

for Declaratory Order stating that section 203 of the Federal Power Act, as amended, will not apply to certain acquisitions of utility and holding company securities. GS Group further states that accompanying this filing is an Application for Blanket Authorization to Acquire Utility and/or Holding Company Securities, pursuant to, amended section 203(a)(2) of the Federal Power Act, but that the Commission need not act on this latter Application if the Commission grants the declaratory relief.

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**Magalie R. Salas,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP06-152-000]

#### Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Petition for Waiver and Request for Expedited Action

December 29, 2005.

Take notice that on December 23, 2005, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural), pursuant to Rule 207 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, submitted a petition for waiver of tariff and request for expedited action to waive certain secondary point rights provisions set forth in section 5.5 of its General Terms and Conditions. Natural makes this request to provide shippers with added flexibility in responding to capacity constraints on Natural's Gulf Coast Line brought on by system testing and maintenance. Natural requests that the Commission grant this petition by January 20, 2006, so that shippers can utilize the waiver to set up February business, thereby mitigating the impact of the capacity reductions.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Docket Nos. CP06-42-000, CP06-43-000]

#### Northern Natural Gas Company, Targa Texas Field Services LP; Notice of Application and Petition for a Declaratory Order

December 29, 2005.

Take notice that on December 27, 2005, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124, filed in Docket No. CP06-42-000 an application pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act and part 157 of the Commission's Regulations, for permission and approval to abandon by sale various natural gas pipeline facilities located in various Texas counties to Targa Texas Field Services LP (Targa), 1000 Louisiana Street, Suite 4700, Houston, Texas 77002. On December 23, 2005, Targa filed in Docket No. CP06-43-000 a petition for a declaratory order with the Commission disclaiming jurisdiction for the facilities it intends to purchase from Northern. Northern's and Targa's applications are on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. These filings may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link, select "Docket #" and follow the instructions (call 202-502-8222 or for TTY, 202-502-8659).

Northern proposes to abandon by sale to Targa approximately 101 miles of 16-, 10-, 8-, and 4-inch diameter pipeline, including all delivery and receipt points and appurtenant facilities in Schleicher, Irion, Reagan, Glasscock, and Midland Counties, Texas, for a price of \$3,000,000 pursuant to their October 31, 2005, sales agreement. Concurrently, Targa petitions for a declaratory order disclaiming the