

consumption for compression, and reduce maintenance requirements. Innovative concepts for gas storage, gas dispensing, operating strategies for the storage capacity, and providing the small amount of highest-pressure gas needed to complete vehicle fueling are desired. Research is also sought in the area of truly conformable tank technology (i.e., storage devices that are integral to the vehicle), either with or without storage density enhancement techniques. The objective is to develop storage vessels in non-cylindrical shapes that are conducive to incorporation into automobiles and light trucks.

A major DOE program objective is to increase the involvement of the automotive industry supplier base in key engine-related R&D programs.

The Department of Energy anticipates that approximately twenty-five cooperative agreements will result from this solicitation. Under Topic 1 there will be approximately twelve awards, with periods of performance ranging from eighteen to thirty months and total estimated DOE funding of \$10,000,000.00 to \$30,000,000.00. Under Topic 2 there will be approximately five awards, with periods of performance of thirty months and total estimated DOE funding of \$4,000,000.00. Under Topic 3 there will be approximately eight awards with periods of performance of thirty-six months and total estimated DOE funding of \$10,000,000.00. Cost sharing requirements will vary from zero to fifty percent, depending on the topic area, and will be specified in the solicitation. Awards are subject to the availability of funds and the solicitation will not obligate DOE to make any award(s). Any non-profit or for-profit organization, university or other institution of higher education, or non-federal agency or entity is eligible to apply. Federal laboratory participation shall be minimal and will be subject to DOE approval. The solicitation will provide further guidance in this area. Awards resulting from this solicitation will be subject to the requirements of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 which in general requires that the awardee be a United States-owned company (including certain non-profits) or that the foreign country in which the parent company is located meets certain conditions of reciprocity in the treatment of investments, access to research and development programs, and protection of intellectual property. All responsible sources, as indicated above, may submit an application which shall be considered by the government.

Issued in Chicago, Illinois on May 4, 1998.

J. D. Greenwood,

Acquisition and Assistance Group Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-114-001]

K N Interstate Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Amendment to Application

May 7, 1998.

Take notice that on May 1, 1998, K N Interstate Gas Transmission Company (Applicant), P.O. Box 281304, Lakewood, Colorado 80228, filed a request in Docket No. CP98-114-001 to amend its application filed December 4, 1997, in Docket No. CP98-114-000. Applicant had filed in Docket No. CP98-114-000 pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act for authorization to construct and operate thirteen new delivery taps, under blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-140-000, *et al.*¹ Applicant's application to amend its request for authorization is on file with the Commission and open for public inspection.

Applicant proposed in Docket No. CP98-114-000 to construct thirteen new delivery taps located in Adams, Antelope, Buffalo, Custer, Pierce, and Sherman Counties, Nebraska and Kearny County, Kansas.² Pursuant to Rule 215 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Applicant proposes to amend its application pending in Docket No. CP98-114-000 to delete from its request ten delivery tap facilities. Applicant has been advised that certain of the retail customers who initially requested service at the proposed taps described in Docket No. CP98-114-000 as Tap Nos. 1 through 6, 9 through 11, and 13 no longer desire natural gas service at the locations specified in that application.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before May 14, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20426, a petition to intervene or a

¹ See, 22 FERC ¶ 62,330 (1983).

² On January 26, 1998, the Kansas Corporation Commission filed a timely protest in Docket No. CP98-114-000. Since the protest was neither withdrawn nor resolved within the 30-day resolution period the prior notice request converted to a Section 7 proceeding.

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 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 Applicant to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP-403-000]

NorAm Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Application for Abandonment

May 7, 1998.

Take notice that on April 29, 1998, NorAm Gas Transmission Company (NGT), 1111 Louisiana Street, Houston Texas 77210-4455 filed in Docket No. CP98-403-000, an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations for an order permitting and approving the abandonment of certain pipeline facilities in Panola County, Texas, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.