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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP97-168-000, CP97-169-000, CP97-177-000, and CP97-178-000]

#### Alliance Pipeline L.P.; Notice of Applications

January 8, 1997.

Take notice that on December 24, 1996, Alliance Pipeline L.P. (Alliance), 190 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 3174, Chicago, Illinois 60603-3441, filed in Docket Nos. CP97-168-000, CP97-169-000, CP97-177-000, and CP97-178-000 applications pursuant to section 7(c) and section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and parts 284 and 157 of the Commission's regulations for: a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to the Commission's optional certificate procedures to construct, own, operate, and maintain natural gas pipeline facilities; authorization pursuant to section 3 of the NGA and a Presidential Permit for the siting, construction, operation, and maintenance of certain facilities for the importation of natural gas; a blanket certificate authorizing open-access firm and interruptible transportation; and blanket certificate authorization to engage in certain routine activities, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

As part of a coordinated pipeline project designed to transport 1.325 Bcf per day of natural gas from Alberta/ British Columbia production areas in Canada to the midwestern United States, Alliance proposes to construct the United States portion of the pipeline facilities. Upon acceptance of the requested certification, Alliance will be a natural gas company subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

In Docket No. CP97-168-000, Alliance requests authorization to construct, own, operate, and maintain 886.6 miles of 36-inch diameter pipeline originating at a point of interconnection with the Canadian portion of the coordinated project at the North Dakota/

Saskatchewan border near Sherwood, Renville County, North Dakota. The proposed pipeline facilities would extend through North Dakota, Minnesota, and Iowa to a terminus in Will County, Illinois. Alliance also proposes to construct seven compressor stations located in: McHenry and Barnes Counties, North Dakota; Richland, Renville, and Freeborn Counties, Minnesota; Delaware County, Iowa, and Whiteside County, Illinois. The project cost is estimated to be about \$1.3 billion. Alliance further requests pregranted abandonment of the proposed facilities, consistent with section 157.103(f) of the Commission's regulations.

In addition, Alliance states that a related gas processing plant is proposed to be constructed and operated by a non-jurisdictional affiliate, Aux Sable Liquid Products LP, in Grundy County, Illinois.

Alliance requests a Preliminary Determination on non-environmental issues by May 1, 1997, and a final order granting certificate authority on or before March 1, 1998, so that the proposed facilities can be placed in service by late 1999.

In Docket No. CP97-169-000, Alliance submitted an application pursuant to section 3 of the NGA, part 153 of the Commission's regulations, and Executive Order 10485, as amended by Executive Order 12038, and the Secretary of Energy's Delegation Order No. 0204-112, for section 3 authorization and a Presidential Permit to construct, operate, and maintain certain facilities for the importation of natural gas to be located at the international border between the United States of America and Canada near Sherwood, Renville County, North Dakota.

In Docket No. CP97-177-000, Alliance requests a blanket certificate under Part 284, Subpart G of the Commission's regulations. Alliance filed a *pro forma* tariff that offers firm and interruptible transportation with flexible delivery points. Alliance offers two rate options for firm transportation, negotiated or recourse rates. Shippers who choose negotiated rates would agree not to contest certain elements of the cost of service, and Alliance would agree not to change those elements for the length of the primary term and any extension under firm service agreements. Shippers who choose recourse rates would pay the rates ultimately approved by the Commission.

The Docket No. CP97-178-000, Alliance requests a blanket certificate authorizing construction operation, and

abandonment of certain facilities under Part 157, Subpart F of the Commission's regulations.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before January 29, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, 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 385.214 or 385.211) 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 3, 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 application 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 Alliance to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

*Acting Secretary.*

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#### [Project No. 137-002-CA]

#### Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Notice Granting Extension of Time

January 8, 1997.

On December 26, 1996, the Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment (NDEA) for the Mokelumne River Project No. 137 was issued in the Federal Register (Vol. 61 No. 249 FR 68033). The NDEA requested that any comments should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice. The

Commission issued the NDEA on December 19, 1996, comments are due by January 21, 1997.

