

to construct and operate the remaining facilities required for its 2002 Expansion Project, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may be viewed at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Kern River states that after incorporating the facilities currently being installed for its short-term California Action Project (authorized in Docket No. CP01-106-000) into the design of its originally proposed 2002 Expansion Project, Kern River states that it now requests issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity only: (i) To install an additional compressor unit at its existing Muddy Creek Compressor Station (Muddy Creek) in Lincoln County, Wyoming; (ii) to upgrade its existing Opal Meter Station in Lincoln County, Wyoming; and (iii) to install a new electric motor-driven compressor unit at the Daggett Compressor Station (Daggett) in San Bernardino County, California. Kern River states that these proposed facilities will cost approximately \$31.4 million to construct and that the 2002 Expansion Project also will be allocated a pro rata share (124.5/145.5) of the California Action Project costs that were proposed to be levelized or amortized over 15 years.

Kern River states that it continues to request an up-front determination that its 2002 Expansion Project qualifies for rolled-in rate treatment. Kern River states that the rolled-in effect of the 2002 Expansion billing determinants (124,500 Dth/d) and the cost of service attributable thereto will reduce the otherwise applicable rates for existing rolled-in shippers by approximately 6 to 7 percent, partially offset by an increase in fuel gas and electricity cost reimbursement obligations for compression on the expanded system.

It is also stated by Kern River that to ensure recovery of its actual electric fuel costs for the proposed electric compressor at Daggett from the shippers flowing gas through that station (excluding California Action Project shippers, which are subject to a separate, incremental fuel in-kind reimbursement obligation), Kern River states that it continues to request approval of a pro forma tariff provision establishing an electric compressor fuel surcharge. However, it is stated that the initial surcharge now is proposed to be \$0.0099 per Dth of applicable flow through the station, based on updated volumes and electric costs.

Kern River states that, since the 2002 Expansion shippers require service by May 1, 2002, in order to serve the fuel

requirements of new and existing electric power generation facilities in California, Kern River requests the Commission to grant the requested authorizations by no later than August, 2001, so construction can commence at Muddy Creek by September 1, 2001, before the advent of winter weather in Wyoming.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Gary K. Kotter, Manager, Certificates, Kern River Gas Transmission Company, P.O. Box 58900, Salt Lake City, Utah 84158-0900, call (801) 584-7117.

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 June 8, 2001, 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 with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. 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.

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>.

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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2738-049]

New York State Electric & Gas Corporation; Notice of Site Visit

May 18, 2001.

On May 31, 2001, the Office of Energy Projects staff will participate in a site visit to the area proposed for a change

in land rights at the Kents Falls development of the Saranac River hydroelectric Project operated by New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, in Clinton County, New York. The inspection will begin at 9 a.m. at the Kents Falls hydroelectric plant located on Kents Falls Road in the Town of Schuyler Falls, New York.

All interested parties may attend the inspection. Those planning to attend must provide their own transportation. For further information, please contact the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-0004.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP01-232-001]

Northwest Pipeline Corporation; Notice of Compliance Filing

May 18, 2001.

Take notice that on May 15 2001, Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Northwest) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets, to be effective August 16, 2001:

Sub Second Revised Sheet No. 16
Sub Fourth Revised Sheet No. 17
Sub Seventh Revised Sheet No. 18
Sub Second Revised Sheet No. 18-A
Sub First Revised Sheet No. 30
Fifth Revised Sheet No. 31
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 32
First Revised Sheet No. 33
Sub Second Revised Sheet No. 100
Sub Original Sheet No. 100-A
Sub Third Revised Sheet No. 254
Sub Fourth Revised Sheet No. 255
Sub Fourth Revised Sheet No. 256
Third Revised Sheet No. 257
Second Revised Sheet No. 311
Second Revised Sheet No. 312
Second Revised Sheet No. 322
Original Sheet No. 323
Sheet No. 324
Second Revised Sheet No. 357
Original Sheet No. 357-A

Northwest states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission's Order Accepting and Suspending Tariff Sheets, Subject to Refund and Conditions issued March 16, 2001 in Docket No. RP01-232-000 (Order). Northwest states that it has submitted (1) responses to the questions in the Order, and (2) revised tariff sheets pertaining to its facilities reimbursement procedures.

Northwest states that a copy of this filing has been served upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding.

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 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. 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, 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 at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-482-000]

Reliant Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Technical Conference

May 18, 2001.

On August 15, 2000, Reliant Gas Transmission Company (Reliant) submitted a filing to comply with Order No. 637. Several parties have protested various aspects of Reliant's filing.

Take notice that a technical conference to discuss the various issues raised by Reliant's filing will be held on Thursday, June 7, 2001, at 10 am, in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Parties protesting aspects of Reliant's filing should be prepared to discuss alternatives.

All interested persons and Staff are permitted to attend.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 460-001 Washington]

Tacoma Public Utilities; Notice of Teleconference

May 18, 2001.

a. *Date and Time of Teleconference:* Thursday, May 31, 2001 at 1:00 pm (EDT).

b. *FERC Contact:* Patrick Murphy at 202-219-2659, patrick.murphy@ferc.fed.us

c. *Purpose of the Teleconference:* To clarify the additional information requested by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, in a letter dated February 1, 2001, to prepare a biological opinion on the effect of relicensing and operating the Cushman Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 460, Mason County, Washington, on the federally listed as threatened distinct population segment of Coastal-Puget Sound bull trout (*Salvelinus confluentus*).

d. Only the FWS and the Commission are consulting parties for purposes of the teleconference. However, the License applicant and other interested parties to the relicensing proceeding will be permitted to provide relevant information, consistent with the limited purpose of the teleconference. Any party wishing to participate in the teleconference should notify Mr. Patrick Murphy of the Commission staff at 202-219-2659 by May 29, 2001. Those participants who are located in the project area (i.e., western Washington state) are asked to coordinate with other participant locations to minimize the telephone connection sites. Details of the connection procedure will also be provided when you contact Mr. Murphy. Please contact Mr. Lynn Childers, FWS, Lacey, WA at 360-753-5831, to coordinate consolidation of telephone connection sites.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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