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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP96-272-021]

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

December 21, 2000.

Take notice that on December 15, 2000, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), tendered for filing in its FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheet proposed to be effective November 1, 2000:

Substitute Eleventh Revised Sheet No. 66

Northern states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission's Order issued on November 30, 2000 in Docket No. RP96-272-019. Northern is filing the revised tariff sheet to specify separately the components of the negotiated rate between the transmission component and the construction cost reimbursement component in Footnote 7 which details the negotiated rate agreement with Midwest Natural Gas, Inc.

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

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, NE., Washington, DC 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). Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP95-136-016]

#### Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc.; Notice of Refund Report

December 21, 2000.

Take notice that on December 18, 2000 Williams Gas Pipeline Central, Inc. (Williams) tendered for filing its interruptible excess refund report for the twelve-month period ended September 2000.

Williams stated that a copy of its filing was served on all participants listed on the service list maintained by the Commission in the docket referenced above and on all of Williams' jurisdictional customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to protest said 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 on or before December 28, 2000. 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). Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2194; Project No. 135]

#### North Fork Hydroelectric Project, Oak Grove Hydroelectric Project, Portland General Electric Company, Portland, Oregon; Notice of Intent To Conduct Public Scoping Meetings

December 21, 2000.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) allows an applicant in the relicense of a hydroelectric project, the option of filing a Third Party Contractor prepared Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in lieu of Exhibit E of the license application. Portland General Electric (PGE—Applicant) has requested, and the Commission has approved this alternative procedure for the relicense of the North Fork Hydroelectric Project No. 2195 and the Oak Grove Hydroelectric Project No. 135. The 121-megawatt North Fork project is located on the Clackamas River, Oregon and the 44-megawatt Oak Grove Project is located on the Oak Grove Fork of the Clackamas River. Public and agency scoping meetings will be held on February 6, 2001, for preparation of a preliminary Environmental Impact Statement.

#### Scoping Meetings

FERC staff will conduct one agency scoping meeting and one public meeting. The agency scoping meeting will focus on resource agency and non-governmental organization (NGO) concerns, while the public scoping meeting is primarily for public input. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend one or both of the meetings, and to assist the staff in identifying the scope of the environmental issues that