In a letter dated January 2, 1997, Friends of the River, American Whitewater Affiliation, California Outdoors, and Foothill Conservancy (Intervenors) requested an extension of time to comment on the DEA until March 19, 1997. Intervenors state that they received copies of the DEA between December 31, 1996 and January 2, 1997, providing just over two weeks to file comments.

Further, Intervenors state that additional time is needed to review the DEA because: (1) many complex issues were raised in its comments on the Notice Ready for Environmental Analysis; (2) the proceeding began 24 years ago and the pertinent record is voluminous; and (3) recent developments regarding the operations of other facilities on the Mokelumne River, which may not be fully considered in the DEA, but which need to be integrated into the cumulative impact analysis.

Because the pertinent record is voluminous, and because the DEA wasn't received until the end of December 1996 or the beginning of January 1997, the date to file comments is extended until February 21, 1997. If you have any questions about this matter, please call Tom Dean at (202) 219-2778.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

*Acting Secretary.*

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**[Docket No. CP97-174-000]**

**PanEnergy Field Services, Inc.; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order**

January 8, 1997.

Take notice that on December 30, 1996, PanEnergy Field Services, Inc. (Field Services),<sup>1</sup> 370 Seventeenth Street, Suite 900, Denver, Colorado 80202, filed in Docket No. CP97-174-000 a petition pursuant to Section 16 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Rule 207(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.207(a)(2)), for the declaratory order disclaiming Commission jurisdiction over certain facilities located upstream of its LaGloria Processing Plant in Hildago, Brooks, and Jim Wells Counties, Texas (South Texas Facilities)

<sup>1</sup> Field Services is a wholly-owned subsidiary of PanEnergy Corp. and owns gathering and processing assets in the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Utah.

to be acquired from Trunkline Gas Company (Trunkline),<sup>2</sup> an affiliate, and the services provided through them, all as more fully set forth in the petition which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, Field Services seeks a declaratory order from the Commission finding that:

(1) Upon transfer from Trunkline to Field Services, the South Texas Facilities described in Section VI and Attachment B to its petition, are facilities used for the gathering of natural gas and therefore exempt from the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Section 1(b) of the NGA;

(2) Field Services would not be a "natural-gas company" pursuant to Section 2(6) of the NGA by virtue of its proposed acquisition, ownership, and operation of the facilities;

(3) The gathering services that Field Services seeks to perform as described in Section VI and Attachment B to its petition would be exempt from the Commission's jurisdiction under Section 1(b) of the NGA; and

(4) Field Services' rates and charges for gathering services would not be subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Sections 4 and 5 of the NGA.

Field Services states that upon transfer of the facilities from Trunkline to Field Services, Field Services would provide gathering services on an open access, non-discriminatory basis and would not become an "affiliated marketer" as defined by the Commission in its rules. Field Services also states that the South Texas Facilities would be transferred at their net book value.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said petition should on or before January 29, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 384.214 or 385.211) 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

<sup>2</sup> Trunkline has filed a related abandonment application in Docket No. CP97-173-000.

motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

*Acting Secretary.*

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**[Docket No. RP97-224-000]**

**Sea Robin Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff**

January 8, 1997.

Take notice that on January 3, 1997, Sea Robin Pipeline Company (Sea Robin) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the pro forma revised tariff sheets set forth on Appendix A to the filing in compliance with the Commission's Order No. 587 to become effective June 1, 1997.

On July 17, 1996, the Commission issued Order No. 587 in Docket No. RM96-1-000 which revised the Commission's regulations governing interstate natural gas pipelines to require such pipelines to follow certain standardized business practices issued by the Gas Industry Standards Board (GISB) and adopted by the Commission in said Order (18 CFR 284.10(b)). The standards govern certain aspects of the following practices of natural gas pipelines: nominations, allocations, balancing, measurement, invoicing, and capacity release. The revisions shown on the Tariff Sheets filed herewith reflect Sea Robin's compliance filing to conform with the GISB standards. The order required Sea Robin to submit its compliance filing for implementation of the approved standards by June 1, 1997.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR Sections 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions and protests must be filed on or before January 24, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public