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. 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, please contact FERC Online Support at

FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208–3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502–8659. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP03-197-000]

# Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tarrif

December 13, 2002.

Take notice that on December 11, 2002, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1, Fourth Revised Sheet No. 299A, to be effective on January 11, 2003.

Northern is hereby revising Section 52 (Right of First Refusal) of the General Terms and Conditions of its FERC Gas Tariff to eliminate references to a 5-year term matching cap consistent with the Commission's Order issued in Docket No. RM98–10–011 on October 31, 2002.

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. 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, please contact FERC Online

FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208–3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502–8659. Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site under the "e-Filing" link.

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[Docket No. RP99-518-034]

### PG&E Gas Transmission, Northwest Corporation; Notice of Negotiated Rates

December 13, 2002.

Take notice that on December 10, 2002, PG&E Gas Transmission, Northwest Corporation (GTN) tendered for filing to be part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1-A, Third Revised Sheet No. 15 and Original Sheet No. 20, with an effective date of December 10, 2002.

GTN states that these sheets are being filed to reflect the implementation of one negotiated rate agreement.

GTN further states that a copy of this filing has been served on GTN's jurisdictional customers and interested state regulatory agencies.

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

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### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

# Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. OR03-3-000]

# Proteus Oil Pipeline Company, LLC; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order

December 13, 2002.

Take notice that on December 6, 2002, Proteus Oil Pipeline Company, LLC (Proteus Company) filed in Docket No. OR03–3–000 a petition for declaratory order, pursuant to Rule 207(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.207(a)(2).

Proteus Company requests that the Commission issue an expedited decision on this Petition no later than the end of March 2003. Proteus Company states that it is planning to construct the Proteus oil pipeline system (Proteus System), a major crude oil pipeline designed to transport the maximum volume of oil that is technologically feasible with existing equipment, which will provide transportation for the Mississippi Canyon and Atwater Valley areas of the deepwater Gulf of Mexico to a receiving facility at South Pass Block 89 in the Outer Continental Shelf. The Proteus System is anticipated to commence