

Paiute to abandon and replace certain pipeline facilities, and to construct and operate certain pipeline and associated facilities located in Douglas County, Lyon County, and Carson City, Nevada (2018 Expansion Project or Project), all as more fully set forth in the application, which is open to the public for inspection. The filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding the Paiute application should be directed to Mark A. Litwin, Vice President/General Manager, Paiute Pipeline Company, P.O. Box 94197, Las Vegas, Nevada 89193-4197, or (702) 364-3195, or by email [mark.litwin@swgas.com](mailto:mark.litwin@swgas.com).

Specifically, the 2018 Expansion Project will involve: (1) Installation of 0.42 miles of a new 12-inch-diameter steel pipeline loop, (2) installation of 4.19 miles of a new 20-inch-diameter steel pipeline loop, (3) abandonment and replacement of 1.58 miles of existing 8-inch-diameter steel pipeline with 12-inch-diameter steel pipeline, (4) replacement of 2.27 miles of existing 10-inch-diameter steel pipeline with 20-inch-diameter steel pipeline, and (5) installation of associated auxiliary or appurtenant facilities. The Project is designed to provide incremental firm transportation services of 5,635 dekatherms per day on Paiute's system. Paiute proposes an initial incremental rate to recover the costs of the Project facilities. The estimated cost for Paiute's construction of the Project is \$17,950,000.

On October 24, 2016, Commission staff granted Paiute's request to use the pre-filing process and assigned Docket No. PF17-2-000 to staff activities involving the Projects. Now, as of the filing of this application on July 5, 2017, the NEPA Pre-Filing Process for this project has ended. From this time forward, this proceeding will be conducted in Docket No. CP17-471-000 as noted in the caption of this Notice.

Pursuant to Section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: Complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding, or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other

milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's EA.

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 7 copies of filings made in the proceeding with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party. 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.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the eFiling link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on August 9, 2017.

Dated: July 19, 2017.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP17-472-000]

#### **National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization**

Take notice that on July 10, 2017, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National Fuel) 6363 Main Street, Williamsville, New York 14221, filed a prior notice application pursuant to sections 157.205, and 157.216 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and National Fuel's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-4-000. National Fuel requests authorization to abandon one injection/withdrawal storage well and associated well line in its Colden Storage Field located in the Town of Aurora, Erie County, New York. Specifically, National Fuel proposes to plug and abandon one injection/withdrawal storage well, Well 0925-I, and abandon in place the associated Well Line CW-925, all as more fully set forth in the application, which is open to the public for inspection. There will be no abandonment or decrease in service to customers as a result of the proposed abandonment. The filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov>

[www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) using the “eLibrary” link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Alice A. Curtiss, Deputy General Counsel for National Fuel, 6363 Main Street, Williamsville, New York 14221, or phone (716) 857-7075, or by email [curtissa@natfuel.com](mailto:curtissa@natfuel.com).

Any person or the Commission’s staff may, within 60 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission’s Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205), a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the allowed time for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission’s rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: Complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission’s public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding, or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff’s issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission’s public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff’s FEIS or EA.

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 commenter 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 strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the eFiling link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Dated: July 19, 2017.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP17-133-000]

#### Northwest Pipeline LLC; Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review of the North Fork Nooksack Line Lowering Project

On April 6, 2017, Northwest Pipeline LLC (Northwest) filed an application in Docket No. CP17-133-000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to construct and operate certain natural gas pipeline facilities. The proposed project is known as the North Fork Nooksack Line Lowering Project (Project), and would involve replacing and lowering approximately 1,700 feet of 30-inch-diameter pipeline in Whatcom County, Washington.

On April 20, 2017, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) issued its Notice of Application for the Project. Among other things, that notice alerted agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on a request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff’s Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Project. This instant notice identifies the FERC staff’s planned

schedule for the completion of the EA for the Project.

#### Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA—November 13, 2017  
90-day Federal Authorization Decision

Deadline—February 11, 2018

If a schedule change becomes necessary, additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the Project’s progress.

#### Project Description

Northwest proposes to remove, replace, and lower about 1,700 feet of 30-inch-diameter pipeline in the north floodplain of the North Fork Nooksack River. The project also includes removal of about 1,550 feet of previously abandoned 26-inch-diameter pipeline that would become exposed during the replacement of the 30-inch pipeline. The Project is located in Whatcom County, near Deming, Washington.

#### Background

On May 9, 2017, the Commission issued a *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed North Fork Nooksack Line Lowering Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues* (NOI). The NOI was sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. In response to the NOI, the Commission received comments from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Lummi Indian Business Council. The primary issues raised by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are impacts on water quality during pipeline construction; impacts on wetlands, floodplains, and riparian resources; control of invasive and noxious weeds; and impacts on endangered species. The Lummi Business Council identified that it has an active interest in the proposed Project and requested additional time to prepare and submit scoping comments.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has agreed to participate as a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EA.

#### Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document