

without "subsidy" from existing customers.

On September 15, 1999, the Commission issued a Statement of Policy in Docket No. PL99-3-000, "Certification of New Interstate Natural Gas Pipeline Facilities". The Policy Statement announced changes to the pricing and rate criteria applicable to new construction projects and, specified that applicants proposing to add new pipeline capacity must satisfy a threshold requirement of "no financial subsidies". The Policy Statement also announced that a project will also be evaluated based upon consideration of (i) the interests of the applicant's existing customers; (ii) the interests of competing existing pipelines and their captive customers, and (iii) the interests of landowners and surrounding communities. Where a project results in adverse impacts to any of members of these three stakeholder groups, the project sponsor must show how the specific public benefits resulting from its project outweigh the adverse effects the members of the three stakeholder groups.

Northern Border states that Project 2000, as now amended, meets the Commission's threshold "no financial subsidies" requirement of for certification. Further, it says that the public benefits of Project 2000 outweigh any adverse impacts to any members of the three stakeholder groups identified in the Policy Statement, because in its amendment, Northern Border describes in detail how Project 2000 does not have any adverse impact on the three stakeholder groups listed in the Policy Statement, Northern Border therefore requests that the Commission promptly certificate Project 2000, as hereby amended, and that such approvals issue no later than March 15, 2000.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before January 14, 2000, file with the Federal 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 385.211 and 385.214) 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. The Commission's rules require that protestors provide copies of their protests to the party or parties directly involved. Any person wishing to become a party in any proceeding herein must file a motion to

intervene in accordance with the Commission's rules.

A person obtaining intervenor status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by every one of the intervenors. An intervenor can file for rehearing of any Commission order and can petition for court review of any such order. However, an intervenor must submit copies of comments or any other filing it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as 14 copies with the Commission.

A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have comments considered. A person, instead, may submit two copies of comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of environmental documents and will be able to participate in meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission and will not have the right to seek rehearing or appeal the Commission's final order to a federal court. The Commission will consider all comments and concerns equally, whether filed by commenters or those requesting intervenor status.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the 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 abandonments and a grant of the certificate 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 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 Northern Border to

appear or to be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-46-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application

December 22, 1999.

Take notice that on December 9, 1999, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124, filed in Docket No. CP00-46-000, an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations thereunder (18 CFR 157.7 and 157.18), for permission and approval to abandon in-place five (5) 1,600 horsepower horizontal compressor units at the Ventura compressor station, with appurtenances, located in Hancock County, Iowa, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The application may be viewed on the web at www.ferc.fed.us. Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance.

Northern states the horizontal compressor units at its Ventura compressor station proposed to be abandoned in the instant application are no longer needed due to changes in the operating configuration of its system since the units were initially installed. Northern asserts that the abandonment of these facilities will not result in the abandonment of service to any of Northern's existing shippers, nor will the proposed abandonment adversely effect capacity since the compression is no longer needed to meet current firm service obligations.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Keith L. Petersen, Director, Certificates and Reporting for Northern, 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124, at (402) 398-7421 or Michele Winckowski, Senior Regulatory Analyst, at (402) 398-7082.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should, on or before January 12, 2000, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC, 20426, a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the

Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 or 385.214) 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 Procedures, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission on this application if no protest or motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein. At that time, the Commission, on its own review of the matter, will determine whether granting the abandonment is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a protest or 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 Northern to appear or to be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-518-003]

PG&E Gas Transmission, Northwest Corporation; Notice of Proposed Change in FERC Gas Tariff

December 22, 1999.

Take notice that on December 2, 1999, PG&E Gas Transmission, Northwest Corporation (PG&E GT-NW) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas First Revised Volume No. 1-A, First Revised Sheet No. 8 and Original sheet No. 8A, with an effective date of December 2, 1999.

PG&E GT-NW states that these sheets are being filed to reflect the implementation of a negotiated rate agreement.

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 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. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-141-000]

Pine Needle LNG Company, LLC; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff Filing

December 22, 1999.

Take notice that on December 15, 1999, Pine Needle LNG Company, LLC (Pine Needle) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, First Revised Sheet No. 50. The effective date for the tariff sheet is February 1, 2000.

Pine Needle states that the purpose of the instant filing is to revise Sections 7 (b) and (c) of the General Terms and Conditions of Pine Needle's Original Volume No. 1 Tariff to provide that the interest rate to be applied to unpaid amounts due from Customers and to overcharges by Pine Needle shall be the interest rate provided under 18 CFR 154.501(d)(1). This revision will conform Pine Needle's tariff to a common business practice being adopted by Pine Needle and its interstate affiliates, which is anticipated to be effective on Pine Needle's System February 1, 2000. In addition, Pine Needle's revision to such interest calculation is consistent with the interest calculation method reflected in the tariffs of numerous other pipelines.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C.

20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with 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. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-24-000 and RP00-24-001]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Date Change for Technical Conference

December 22, 1999.

Take notice that the technical conference on the above-referenced proceeding has been changed to Thursday, January 20, 2000, at 10:00 a.m.

All interested parties and Staff are permitted to attend.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-144-000]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

December 22, 1999.

Take notice that on December 14, 1999, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, Seventeenth Revised Sheet No. 28, with an effective date of December 1, 1999.