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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Portland Natural Gas Transmission System

Docket No. CP17-24-000

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Take notice that on December 12, 2016, Portland Natural Gas Transmission System (PNGTS), 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 700, Houston, TX 77002-2700, filed an application pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations seeking authorization to increase the certificated capacity on PNGTS's wholly-owned north system from Pittsburg, New Hampshire, to Westbrook, Maine, by 42,000 Mcf/d, all as more fully described in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public 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 or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Additionally, pursuant to and in accordance with Section 3 of the NGA, 15 U.S.C. Section 717b, Part 153 of the Commission's regulations, 18 C.F.R. Part 153, Executive Order 10485, as amended by Executive Order 12038, and Secretary of Energy Delegation Order No. 0204-112, PNGTS requested authorization to increase its authorized import and export capacity from 178,000 Mcf/d to 210,000 Mcf/d and to amend the Presidential Permit issued to PNGTS on September 24, 1997, as amended on November 18, 2003, in Docket No. CP96-248, et. al. to reflect such an increase.¹

PNGTS states that the authorizations requested will satisfy the requirements of the Continent to Coast Expansion Project, which will expand gas service delivery options for the New England market. PNGTS proposes no construction or modifications to its existing system or border crossing facilities in connection with this request and as such, there are no costs associated with the project.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Robert Jackson, Manager, Certificates and Regulatory Administration, Portland Natural Gas Transmission System, 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 700, Houston, Texas, or call (832) 320-5487, or by e-mail robert_jackson@transcanada.com.

¹ See *Portland Natural Gas Transmission System*, 80 FERC ¶ 61,346 (1997); and 105 FERC ¶ 61,235 (2003).

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.

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 commentators 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 commentators will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commentators 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 pm Eastern Time on January 10, 2017.

DATED: December 20, 2016

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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