

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[FE Docket No. 98-12-NG]

Office of Fossil Energy: Enron Capital & Trade Resources Corp.; Order Granting Long-Term Authorization to Import Natural Gas from Canada

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of order.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy gives notice that it has issued an order granting Enron Capital & Trade Resources Corp. long-term authorization to import up to 3.31 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas per year from Canada. The term of the authorization is for a period of 10 years commencing November 1, 1998, through October 31, 2008, or for 10 years after the commencement of deliveries if deliveries begin after November 1, 1998. This gas may be imported from Canada at the interconnection of the TransCanada PipeLines Limited and National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation near Niagara Falls, New York or other alternative points on the United States/Canada border.

This order is available for inspection and copying in the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import and Export Activities docket room, 3E-033, 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., April 14, 1998.

John W. Glynn,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP98-337-000]

National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

April 15, 1998.

Take notice that on April 7, 1998, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National Fuel), 10 Lafayette Square, Buffalo, New York 14203, filed in Docket No. CP98-337-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.211) for

authorization to construct and operate a new sales tap in Pennsylvania under National Fuel's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-4-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

National Fuel proposes to construct and operate a sales tap for delivery of approximately 110 Dth per day of gas to Clarion River Gas Company (CRG). The cost is estimated at \$15,000. National Fuel States that the proposed sales tap will be located on its Line Q-M95 in Barnett Township, Forest County, Pennsylvania.

National Fuel states that this addition is not prohibited by its existing tariff, that there is sufficient capacity to accomplish deliveries without detriment or disadvantage to other customers, that its peak day and annual deliveries will not be affected and that the total volumes delivered will not exceed the total volumes authorized prior to this request.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,*Acting Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP98-345-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

April 15, 1998.

Take notice that on April 10, 1998, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124-1000, filed in Docket No. CP98-345-000 a request

pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212) for authorization to install and operate a new delivery point in Wright County, Minnesota, to accommodate natural gas deliveries to UtiliCorp United Inc. (UCU), under Northern's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-401-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Northern states that the proposed volumes to be delivered for UCU at the proposed delivery point are 2 MMBtu on a peak day and 120 MMBtu on an annual basis. Northern also states that the service will be provided to UCU pursuant to currently effective throughput service agreement(s). Northern estimates the cost of constructing the proposed delivery point to be \$6,415.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,*Acting Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP96-339-001]

Total Peaking Services, L.L.C.; Notice of Initial Tariff Filing

April 15, 1998.

Take notice that on February 25, 1998, Total Peaking Services, L.L.C. (TPS) filed its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1 to be effective April 1, 1998. TPS states that the purpose of the

filing is to comply with the Commission's November 25, 1997, order which was issued in Docket No. CP96-339-000 and required TPS to file a tariff specifying the terms and conditions under which it will offer open access storage service at an existing liquid natural gas (LNG) peak-shaving facility at Milford, Connecticut. TPS's tariff provides for four types of open access storage service: (1) A firm liquefaction, storage, and vaporization service under Rate Schedule LSV; (2) a firm LNG storage service under Rate Schedule LNG; (3) an interruptible liquefaction, storage and vaporization service under Rate Schedule LSV-1; and (4) an interruptible LNG storage service under Rate Schedule LNG-1. TPS's tariff also permits it to charge market-based rates.

The Commission's letter of March 31, 1998, stated that TPS's February 25, 1998, filing, as well as its initial application, does not contain sufficient information to approve either cost-based rates that comply with Part 284 or market-based rates, and that accordingly, the February 25, 1998, filing was not accepted for filing to be effective April 1, 1998, as requested. The Commission in that letter required TPS to provide an updated market study to support its request for market-based rates and required that TPS clarify why it proposed to establish rate schedules for liquefaction, storage and vaporization service and separate rate schedules for LNG storage service. The Commission in that letter indicated that the tariff sheets would be retained and that they would be construed as pro forma sheets.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing 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 or 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before April 27, 1998. 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 proceeding. 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project Nos. 8924-030 and 11055-021]

Northeast Hydrodevelopment Corp., Wilton Hydro Electric Company; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

April 15, 1998.

A draft environmental assessment (DEA) is available for public review. The DEA is for two applications to surrender the licenses for the McLane Dam Hydroelectric Project and the Wilton Hydroelectric Project. The Projects are located on the Souhegan River in Hillsboro County, New Hampshire.

The DEA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the DEA can be viewed in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Please submit any comments within 30 days from the date of this notice. Any comments, conclusions, or recommendations that draw upon studies, reports, or other working papers of substance should be supported by appropriate documentation.

Comments should be addressed to David P. Boergers, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. Please affix Project Nos. 8924-030 and 11055-021 to all comments. For further information, please contact the project manager, Ms. Rebecca Martin, at (202) 219-2650.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Boulder Canyon Project—Proposed Firm Power Service Base Charge

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of proposed Base Charge adjustment.

SUMMARY: The Western Area Power Administration (Western) Desert Southwest Region (DSW) is announcing the fiscal year (FY) 1998 annual rate adjustment process for FY 1999 Revenue Requirements and Rates under Rate Order WAPA-70 for firm power

service for the Boulder Canyon Project (BCP). The annual rate adjustments are a requirement of the ratesetting methodology of WAPA-70 which was approved on a final basis by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on April 19, 1996. The existing rate schedule was placed into effect on November 1, 1995. The power repayment study indicates the proposed Base Charge herein for BCP firm power service is necessary to provide sufficient revenue to pay all annual costs (including interest expense), plus repayment of required investment within the allowable time period. The proposed Base Charge for firm power service is expected to become effective October 1, 1998. This **Federal Register** notice initiates the formal process for the proposed Base Charge.

DATES: Submit comments on or before July 20, 1998.

The forums dates are:

1. Public information forum, May 14, 1998, 10:30 a.m. MST, Phoenix, Arizona.

2. Public comment forum, June 11, 1998, 10:30 a.m. MST, Phoenix, Arizona.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to, Mr. J. Tyler Carlson, Regional Manager, Desert Southwest Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, AZ 85005-6457. The public forums will be held at the Desert Southwest Regional Office, 615 South 43rd Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Maher A. Nasir, Rates Team Lead, Desert Southwest Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, AZ 85005-6457, telephone (602) 352-2768.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with established rate design principles for the BCP, Western has established a proposed Base Charge, consisting of an Energy Dollar and Capacity Dollar, and has established a Forecast Energy Rate and Forecast Capacity Rate. The proposed Base Charge for BCP firm power is based on an Annual Revenue Requirement of \$49,728,625. The proposed Base Charge consists of an Energy Dollar (energy component) amount of \$26,439,847 and a Capacity Dollar (capacity component) amount of \$23,288,777. The Forecast (proposed) Energy Rate is 5.3242 mills/kilowatthour (mills/kWh), and the Forecast (proposed) Capacity Rate is \$0.9947 per kilowatt per month (\$/kWmo).

The existing BCP firm power Base Charge is based on an Annual Revenue