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**David P. Boergers,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-278-000]

#### Natural Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Application

March 19, 1998.

Take notice that on March 11, 1998, Natural Gas Pipeline Company (Natural), 701 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois 60148, filed in Docket No. CP98-278-000, an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for permission and approval to abandon by sale to MidCon Texas Pipeline Operator, Inc. (MidCon Texas), Natural's Clayton Lateral which consists of approximately 21.7 miles of 16-inch pipeline lateral, meters ranging in sizes of 2 through 10 inches and side taps ranging in sizes of 2 through 6 inches, in Duval and Oak Counties, Texas, for \$336,913, as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Natural states the facilities are no longer needed to receive gas for system supply and therefore has decided to sell the facilities to MidCon Texas for net book value.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before April 9, 1998, 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

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 permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are 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 Natural 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 Nos. RP93-206-019 and RP96-347-010]

#### Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

March 19, 1998.

Take notice that on March 17, 1998, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), tendered for filing under protest to become part of Northern's FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets proposed to be effective April 1, 1998:

Fifth Revised Sheet No. 245  
Second Revised Sheet No. 246  
Second Revised Sheet No. 248

Northern states that the above-listed tariff sheets are filed in compliance with the Commission's Order issued March 2, 1998 in the above-referenced dockets, addressing the Carlton Resolution Settlement.

Northern states that copies of the filing were served upon Northern's 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, 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 as provided in Section 154.210 of

the Commission's Regulations. 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. SA98-37-000]

#### Pickrell Drilling Company, Inc., Notice of Petition for Adjustment and Dispute Resolution Request

March 19, 1998.

Take notice that on March 9, 1998, Pickrell Drilling Company, Inc. (Pickrell), filed a petition for an adjustment under Section 502(c) of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA 15 U.S.C. 3412(c)) and Rules 1101-1117 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.1101-385.1117), wherein Pickrell has requested, on behalf of first sellers (First Sellers)<sup>1</sup> for whom it operated, that the Commission: (1) Resolve the pending dispute between First Sellers and ANR Pipeline Company as to the proper amount of the refund liability of First Sellers for the Kansas ad valorem tax reimbursements set forth in the Statement of Refunds Due (SRD)<sup>2</sup> addressed to Pickrell; (2) waive any refund obligation attributable to the royalty interest of Richard M. Linehan, deceased; and (3) grant an adjustment to its procedures to allow First Sellers to place into an escrow account not only the disputed amount of the refund, but also (i) principal and interest on amounts attributable to production prior to October 4, 1983, and (ii) interest on all principal amounts claimed to be due under the SRD (excluding interest included in the disputed amount or (i) above). Pickrell also requested that it be determined that it was not a working interest owner or First Seller of any of the production with respect to which the tax reimbursements were made and

<sup>1</sup> First Sellers are C.W. Sebits, Barbara Oil Company, Vera J. Casado, Dane G. Hansen Trust, National Cooperative Refinery Association, and David H. Tripp.

<sup>2</sup> See Docket No. RP98-42-000.

that it therefore has no liability under the SRD.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said petition should on or before 15 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this notice, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., 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, 385.211, 385.1105, and 385.1106). 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.

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*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. SA98-39-000]

#### Quinque Oil & Gas Producing Company; Notice of Petition for Adjustment

March 19, 1998.

Take notice that on March 9, 1998, Quinque Oil & Gas Producing Company (Quinque), filed a petition for adjustment under section 502(c) of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA),<sup>1</sup> requesting on behalf of certain working interest owners (First Sellers)<sup>2</sup> for whom it operated that the Commission:

(1) Grant an extension of 90 days to allow First Sellers and Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Company (PEPL) to resolve any dispute as to the proper amount of the refund liability of First Sellers from the Kansas ad valorem tax reimbursements set forth in the Statement of Refunds Due (SRD) and to make refunds or to submit such dispute to the Commission for resolution if the parties cannot resolve it within such time, and

(2) In order to stop the accrual of interest pending resolution of disputes and legal issues, grant an adjustment to its procedures

to allow First Sellers to place into escrow account only any disputed amount of the refund but also: (1) Principle and interest on amounts of tax reimbursements received in years after the subject well was deregulated, and (ii) principal and interest on amounts attributable to production prior to October 4, 1983.

