

742-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for permission and approval to abandon a sale for resale service for Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) which was authorized in Docket No. CP68-111,¹ all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

FGT proposes to abandon the sale for resale service it once provided Transco under an agreement dated August 28, 1967 which is designated as Rate Schedule X-2 in FGT's FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 3. FGT states that the August 28, 1967 agreement expired under its own terms on April 30, 1970. FGT further states that the proposed abandonment will not result in the abandonment of facilities nor will it result in the abandonment of service to any other customer of FGT.

Comment date: September 19, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraphs

F. Any person desiring to be heard or make any protest with reference to said filing should on or before the comment date file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). 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 motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory 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 filing 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 motion for leave to intervene 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 the applicant to appear or be represented at the hearing.

G. Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after the 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 Natural Gas Act (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 time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 OR (202) 564-7153. Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed August 26, 1996 Through August 30, 1996 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 960403, Draft EIS, NPS, MA, Cape Cod National Seashore General Management Plan, Implementation, Barnstable County, MA, Due: October 31, 1996, Contact: Maria Burks (508) 349-3785.

This EIS was inadvertently omitted from the 8-30-96 Federal Register. The official 45 day NEPA review period is calculated from 8-30-96.

EIS No. 960404, Final EIS, FRC, WI, Flambeau River Hydroelectric Projects, Big Falls (FERC No. 2930), Thornapple (FERC No. 2475), Upper (FERC No. 2640), Lower (FERC No. 2421), Pixley (FERC No. 2395) and Crowley (FERC No. 2473), Relicensing WI, Due: October 7, 1996, Contact: Frank Karwoski (202) 219-2782.

EIS No. 960405, Final EIS, FRC, ME, NH, Saco River Basin Hydropower

Development, (FERC Project Nos. 2528, 2527, 2194, 2531, 2529, 2530, and 11365), Licenses and Relicensures, ME and NH, Due: October 7, 1996, Contact: Rich McGuire (202) 219-3084.

EIS No. 960406, Draft EIS, FHW, WV, WV-9 Transportation Corridor Improvements, from Martinsburg to Charles Town, Berkeley, Jefferson and Morgan Counties, WV, Due: November 1, 1996, Contact: David Leighow (304) 347-5329.

EIS No. 960407, Final EIS, FRC, VT, MA, Deerfield River Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2323), Bear Swamp Pumped Storage Project (FERC No. 2669) and Gardners Falls Project (FERC, No. 2334), New License/Relicense Issuance, VT and MA, Due: October 7, 1996, Contact: R. Feller (202) 219-2796.

EIS No. 960408, Draft EIS, NOA, OH, Ohio Combined Coastal Management Program, Implementation, Special Management Areas (SMAs), Lake Erie, OH, Coastal Management Program, Implementation, Special Management Areas (SMAs), Lake Erie, OH, Due: November 15, 1996, Contact: Diana Olinger (301) 713-3113.

EIS No. 960409, Final EIS, AFS, OR, Upper Deschutes Wild and Scenic River and State Scenic Waterway, Management Plan, Implementation, Deschutes National Forest, Deschutes County, OR, Due: October 7, 1996, Contact: Mollie Chaudet (541) 383-4769.

EIS No. 960410, Final EIS, MMS, AL, CA, DE, LA, NJ, AK, CT, FL, MS, NY, NC, RI, VA, OR, TX, WA, Gulf of Mexico and Offshore Alaska Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Program 1997 to 2002 for 16 Lease Sales on Five-Year Leasing Program, Due: October 7, 1996, Contact: Richard Wilderman (703) 787-1674.

EIS No. 960411, Final EIS, NPS, NB, Niobrara National Scenic River, General Management Plan, Niobrara/Missouri National Scenic Riverways, Implementation, Brown, Cherry, Keya Paha and Rock Counties, NB, Due: October 7, 1996, Contact: Warren Hill (402) 336-3970.

EIS No. 960412, Draft Supplement, EPA, CA, International Wastewater Treatment Plant and South Bay Ocean Outfall, Updated Information, Interim Operation, Tijuana River, San Diego, CA, Due: October 21, 1996, Contact: Elizabeth Borowiec (415) 744-1165.

EIS No. 960413, Draft EIS, USN, CA, Las Pulgas and San Mateo Basin, Cease and Desist Order, Sewage Effluent Compliance Project, NPDES Permit, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton,

¹ See 9 FERC ¶ 61,069 (1979).

San Diego County, CA, Due: October 21, 1996, Contact: David Walls (703) 696/2138.

EIS No. 960414, Final EIS, USN, United States Navy Shipboard Solid Waste Disposal, Implementation, MARPOL Special Areas: Designated Baltic Sea, North Sea, Wilder Caribbean, Antarctic Ocean, Mediterranean Sea, Black Sea and Red Sea, Gulfs Region: Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman, Due: October 7, 1996, Contact: Robert K. Ostermueller (610) 595-0759.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 960318, Draft EIS, FHW, CA, CA-125 South Route Location, Adoption and Construction, between CA-905 on Otay Mesa to CA-54 in Spring Valley, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, San Diego County, CA, Due: September 16, 1996, Contact: Jeffery S. Lewis (916) 498-5035. Published FR 7-12-96—Review Period extended.

Dated: September 3, 1996.

William D. Dickerson,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared August 19, 1996 through August 23, 1996 pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167.

An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 05, 1996 (61 FR 15251).

Drafts EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-G61036-NM Rating LO, EL Cajete Pumice Mine Project, Implementation, Plan of Operation and COE Section 404 Permit, Jemez National Recreation Area, Santa Fe National Forest, Jemez Ranger District, Sandoval County, NM.

Summary: EPA expressed lack of objections to the selection of the Forest Service's preferred Alternative 1(a) as described in the draft EIS.

ERP No. D-AFS-J65250-CO Rating EC1, Routt National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan,

Implementation, Grand, Routt, Rio Blanco, Jackson, Moffat and Garfield Counties, CO.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about water quality, fisheries and wildlife habitat and noxious weed control. EPA suggests that the FEIS add details or general plans to improve or maintain environmental conditions and include revised requirements for grazing allotment analysis.

ERP No. D-AFS-J65253-MT Rating EC2, Boulder and Wyman Gulch Vegetation Management Timber Sale and Prescribed Burning, Implementation, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forests, Philipsburg Ranger District, Granite County, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding exiting degraded water quality and fisheries in the project area and choice of treatment method/units in alternatives. EPA recommends additional information be included in the final EIS to fully assess and mitigate for potential adverse impacts to fisheries cumulative watershed impact, timber supply and wildlife habitat.

ERP No. D-AFS-J65254-MT Rating EC2, Sheep Range and China Basin Salvage Project, Implementation, Kootenai National Forest, Libby Ranger District, Lincoln County, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about inadequate disclosure of environmental impacts and cumulative impacts to the threatened grizzly bear. EPA suggests that the final EIS include information to fully assess and mitigate all potential environmental impacts of the management actions.

ERP No. DS-AFS-J65153-MT Rating LO, Trail Creek Timber Sale, Implementation, New and Updated Information, Beaverhead National Forest, Wisdom Ranger District, Beaverhead County, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed lack of objections to the proposed action.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-E65047-MS, G. F. Erambert and Black Creek Seed Orchards Pest Management Plan, Implementation, Southern Region, National Forests in Mississippi, Forrest and Perry Counties, MS.

Summary: EPA expressed no objections; our comments in the draft EIS were adequately addressed in the final EIS.

ERP No. F-BLM-J02009-00, Express Crude Oil Pipeline Project, Construction, Operation and Maintenance, Issuance of Right-of-Way Grant, Hill, Chouteau, Fergus, Judith

Basin, Wheatland, Golden Valley, Stillwater and Carbon Counties, MT and Bighorn, Washakies, Hot Springs, Freemont and Watrona Counties, WY.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding the proposed pipeline crossings of rivers, streams and wetlands, and requests that directional drilling be used for the pipeline crossing of the Yellowstone River, as well as be considered for other major river crossings with significant fisheries, wide channels, and late season flows. EPA recommended that a wetland mitigation plan be prepared and will continue to work closely with the Corps of Engineers on 404 permitting issues related to this project.

ERP No. F-BLM-J65229-MT, Sweet Grass Hills Resource Management Plan Amendment, Implementation, West HiLine Resource Management Plan, Toole and Liberty Counties, MT.

Summary: EPA continues to express environmental concerns regarding potential adverse impacts to cultural and water resource associated with reasonably foreseeable mining actions.

ERP No. F-BLM-J67019-MT, Zortman and Landusky Mines Reclamation Plan Modifications and Mine Life Extensions, Approval of Mine Operation, Mine Reclamation and COE Section 404 Permits, Little Rocky Mountains, Phillip County, MT.

Summary: EPA continues to express environmental objections regarding water quality and environmental justice. The FEIS responded to a number of the DEIS water quality objections in the expanded Water Quality Improvement Plan. Many of the remaining water quality objections would be addressed if the proposed operating permit incorporates requirements necessary to comply with the Clean Water Act. The proposed action potentially poses a significantly high adverse impact to cultural resources and religious practices of the tribal community. EPA recommends considering alternative dispute resolution to investigate additional opportunities for mitigating impacts to the Tribes.

ERP No. FS-BLM-J65203-MT, Big Dry Land and Resource Management Plan, Updated Information on Leaving the Calypso Trail Open or Closing the Trail to Motorized Vehicles, Implementation, Miles City District, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about potential adverse impacts, i.e. erosion, to the trail from unlimited motorized access. EPA suggests analyzing additional options and alternatives that may better balance the multiple uses expected by the public. EPA suggests that the standards and criteria used by BLM to evaluate