor and recognize outstanding graduating high school seniors. Candidates are invited to apply to the program based on academic achievements on the SAT or ACT. This program was established under Executive Order of the President 11155.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Fossil Energy

Relocation and New Mailing Address

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of relocation and new mailing address.

SUMMARY: The Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import and Export Activities, formerly known as the Office of Fuels Programs, is announcing the relocation of its office and docket room within DOE headquarters, and its new mailing address. On January 27, 1998, the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import and Export Activities and its docket room moved from their current locations at Rooms 3F-070 and 3F-056, to Rooms 3E-042 and 3E-033, respectively, within the Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585.

ADDRESSES: All submissions, including those made pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), should be filed with the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import and Export Activities, Fossil Energy, Docket Room 3E-033, FE-34, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-9478.

Any questions should be directed to Larine A. Moore, Docket Room Manager, (202) 586-9478.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-315-001]

Independence Pipeline Company; Notice of Petition To Amend

February 2, 1998.

Take notice that on December 19, 1997, Independence Pipeline Company (Independence) 500 Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan 48243, filed in Docket No. CP97-315-001, pursuant to Section 7 (c) of the Natural Gas Act, a petition to amend its pending application filed in Docket No. CP97-315-000 to, among other things, reroute certain segments of the new pipeline it has proposed to construct and operate between Defiance, Ohio and Leidy, Pennsylvania, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

On March 31, 1997, Independence filed with the Commission in Docket No. CP97-315-000 requesting authority to construct and operate an approximately 370-mile, 36-inch diameter pipeline system to transport gas from Defiance, Ohio to Leidy, Pennsylvania. The proposed pipeline is designed to provide transportation services on an open-access basis to shippers seeking to transport gas principally from expansion projects destined for the Chicago Hub to the Leidy Hub, thereby facilitating access to gas markets in Ohio, Pennsylvania and throughout the Eastern United States.

Since the original application was filed, several events have occurred. One is the addition of a new partner in the project. The original partners in Independence were ANR Independence Pipeline Company (ANR Independence) and Transco Independence Pipeline Company (Transco Independence), subsidiaries of ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) and Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco), respectively. On September 23, 1997, Seneca Independence Pipeline Company (Seneca Independence), an affiliate of National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National Fuel) reached agreement with ANR Independence and Transco Independence to purchase an

interest in the Independence partnership. Each partner, including Seneca Independence, will now hold a 33 1/3% interest in the partnership.

By the petition to amend, Independence proposes to modify the original application to:

- (1) Reflect routing changes;
- (2) Reflect changes in compression;
- (3) Update estimated facility costs for the project;
- (4) Add to the tariff an option for negotiated rates; and
- (5) Reduce the proposed maximum tariff rates.

Independence states that since the original application was filed, it has met with landowners, public officials, environmental agencies, non-government organizations, and others with regard to the pipeline route. As a result of these discussions, Independence is proposing route changes in Ohio and Pennsylvania which it believes will better address existing land use issues and which are environmentally preferable to the route originally proposed. Independence states that the proposed reroutes will increase the overall length of the project from 369.7 to 400.4 miles. The most notable reroute involve the portion of the pipeline in Stark and Summit Counties, Ohio and the eastern-most 105 miles of the pipeline in Pennsylvania. The proposed Pennsylvania reroute (the Clarion Reroute) is significant in that the last 105 miles of the pipeline will follow a completely different right-of-way which is well north of the original route. The Clarion Reroute will use existing pipeline corridors for approximately 59 miles.¹ In addition, environmental review of the final 65 miles was previously conducted as part of another project. Independence asserts the Clarion Reroute is easier to build, has better access roads and will provide better access to National Fuel's pipeline and storage system.

Independence has reexamined the configuration of the system in conjunction with the proposed pipeline reroutes and has concluded that although the total amount of compression (60,000 Horsepower (HP)) is sufficient, a three compressor station design optimizes system capability more than the two proposed in the original application. It is stated that the

¹ Approximately 59 miles of the Clarion Reroute will involve use of National Fuel's existing right-of-way. National Fuel will remove certain of its existing lines within its right-of-way and Independence will install larger diameter replacement pipeline using the same trench. National Fuel has filed a related application to abandon the subject pipeline facilities in Docket No. CP98-200-000.