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Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP06-458-000]

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Application

September 25, 2006.

Take notice that on September 14, 2006, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural), 747 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois 60148, filed in Docket No. CP06-458-000 an application pursuant to sections 7 (b) and (c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations, for:

(1) Permission and approval to abandon Natural's lease (and operation) of certain transmission facilities from The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company (PGLC) in the City of Chicago (City), Illinois;

(2) Permission and approval to abandon, by sale to PGLC, certain minor facilities in the City owned by Natural located along PGLC owned facilities that will no longer be subject to lease by Natural; and

(3) Certificate authorization to acquire by lease (and to operate) certain transmission facilities from PGLC in the City pursuant to a new lease agreement between PGLC and Natural.

This application is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing is accessible online at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC

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Natural states that pursuant to lease agreements between Natural and PGLC dated July 10, 1947, February 20, 1950 and July 16, 1970, as amended April 20, 1976, Natural currently leases PGLC's Crawford Line Nos. 1, 2 and 3 and Calumet Line Nos. 1, 2 and 3 within the City. Natural further states it has executed a new lease agreement with PGLC dated April 5, 2006 that will replace the old lease agreements and which provides for an extension of term and a reduction of the leased property in the Calumet Area (the lease of property in the Crawford Area is to remain unchanged).

The new lease arrangement in the City will continue to provide Natural supervision, operation and control of facilities used by Natural to make deliveries to PGLC, Nicor Gas and Northern Indiana Public Service Company, three of Natural's largest transportation and storage customers. The new lease arrangement does not include PGLC's Calumet Line No. 3, which was removed to reflect PGLC's desire to control and operate that pipeline as part of its local distribution system in order to receive the supply of gas to be delivered to PGLC by Kinder Morgan Illinois (KMIP), a new interstate natural gas pipeline company (and Natural), at a new city gate station to be located near 138th Street and Torrence Avenue, which Natural is to construct, own and operate under its blanket certificate. KMIP and Natural are filing concurrently two related applications which involve KMIP constructing a new pipeline system (KMIP Project), including the long term lease of capacity from Natural,¹ and Natural abandoning by lease to KMIP certain capacity in existing pipelines owned by Natural.²

Natural seeks this abandonment/certificate authority to coincide with the abandonment and certificate authority requested by Natural and KMIP in the two related applications.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Bruce H. Newsome, Vice President, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, 747 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois 60148 at (603) 691-3526.

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 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 commentors 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 commentors will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commentors 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.

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¹ KMIP is filing concurrently in Docket Nos. CP06-455-000, *et al.* a related application seeking the above authority.

² Natural is filing concurrently in Docket No. CP06-454-000 a related application seeking the above authority.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP06-454-000]

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Application for Abandonment

September 25, 2006.

Take notice that on September 14, 2006, 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) for authorization to abandon, by long-term operating lease, 360 MDth per day of firm capacity in 25.73 miles of existing pipeline facilities owned by Natural and, specifically, in Natural's 8.43 mile 30-inch North Hayden Lateral, a 10.09 mile portion of Natural's 36-inch Herscher-Dyer Road Pipeline and a 7.21 mile portion of Natural's 36-inch Calumet Pipeline No. 3, all in Kankakee, Will and Cook Counties, Illinois. This application is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Natural states that pursuant to a lease agreement between Natural and Kinder Morgan Illinois Pipeline LLC (KMIP) dated September 12, 2006, Natural has agreed to lease capacity in existing pipeline facilities owned by Natural to KMIP. KMIP's lease of such capacity, in conjunction with its construction of certain pipeline facilities (KMIP Project), is the subject of a separate application being filed concurrently by KMIP.¹

Natural states that the lease of 360 MDth per day of firm capacity by

¹ KMIP is filing concurrently in Docket Nos. CP06-455-000, *et al.* a related application seeking authority to develop and operate a new pipeline system designed to transport gas for The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company (PGLC), including the lease of capacity in existing facilities owned by Natural.

Natural to KMIP is an integral part of the KMIP Project and will avoid the construction of 25.73 miles of new 30-inch pipeline. By leasing capacity from Natural, KMIP will reduce the overall cost and improve the efficiency of the KMIP Project and will also minimize new pipeline construction and the potential for associated environmental disruption. The design capacity of KMIP's system will be 360 MDth per day. Natural further states that its existing system capacity will not be decreased by the lease, because the proposed location of 2.6 miles of new KMIP pipeline, in relation to the existing pipeline facilities of Natural, both upstream and downstream, will have the operational effect of enhancing the throughput capabilities of such existing Natural facilities.

Natural seeks abandonment authority in the present docket to coincide with the certificate authority requested by KMIP in its separate application.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Bruce H. Newsome, Vice President or Phillip R. Telleen, Attorney for Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, 747 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois 60148 at (630) 691-3526 and (630) 691-3749, respectively.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). 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 notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the date as indicated below. Anyone filing an intervention or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. Anyone filing an intervention or protest on or before the intervention or protest date need not serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2106-047—California]

Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, Commencement of Licensing Proceeding, Scoping Meetings, Solicitation of Scoping Comments on the Pad and Scoping Document, and Identification of Issues and Associated Study Requests

September 25, 2006.

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File a License Application and Pre-Filing Document (PAD) under the Commission's Integrated Licensing Process and Commencing Licensing Proceeding.

b. *Project No.:* 2106-047.

c. *Dated Filed:* July 27, 2006.

d. *Submitted By:* Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

e. *Name of Project:* McCloud-Pit Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The McCloud-Pit Hydroelectric Project is located on the McCloud and Pit Rivers in Shasta County, California. The project occupies lands of the United States, managed by the United States Department of Agriculture-Forest Service.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR part 5 of the Commission's Regulations

h. *Applicant Contact:* Randal Livingston, Senior Director, Power Generation, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, P.O. Box 770000, N11E/1137, San Francisco, CA 94177; (415) 973-6950, facsimile (415) 973-5323.

i. *FERC Contact:* Emily Carter at (202) 502-6512 or e-mail at emily.carter@ferc.gov.

j. We are asking Federal, State, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or expertise with respect to environmental issues to cooperate with