STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Docket No. SEC 96-01

THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER OF AMENDMENT TO CERTIFICATE OF SITE AND FACILITY

Amended Application of Portland Natural Gas Transmission System (PNGTS), for an Energy Facility Certificate to construct, operate and maintain a Natural Gas Pipeline, consisting of approximately 78.6 miles of 24 inch outside diameter pipeline extending from Pittsburg, New Hampshire across northern New Hampshire to Shelburne, New Hampshire, along with a lateral extending 0.7 mile to Groveton, New Hampshire (PNGTS project), and

Amended application of PNGTS and Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C. (M&N) to construct, operate and maintain 31.3 miles of 30 inch outside diameter pipeline, between Newington, New Hampshire and Plaistow, New Hampshire, along with two laterals, one extending 1.1 miles to Newington New Hampshire, and the second extending 0.6 mile to Haverhill, MA (Joint Facilities)

On or about July 16,1997, the Site Evaluation Committee issued a Certificate of Site and Facility to Portland Natural Gas Transmission System (PNGTS) to construct, operate and maintain a natural gas pipeline approximately 78.6 miles of 24 inch outside diameter pipeline extending from Pittsburg, New Hampshire across northern New Hampshire to Shelburne, New. Hampshire, along with a lateral that extends 0.7 mile to Groveton New Hampshire and to PNGTS and Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C. (M&N) to construct and operate 31.3 miles of 30 inch outside diameter pipeline between Newington, New Hampshire and Plaistow, New Hampshire along with two laterals, one extending 1.1 miles to Newington, New Hampshire and the second extending 0.6 mile to Haverhill, Massachusetts with associated ancillary facilities (Joint Facilities).

Portland Natural Gas Transmission System (PNGTS) has requested that the Groveton Lateral Metering and Regulation Station be relocated from Mile Post 0.72 to Mile Post 0.42 on the Groveton lateral. The metering and regulation station is necessary to "step down the pressure from 1400 psi to 100 psi" for use by the Wausau Paper Mill and the Groveton Paperboard Company. The changes result from the request of the customers, Wausau Paper Mill and Groveton Paperboard. The Department of Environmental Services, The Town of Northumberland, the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources and the Public Counsel have been notified of the proposed change and have no objections to the applicant's request provided the applicant complies with a Development Agreement executed between the applicant and the Town of Northumberland, dated December 14, 1998 (a copy is on file with the Site Evaluation Committee).

Having reviewed the applicant's request and the concerns of the interested parties, the Site Evaluation Committee finds that the relocation of the Groveton Metering and Regulation station from Milepost 0.72 to Milepost 0.42 on the Groveton Lateral, with the terms and condition agreed between the Town of Northumberland and the applicant, does not materially affect the terms and conditions of the Certificate of Site and Facility issued on July 16, 1997, and will have not have an unreasonable adverse effect of aesthetic, historic sites, air and water quality, the natural environment, and public health or safety.

Upon consideration of the foregoing, it is

Ordered, that the Certificate of Site and Facility is hereby amended to provide for the Groveton Metering and Regulation Station to be located from Milepost 0.72 to Milepost 0.42 on the Groveton Lateral.

By Order of the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee this 14th day of January,

1999.

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