

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:** The National Board of the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education is established under Section 1001 of the Higher Education Amendments of 1980, Title X (20 U.S.C. 1131a-1). The National Board of the Fund is authorized to recommend to the Director of the Fund and the Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education priorities for funding and approval or disapproval of grants of a given kind.

The meeting of the National Board is open to the public. The National Board will meet on Friday, January 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to provide an overview of the Fund's current competition progress, and to discuss the planning of several other funding initiatives.

The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. An individual with a disability who will need an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting (e.g., interpreting service, assistive listening device or materials in an alternate format) should notify the contact person listed in this notice at least two weeks before the scheduled meeting date. Although the Department will attempt

to meet a request received after that date, the requested auxiliary aid or service may not be available because of insufficient time to arrange it.

Records are kept of all Board proceedings, and are available for public inspection at the office of the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education, Room 3100, Regional Office Building #3, 7th & D Streets, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202 from the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dated: December 22, 1997.

**David A. Longanecker,**

*Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Fossil Energy

[FE Docket Nos. 97-80-NG et al.]

### Sierra Pacific Power Company et al.; Orders Granting, Transferring and Vacating Blanket Authorizations To Import and/or Export Natural Gas

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of orders.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy gives notice that it has issued Orders authorizing, transferring and/or vacating various imports and/or exports of natural gas. These Orders are summarized in the attached appendix.

These Orders are available for inspection and copying in the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import and Export Activities, Docket Room, 3F-056, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-9478. The Docket Room is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on December 17, 1997.

**Wayne E. Peters,**

*Manager, Natural Gas Regulation, Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import and Export Activities, Office of Fossil Energy.*

## APPENDIX.—BLANKET IMPORT/EXPORT AUTHORIZATIONS GRANTED

Order No.	Date issued	Importer/Exporter FE Docket No.	Two-year maximum		Comments
			Import volume	Export volume	
Doe/FE Authority					
1328 .....	11/06/97	Sierra Pacific Power Company 97-80-NG	95 Bcf .....	.....	Import from Canada.
1331 .....	11/06/97	Texas-Ohio Energy, Inc. (Formerly Texas-Ohio Gas Inc.) 97-95-NG.	100 Bcf ....	.....	Import from Canada beginning July 11, 1997, through July 10, 1999.
1333 .....	11/10/97	Southern California Edison Company 97-98-NG.	100 Bcf ....	.....	Import from Canada beginning November 1, 1997, through October 31, 1999.
1334 .....	11/14/97	Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. 97-96-NG .....	20 Bcf .....	20 Bcf .....	Import and export from and to Canada beginning December 23, 1997, through December 22, 1999.
1335 .....	11/19/97	Sumas Cogeneration Company, L.P. 97-101-NG.	17.8 Bcf ...	.....	Import from Canada.
1336 .....	11/20/97	Husky Gas Marketing Inc. 97-97-NG .....	200 Bcf ....	.....	Import from Canada.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER98-181-000]

### Howard/Avista Energy, LLC; Notice of Issuance of Order

December 22, 1997.

Howard/Avista Energy, LLC (Howard/Avista) filed an application for authorization to sell power at market-

based rates, and for certain waivers and authorizations. In particular, Howard/Avista requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liabilities by Howard/Avista. On December 15, 1997, the Commission issued an Order Conditionally Accepting For Filing Proposed Market-Based Rates (Order), in the above-docketed proceeding.

The Commission's December 15, 1997 Order granted the request for blanket approval under part 34, subject to the conditions found in Ordering Paragraphs (D), (E), and (G):

(D) Within 30 days of the date of this order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the Commission's blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities by Howard/Avista should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214.

(E) Absent a request to be heard within the period set forth in Ordering Paragraph (E) above, Howard/Avista is hereby authorized to issue securities

and assume obligations and liabilities as guarantor, indorser, surety or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issue or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of Howard/Avista, compatible with the public interest, and reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

(G) The Commission reserves the right to modify this order to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued Commission approval of Howard/Avista's issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities \* \* \*.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is January 14, 1998.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

**Lois D. Cashell,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER98-242-000]

#### North American Energy, Inc., Notice of Issuance of Order

December 22, 1997.

North American Energy, Inc. (North American) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which North American will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. North American also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, North American requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by North American.

On December 10, 1997, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Rate Applications, Office of Electric Power Regulation, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by North American should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211

and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, North American is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, endorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval North American's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is January 9, 1998. Copies of the full text of the order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20426.

**Lois D. Cashell,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-132-000]

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

December 22, 1997.

Take notice that on December 15, 1998, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), filed in Docket No. CP98-132-000 an application, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing it to construct and operate approximately 9.6 miles of 30-inch pipeline and appurtenances, located in Steele and Rice Counties, Minnesota, in order to provide increased natural gas deliveries to Koch Energy Services (Koch), all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Northern states that the expanded capacity will be used to provide incremental firm transportation service requested in its recent open season by Koch for use at its Rosemount Refinery. Northern proposes to construct and operate the proposed facilities which

will provide additional peak day capacity in its operational Zone EF by approximately 40,000 Mcf of natural gas per day. Northern states that its application is supported by a precedent agreement with Koch covering firm transportation services subscribing the full capacity of the proposed facilities.

Northern estimates the cost of the proposed facilities to be approximately \$9.4 million which it anticipates to finance with internally generated funds.

Northern requests approval for rolled-in rate treatment of the expansion costs of the proposed facilities. Northern states that the rate impact to Northern's existing shippers meets the threshold applied by the Commission for a presumption in favor of rolled-in rates and the proposed facilities are integral to Northern's existing transmission system.

Any person desiring to participate in the hearing process or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before January 12, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 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 take 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 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.

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