First Sellers also request an order for reimbursement of the 1984 tax refund First Sellers have made to PEPL to the extent of any part of its is hereafter deemed to be attributable to production prior to October 4, 1983. Quinque also requests that it be determined that it has no liability under the SRD except as to amounts attributable solely to its own working interest. Quinque's petition is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

The Commission's September 10 order on remand from the D. C. Circuit Court of Appeals<sup>3</sup> directed first sellers under the NGPA to make Kansas ad valorem tax refunds, with interest, for the period from 1983 to 1988. The Commission's September 10 order also provided that first sellers would, with the Commission's prior approval, amortize their Kansas ad valorem tax refunds over a 5-year period, although interest would continue to accrue on any outstanding balance.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said petition should on or before 15 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this notice, 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, 385.211, 385.1105, and 385.1106). 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.

**David P. Boergers,**  
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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. SA98-46-000]

#### Quinque Operating Company; Notice of Petition for Adjustment

March 19, 1998.

Take notice that on March 9, 1998, Quinque Operating Company (Quinque) and certain working interest owners (First Sellers)<sup>1</sup> for whom it operated, filed a petition, pursuant to section 502(c) of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA), for an adjustment of the Commission's refund procedures [15 U.S.C. 3142(c) (1982)] with respect to Quinque's Kansas ad valorem tax refund liability. Quinque's petition is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

The Commission's September 10 order on remand from the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals,<sup>2</sup> in Docket No. RP97-369-000, *et al.*,<sup>3</sup> directed first sellers to make Kansas ad valorem tax refunds, with interest, for the period from 1983 to 1988. The Commission clarified the refund procedures in its Order Clarifying Procedures [82 FERC ¶ 61,059 (1998)], stating therein that producers (first sellers) could request additional time to establish the uncollectability of royalty refunds, and that first sellers may file requests for NGPA section 502(c) adjustment relief from the refund requirement and the timing and procedures for implementing the refunds, based on their individual circumstances.

Quinque requests that the Commission: (1) Grant a 90 day extension to allow First Sellers and Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG) to resolve any dispute as to the proper amount of the refund liability of First Sellers for the Kansas ad valorem tax reimbursements set forth in the Statement of Refunds Due (SRD), filed in Docket No. RP98-54-000, and to make refunds or to submit such dispute to FERC for resolution if the parties cannot resolve it within such time, and

<sup>1</sup> First Sellers are Quinque Oil & Gas Producing Co.; Jane Moore; Margaret C. Moore; Penny Moore; David O. Wilson; Pete Balog; Robert Hatcher Estate; Clarence and Margaret Hoeme; George Thomas Estate; LewJlac Company (LewJlac Company's interest now owned by Estate of Jack Engle); Lyle Pringle Estate; Winifred Pringle; F.L. Shogrin; C. Dale Stromquist; Benjamin and Margaret Zane; and Jack and Edna Walker.

<sup>2</sup> *Public Service Company of Colorado v. FERC*, 91 F.3d 1478 (D.C. Cir. 1996), cert. denied, 65 U.S.L.W. 3751 and 3754 (May 12, 1997) (Nos. 96-954 and 96-1230).

<sup>3</sup> See 80 FERC ¶ 61,264 (1997); *order denying reh'g*, issued January 28, 1998, 82 FERC ¶ 61,058 (1998).

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 3142(c) (1982).

<sup>2</sup> First Sellers are Quinque Oil & Gas Producing Co., John W. Moore, Margaret C. Moore, Michael Moore, David O. Wilson, Jack E. Engel Estate, Robert Hatcher Estate, Clarence and Margaret Hoeme, C. Dale Stromquist, J & J Enterprises, Lyle Pringle Estate, and Winifred Pringle.

<sup>3</sup> *Public Service Company of Colorado v. FERC*, 91 F.3d 1478 (D.C. 1996), cert. denied, Nos. 96-954 and 96-1230 (65 U.S.L.W. 3751 and 3754, May 12, 1997) (Public Service).