

awarded under this new solicitation with industry partners' contributions being at least half of a project's costs (statutory requirement). DOE intends that its industry partners will be vertically integrated teams composed of equipment manufacturers, HTS wire and coil suppliers, component suppliers, and end users (primarily utilities). Each partnership may, at its option, utilize via a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with any of the DOE's national laboratories. The laboratory could contribute specialized capabilities, facilities, or equipment to the project that would complement the partnership's needs. These teams carry out the multi-year technology developmental efforts, consisting of design, construction, installation and testing phases. The DOE currently has seven SPI projects for the following equipment: flywheel energy storage system, magnetic separator unit, motors, transformers, and underground AC cables. DOE is eager to increase the diversity of its portfolio of HTS power system applications.

DOE is contemplating issuing a solicitation early in FY2001 in response to the continuing interest in the SPI by its industrial stakeholders and due to the impressive technical progress by the participating industry teams involved in current SPI activities with DOE. DOE anticipates that awards will be made to teams for projects ranging in size from hundreds of thousands of dollars to several million dollars per year and for project periods of up to four years. Subject to the availability of funds, it is anticipated that the DOE funding for the contemplated solicitation will be no more than \$7 million in the first year, and no more than \$9 million for each of the following 3 years. The SPI awards will be cost-shared cooperative agreements between DOE and the prime of the industry-led team. The anticipated solicitation intends to combine the requirement of earlier SPI solicitations for the development of full-scale, pre-commercial power applications, utilizing essentially available HTS conductors, e.g., BSCCO multi-filamentary tapes and forms. The solicitation also intends to assess the potential impacts of replacing available HTS conductors with promising coated HTS conductors, currently under development, into the proposed power application. DOE also expects the solicitation will require that the application include an energy and economic benefits analysis, technical performance expectations, product or

system design studies, and a business plan for product introduction.

Respondents to this notice should notify DOE of their interest in submitting a proposal to the anticipated solicitation. In addition, information or comments to assist in drafting the solicitation will be appreciated.

Issued in Golden, Colorado, on August 15, 2000.

Matthew A. Barron,

Contracting Officer, Golden Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. MG00-6-003]

Dominion Resources, Inc. and Consolidated Natural Gas Company; Notice of Filing

August 17, 2000.

Take notice that on August 1, 2000, Dominion Resources, Inc. and Consolidated Natural Gas Company (CNG) submitted a compliance filing as required by the May 17, 2000 Order on Compliance Filing, 91 FERC 61,140 (2000), and the May 17, 2000 Standards of Conduct Order, 91 FERC ¶ 61,141 (2000).

CNG states that it has served copies of this filing to all parties on the service list.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 or 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 or 385.214). All such motions to intervene or protest should be filed on or before September 1, 2000. 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 may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.ud/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-435-000]

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Application

August 17, 2000.

Take notice that on August 10, 2000, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural), 747 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois, 60148, filed an application pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and the Commission's Regulations to abandon interests in offshore lateral, tap and meter facilities and requests a determination that following abandonment, that the facilities will be non-jurisdictional gathering facilities, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance.).

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to James J. McElligott, Senior Vice President, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, 747 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois 60148 (630) 691-3525.

Specifically Natural requests:

(1) Permission and approval to abandon, by sale to Green Canyon Pipe Line Company, L.P., successor to Green Canyon Pipe Line Company, L.L.C. (Green Canyon), a nonjurisdictional gathering company, Natural's 10.60610% interest in 16.82 miles of 24-inch diameter offshore lateral originating in Mustang Island (MUI) Block 758A, offshore, Texas and terminating in Matagorda Island (MI) Block 686, offshore, Texas including related tap facilities and appurtenances (MUI 758A Lateral);

(2) Permission and approval to abandon, by sale to Green Canyon, Natural's 35.00% interest in the MUI 758A Receiving Station consisting of a dual 6-inch meter and liquids extraction and dehydration equipment and appurtenances (MUI 758A Receiving Station) located on the MUI 758 platform authorized in Docket Nos. CP81-215-000 and 001; and

(3) A determination in the Commission's order that following abandonment, and upon transfer to Green Canyon, the relevant interests in the MUI 758A Lateral and MUI 758A Receiving Station will become part of Green Canyon's gathering system and will be nonjurisdictional and not subject to NGA regulation by the Commission,

pursuant to section 1(b) of the Natural Gas Act.

Natural states that its interests in the MUI 758A Lateral and the MUI 758A Receiving Station were originally constructed as a means of receiving gas purchased from Chevron U.S.A. Inc. for Natural's system supply to support Natural's merchant function. It is stated that Natural's merchant function terminated effective December 1, 1993. Consequently, Natural states that it no longer has a need for the facilities interests to be abandoned in the present application.

Natural states that it proposes to abandon and transfer these facilities interests to Green Canyon for \$0 as these facilities have already been fully depreciated.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before September 7, 2000, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C., 20426, a petition to intervene or a protest 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 Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.20). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a petition to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Commission by sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the certificate is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a petition for leave is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be

unnecessary for Natural to appear or be represented at the hearing.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-371-001]

Northern Border Pipeline Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

August 17, 2000.

Take notice that on August 14, 2000, Northern Border Pipeline Company (Northern Border) tendered for filing to become part of Northern Border Pipeline Company's FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets to become effective July 1, 2000:

Substitute First Revised Sheet Number 120
Substitute Second Revised Sheet Number 121
Substitute Second Revised Sheet Number 275

The purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission's letter order issued July 28, 2000 in Docket No. RP00-371-000. The Commission's July 28, 2000 letter order required Northern Border to revise language on three of the proposed tariff sheets. In this filing, Northern Border is proposing tariff language in accordance with the Commission's July 28, 2000 letter order. In subsection 5.12 of First Revised Sheet Number 120, Northern Border has revised the first sentence to reference the five year matching limitation. In subsection 5.13 of Sheet Number 120 and subsection 5.22 on Substitute Second Revised Sheet Number 121, no changes are now being proposed to the currently effective tariff language, "fully allocated cost". On Substitute Second Revised Sheet Number 275, subsection 27.21 (a) and (b), the words "an effective" was deleted and replaced with the word "a".

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in 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).

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 184-065]

El Dorado Irrigation District, Notice of Scoping Meetings, Site Visit, and Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement

August 17, 2000.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is reviewing the application for a new license for the El Dorado Project (FERC No. 184), which was filed on February 22, 2000. The El Dorado Project, licensed to the El Dorado Irrigation District (EID), is located on the South Fork American River, in El Dorado, Alpine, and Amador counties, California. The project occupies lands administered by the El Dorado National Forest.

The Commission intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the El Dorado Project, which will be used by the Commission to determine whether, and under what conditions, to issue a new license for the project. To support and assist our environmental review, we are beginning the public scoping process to ensure that all pertinent issues are identified and analyzed, and that the environmental document is thorough and balanced.

We invite the participation of government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and the general public in the scoping process, and have prepared Scoping Document 1 (SD1) to provide information on the proposed project and to solicit written and verbal comments and suggestions on our preliminary list of issues and alternatives to be addressed in the EIS. The SD1 has been distributed to parties on the Service List for this proceeding, as well as other individuals and organizations that we have identified as having previously expressed an interest in this project. The SD1 is available from our Public Reference Room at (202) 208-1371. It can also be accessed online at <http://rimsweb1.ferc.fed.us/rims/>.