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 petition 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 petition 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 petition for leave 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 provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Columbia to appear or be represented at the hearing.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98–448–000]

NorAm Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

May 11, 1998.

Take notice that on May 1, 1998, NorAm Gas Transmission Company (NGT), 1111 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas 77210–4455, filed in Docket No. CP98–448–000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.216) for authorization to abandon certain facilities in Texas, under NGT's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82–384–000 and CP82–384–001 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

NGT specifically proposes to abandon and reclaim a 1-inch, inactive, domestic tap on Line CM–14 in Bowie County, Texas that delivered gas to Arkla, a distribution division on NorAm Energy Corp. for supplementary service to Hooks County School District. Arkla has notified NGT that it no longer needs this tap and that the school has requested that the tap be removed to allow cleanup on the location. NGT will reclaim the tap at an estimated cost of $579 and Arkla will reimburse NGT for $464 of this cost.

NGT states that the proposed abandonment is not prohibited by its existing tariff and that it has sufficient capacity to accommodate the proposed changes without detriment or disadvantage to NGT's other customers. No service will be abandoned as a result of removing this tap.

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 failed 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.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97–323–001]

Norteño Pipeline Company; Notice of Petition for Waiver

May 11, 1998.

Take notice that on April 30, 1998, Norteño Pipeline Company (Norteño) tendered for filing a petition for extension of waiver of certain Commission Order Nos. 587–B, 587–C, and 587–G requirements, or in an alternative, extension of the waiver until abandonment by sale of the pipeline facilities.

Norteño states that it has served copies of the filing on each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary of FERC in this proceeding.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed on or before May 18, 1998. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98–203–001]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

May 11, 1998.

Take notice that on May 6, 1998, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) tendered for filing changes in the its FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets, proposed to be effective June 1 1998:

First Revised Sheet No. 415
First Revised Sheet No. 416

On May 1, 1998, Northern filed in this Docket a general rate case. The reason for this filing is to comply with the Commission's May 5 order in this Docket requiring Northern to refile Sheet Nos. 415 and 416 to correct pagination duplications. No changes were made to the contents of the sheets.

Northern further states that copies of the filing have been mailed to each of its customers and interested State Commissions.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission