

party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

**B1. Protests or Motions to Intervene—**Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, and 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application.

**C. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—**Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION", "COMPETING APPLICATION", "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

**C1. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—**Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

**D2. Agency Comments—**Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described

application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

**D10. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—**The application is ready for environmental analysis at this time, and the Commission is requesting comments, reply comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions.

The Commission directs, pursuant to section 4.34(b) of the regulations (see Order No. 533 issued May 8, 1991, 56 FR 23108, May 20, 1991) that all comments, recommendations, terms and conditions and prescriptions concerning the application be filed with the Commission within 60 days from the issuance date of this notice (October 21, 1996 for Project No. 2612-005). All reply comments must be filed with the Commission within 105 days from the date of this notice (December 4, 1996 for Project No. 2612-005).

Anyone may obtain an extension of time for these deadlines from the Commission only upon a showing of good cause or extraordinary circumstances in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2008.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "REPLY COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRESCRIPTIONS;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Any of these documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies required by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above address. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on the

service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b), and 385.2010.

**E1. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—**The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time; therefore, the Commission is not now requesting comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, or prescriptions.

When the application is ready for environmental analysis, the Commission will issue a public notice requesting comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, or prescriptions.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST" or "MOTION TO INTERVENE;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Any of these documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies required by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above address. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.

Dated: August 26, 1996, Washington, D.C.  
Lois D. Cashell,  
Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96-686-000, et al.]

### **Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation, et al., Natural Gas Certificate Filings**

September 3, 1996.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

1. Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation

[Docket No. CP96-686-000]

Take notice that on July 31, 1996, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco), P.O. Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251, filed an application, as supplemented on August

22, 1996, with the Commission in Docket No. CP96-686-000 pursuant to Sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) requesting a blanket certificate of public convenience and necessity, authorizing Transco to install and operate mobile compressors on a temporary basis while existing compressors are undergoing maintenance, and permission and approval to abandon the mobile compressors when the maintenance work is completed, all as more fully set forth in the application which is open to the public for inspection.

Transco states that it requires the blanket certificate in order to maintain throughput in the event of scheduled or unscheduled maintenance. Transco also states that it would attempt to achieve comparable horsepower and deliverability with the temporary compressors as that which is available with the permanent compressors. Transco asserts that the blanket certificate would enable Transco to install temporary compressors without a prior filing and to avoid interruptions of service to customers. Transco states that it does not own a compressor unit which could be used on an as-needed, temporary basis and that it would use rental units at a cost estimated to be no greater than \$95,000 per unit per month.

*Comment date:* September 24, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

## 2. Texas Gas Transmission Corporation [Docket No. CP96-726-000]

Take notice that on August 19, 1996, Texas Gas Transmission Corporation (Texas Gas), P.O. Box 20008, Owensboro, Kentucky 42304, filed in Docket No. CP96-726-000 a request pursuant to Section 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.212) for authorization to reclassify an existing delivery point, in Gibson County, Indiana by converting it from a rural farm tap facility to a specifically designated delivery point for Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Company (SIGECO). Texas Gas makes such request, under its blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-407-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Texas Gas indicates that the reclassified delivery facility will be used to provide firm transportation service to SIGECO, which will allow SIGECO to continue serving the existing right-of-way grantors at this point and a new customer, Smith Greenhouse, which is

not a right-of-way grantor. It is stated that the reclassified facility will be known as the Kirkville delivery point.

Texas Gas further states that the reclassification of this delivery point will not require any new facilities by Texas Gas; however, SIGECO will install, own, operate and maintain measurement, regulation, odorization and other related facilities necessary to provide service to its customers at this point. Texas Gas indicates that SIGECO will require 158 MMBtu per day, with an annual maximum quantity of 6,716 MMBtu at this point, for residential heating by the current customers and heating at Smith Greenhouse.

*Comment date:* October 18, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

## 3. Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company [Docket No. CP96-728-000]

Take notice that on August 20, 1996, Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company (Eastern Shore), Post Office Box 1769, Dover, Delaware 19903, filed in Docket No. CP96-728-000, an application pursuant to Section 7(b) and (c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Part 157 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing Eastern Shore to reduce, on a pro-rata basis, the firm storage service it provides to its customers under Rate Schedule GSS, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Eastern Shore states that as a direct result of the authorization granted Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation in Docket No. CP96-226-000<sup>1</sup> it is necessary for Eastern Shore to reduce, on a pro-rata basis, the firm storage service it provides to its customers under Rate Schedule GSS.

*Comment date:* September 24, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

## 4. Columbia Gulf Transmission Company [Docket No. CP96-732-000]

Take notice that on August 21, 1996, Columbia Gulf Transmission Company (Columbia Gulf), 2603 Augusta STE 125, Houston, Texas 77057-5637, filed in Docket No. CP96-732-000 a request pursuant to Section 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.211) for authorization to operate in interstate commerce certain facilities in Vermilion

Parish, Louisiana that were previously operated to effectuate transportation service pursuant to Section 311 of the Natural Gas Policy Act (NGPA). Columbia Gulf makes such request, under its blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-496-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Columbia Gulf states that the delivery point to Torch Operating Company (Torch) was originally installed as a receipt point from an independent producer, and that minor revisions were made to the station in order that the receipt point could be used as a delivery point from Columbia Gulf under Section 311 of the NGPA, to Torch on behalf of Illini Carrier, L.P., an intrastate pipeline. It is indicated that the existing point of interconnection allows Columbia Gulf to deliver natural gas to Torch for use in its gas lift operation. Columbia Gulf is now requesting authorization to convert the Section 311 facilities to 7(c) certification, in order that the point may be used to provide both Subpart B and G transportation service to Torch, under Part 284, on an interruptible basis.

*Comment date:* October 18, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

## 5. Florida Gas Transmission Company [Docket No. CP96-743-000]

Take notice that on August 26, 1996, Florida Gas Transmission Company (FGT), 1400 Smith Street, Houston, Texas 77002, filed in the above docket, a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act for authorization to construct and operate a new delivery point for West Florida Natural Gas Company WFNG) to accommodate natural gas deliveries to the State of Florida Liberty Prison under FGT's blanket authority issued in Docket No. CP82-553-000 pursuant to Section 7(c) of the NGA, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, FGT proposes to construct, operate, and own a new delivery point at or near mile post 383 on its existing 30-inch mainline in Liberty County, Florida. FGT also proposes to add the subject delivery point to an existing firm gas transportation service agreement by and between FGT and the State of Florida, Department of Corrections dated October 1, 1993, and contracted under FGT's FERC Gas Tariff Rate Schedule FTS-1. FGT will transport gas to the new delivery point on a self-

<sup>1</sup> 75 FERC ¶ 61,285 (1996).

implementing basis under its blanket transportation certificate issued by the Commission in Docket No. CP89-555-000, pursuant to Subpart G of Part 284 of the Commission's Regulations.

FGT states that the subject delivery point will consist of a 4-inch tap, minor connecting pipe, electronic flow measurement equipment, and any related appurtenant facilities necessary for FGT to deliver gas up to 60 MMBtu per hour at line pressure. WFNG will reimburse FGT for the \$57,000 estimated construction cost. FGT further states that WFNG will construct, own and operate the meter and regulation station.

*Comment date:* October 18, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

#### 6. Northwest Pipeline Corporation

[Docket No. CP96-752-000]

Take notice that on August 28, 1996, Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Northwest), 295 Chipeta Way, Salt Lake City, Utah 84108, filed in Docket No. CP96-752-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205, 157.216 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.216 and 157.211) for permission and approval to abandon certain facilities and operations at the Enumclaw Meter Station in King County, Washington. Northwest also request authorization to construct and operate upgraded replacement facilities at the Enumclaw Meter Station, in order to accommodate a request from the City of Enumclaw, Washington for an additional 3,000 Dth of firm natural gas per day. Northwest makes such request, under its blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-433-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Northwest proposes to upgrade the Enumclaw Meter Station by replacing approximately 60 feet of 2-inch heater piping and appurtenances with approximately 60 feet of 4-inch heater piping and appurtenances, and by replacing the 50 percent trim plates in the existing 2-inch regulators with new 100 percent trim plates. As a result of the proposed upgrades, Northwest states that the maximum design capacity of the meter station will increase from approximately 6,863 Dth per day at 250 psig to approximately 10,924 Dth per day at 250 psig.

Northwest indicates that the estimated \$26,078 cost to upgrade the facilities will be reimbursed by the City of Enumclaw.

*Comment date:* October 18, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

#### 7. Northern Natural Gas Company

[Docket No. CP96-754-000]

Take notice that on August 29, 1996, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124-1000, filed in Docket No. CP96-754-000 a request pursuant to Section 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.212) for authorization to install and operate the NNG/Sid Richardson, a new delivery point to be located in Lea County, New Mexico, to accommodate incremental interruptible natural gas deliveries to Sid Richardson Gasoline, Ltd. (Sid Richardson). Northern makes such request, under its blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-401-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Northern states that service will be provided to Sid Richardson pursuant to Northern's currently effective interruptible throughput service agreement(s) with Sid Richardson. Northern asserts that Sid Richardson has requested the installation of the new delivery point to provide fuel for their processing plant.

It is asserted that the proposed volumes to be delivered to Sid Richardson at the NNG/Sid Richardson delivery point are 5 MMBtu on a peak day and 1,825 MMBtu on an annual basis. Northern estimates a cost of \$10,000 to install the new delivery point, and states that Sid Richardson will reimburse Northern for the total cost of constructing the proposed delivery point.

*Comment date:* October 18, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G 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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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of the Secretary

#### Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority; Assistant Secretary for Management and Budget

Part A, Office of the Secretary, Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority for the