

clearance and/or retain participation in the NISP. It is also the basis for verifying whether contractors are appropriately implementing NISP security requirements. These requirements are necessary in order to preserve and maintain the security of the United States through establishing standards to prevent the improper disclosure of classified information.

In accordance with Department of Defense (DOD), 5220.22-R "Industrial Security Regulation", DSS is required to maintain a record of the results of surveys and security reviews. Documentation for each survey and/or security review will be compiled addressing areas applicable to the contractor's security program. Portions of the data collected will be stored in databases. All data collected will be handled and marked, "For Official Use Only".

Dated: January 22, 2003.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

City of Holyoke Gas & Electric Department Project No. 2004-075-Massachusetts; Notice

January 28, 2003.

The following Commission staff were assigned to help facilitate resolution of environmental and related issues associated with development of a comprehensive settlement agreement for the Holyoke Project. The parties anticipate completing the comprehensive settlement agreement and filing an offer of settlement by May 16, 2003. These "separated staff" will take no part in the Commission's review of the offer of settlement and the comprehensive settlement agreement, or deliberations concerning the disposition of the rehearings.

Office of General Counsel: John Katz;
Office of Energy Projects: Steve Kartalia, Alan Mitchnick.

Different Commission "advisory staff" will be assigned to review the offer of settlement, the comprehensive settlement agreement, and process the requests for rehearing, including providing advice to the Commission with respect to the agreement and rehearings. Separated staff and advisory staff are prohibited from communicating

with one another concerning the settlement and rehearings.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP03-39-000]

Kinder Morgan Interstate Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Application

January 28, 2003.

On January 16, 2003, Kinder Morgan Interstate Gas Transmission, LLC, (KMIGT), located at 370 Van Gordon Street, Lakewood, Colorado, filed an application in the above referenced docket, pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and part 157 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules and Regulations for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing KMIGT to construct and operate facilities necessary to develop its Cheyenne Market Center Service. To accomplish this, KMIGT proposes to construct (1) Two 3,550 horsepower compressor units and ten injection/withdrawal wells at the Huntsman Storage Field; (2) two 1,680 horsepower compressor units at the Rockport Compressor Station; (3) two 1,151 horsepower compressor units at the Kimball Junction Interconnect in Kimball County, Nebraska; (4) approximately 3,700 feet of 8 and 12-inch pipeline; and (5) certain section 2.55(a) facilities. These new facilities will create incremental storage capacity up to 6,000,000 Dth, with an associated withdrawal deliverability of approximately 62,400 Dth/d. It is estimated the facilities will cost approximately \$26,905,570. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Skip George, Manager of Certificates, Kinder Morgan Interstate Gas Transmission,

LLC, PO Box 281304, Lakewood, Colorado 80228-8304, telephone (303) 914-4969.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene 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 NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party 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 all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made in the proceeding, with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right

to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission may issue a preliminary determination on non-environmental issues prior to the completion of its review of the environmental aspects of the project. This preliminary determination typically considers such issues as the need for the project and its economic effect on existing customers of the applicant, on other pipelines in the area, and on landowners and communities. For example, the Commission considers the extent to which the applicant may need to exercise eminent domain to obtain rights-of-way for the proposed project and balances that against the non-environmental benefits to be provided by the project. Therefore, if a person has comments on community and landowner impacts from this proposal, it is important either to file comments or to intervene as early in the process as possible.

Protests and interventions 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 under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

If the Commission decides to set the application for a formal hearing before an Administrative Law Judge, the Commission will issue another notice describing that process. At the end of the Commission's review process, a final Commission order approving or denying a certificate will be issued.

Comment Date: February 18, 2003.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP03-32-000]

Northwest Pipeline Corporation; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed White River Replacement Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

January 28, 2003.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or

Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the White River Replacement Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Northwest) on its Ignacio to Sumas mainline in King County, Washington.¹ These facilities consist of approximately 4,400 feet each of parallel 26-inch- and 30-inch-diameter pipelines at the White River crossing located 3.3 miles east of the City of Auburn, Washington. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a pipeline company representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The pipeline company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" was attached to the project notice Northwest provided to landowners. This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is available for viewing on the FERC Internet Web site (www.ferc.gov).

Summary of the Proposed Project

The purpose of the proposed project is to provide a more permanent solution for improved pipeline safety and reliability while restoring the natural environment of the White River and its floodplain at this crossing. Recent highwater events have increased the risk of exposure to the parallel 26-inch- and 30-inch-diameter pipelines (existing pipelines) underneath the White River and along its south and north banks. A previously abandoned 26-inch-diameter pipeline has been exposed presenting a hazard to recreational use of the White River. Northwest installed a temporary

rip-rap structure on the north riverbank in 1996 to protect its existing pipelines.

Northwest proposes to replace the pipelines at a deeper depth by constructing 4,300 feet of parallel 26-inch- and 30-inch-diameter pipelines (replacement pipelines) using a combination of horizontal directional drill (HDD) and conventional open-trench construction. Northwest proposes to abandon, in place and by removal, 3,200 feet of existing pipelines as well as retain 1,100 feet of existing pipelines. Northwest would also remove the previously abandoned 26-inch-diameter pipeline and the rip-rap structure, and would reconstruct the north riverbank to its surrounding contours (*see* Table 1). Northwest seeks authority to:

- Abandon by removal approximately 2,100 feet of existing pipelines from 3 sections: the south floodplain; the north riverbank; and a private property.

- Abandon in place approximately 1,100 feet of existing pipelines from 3 sections: underneath the White River channel (pipelines filled with grout); the slope above the north riverbank (pipelines filled with nitrogen and capped); and underneath State Highway 164 (pipelines immediately underneath highway filled with grout, remaining pipelines filled with nitrogen and capped).

- Retain approximately 1,100 feet of existing pipelines for continued service to the Enumclaw Meter Station.

- Remove the north riverbank rip-rap structure, 380 feet of sheet piling from the south floodplain, and the 665-foot-long previously abandoned 26-inch-diameter pipeline from the White River channel.

- Install approximately 1,200 feet of replacement pipelines in the south floodplain using conventional construction.

¹ Northwest's application was filed with the Commission under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and part 157 of the Commission's regulations.