

157.205 and 157.211, of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.211) for approval to construct and operate facilities for Elizabethtown Gas Company in Union County, New Jersey, under Tetco's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-535-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Tetco states that it proposes to construct, install, own, operate and maintain a four-inch tap valve and four-inch check valve on Tetco's existing twenty-four-inch crossover header from Lines Nos. One and Two and a six-inch tap valve and six-inch check valve on Tetco's existing Line No. Twenty in Union County, New Jersey. Tetco asserts that Elizabethtown will install, or cause to be installed, a dual four-inch meter run, two hundred-fifty feet of connecting pipeline and electronic gas measurement equipment. Tetco asserts that the transportation service through the proposed facilities will be rendered pursuant to Tetco's Rate Schedule FT and that Tetco's tariff does not prohibit the addition of delivery points. Tetco further asserts that its proposal will be accomplished without detriment or disadvantage to Tetco's existing customers.

Any person or the Commission's Staff may, within 45 days of the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214), a motion to intervene 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 therefor, the proposed activities 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 If a protest is filed and not withdrawn 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the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 ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-141-000]

Texas Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

December 23, 1997.

Take notice that on December 17, 1997, Texas Gas Transmission Corporation (Texas Gas), Post Office Box 20008, filed a request with the Commission in Docket No. CP98-141-000, pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to construct a secondary meter run at its Union City Delivery Point in Obion County, Tennessee, authorized in blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-407-000, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Texas Gas proposes to add a second 4-inch meter run at its Union City Delivery Point on Texas Gas's Main Line System in Obion County, Tennessee, in order to provide more accurate measurement at the Union City Delivery Point through which Texas Gas renders natural gas service to United Cities Gas Company for service to the City of Union City, Tennessee.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after the Commission has issued this notice, 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 NGA (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the allowed time, 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 NGA.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Docket No. CP98-128-000]

Wyoming Interstate Company, LTD and Colorado Interstate Gas Company; Notice of Application

December 24, 1997.

Take notice that on December 12, 1997, Wyoming Interstate Company, LTD (WIC), 2000 M Street, N.W., Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20036, and Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG), P.O. Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80944, filed jointly in Docket No. CP98-128-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act for authorization to construct and operate compression and appurtenant facilities in Albany County, Wyoming, and Weld County, Colorado, and to abandon and acquire pipeline capacity, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

WIC proposes to construct and operate an additional 4,680 horsepower compressor and appurtenant facilities at the existing Laramie Compressor Station in Wyoming, and to construct and operate an additional 2,700 horsepower compressor at the existing Cheyenne-WIC Compressor Station in Colorado. CIG and WIC request that the Commission authorize CIG to abandon, via lease to WIC, the incremental capacity stemming from the increased compression. CIG and WIC request that, since CIG will continue to use the existing capacity of its Powder River Line to serve its firm obligations, WIC be authorized to abandon, by lease to CIG, a portion of the additional compression that corresponds to that additional capacity.

WIC proposes to charge shippers using the incremental facilities an incremental charge which is higher than its existing rates. Because of the mutual benefits of the two leases, no separate leasing charge is proposed by either WIC or CIG. WIC convened an open season for the additional capacity and secured a 10-year firm contract with Western Gas Resources, Inc., for the additional capacity.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before January 14, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 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 the 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 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 WIC or CIG to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP97-168-000 and CP97-169-000]

Alliance Pipeline L.P.; Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Alliance Pipeline Project

December 23, 1997.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared this draft environmental impact statement (EIS) on natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Alliance Pipeline L.P. (Alliance) in the above-referenced dockets.

The draft EIS was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures as recommended, would have

limited adverse environmental impact. The draft EIS evaluates alternatives to the proposal, including system alternatives, and requests comments on them.

The draft EIS assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the following facilities in North Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, and Illinois:

- Approximately 890 miles of 36-inch-diameter mainline pipeline;
- Seven compressor stations totaling 320,000 horsepower;
- Five meter stations;
- A total of 0.9 mile of 36-inch-diameter lateral pipeline connecting the proposed meter stations to the mainline pipeline;
- A measurement and pressure control station;
- Forty-eight block valves installed along the pipeline and at each compressor station; and
- Three internal tool or "pig" launchers and four pig receivers.

In addition, the draft EIS addresses the potential environmental impact associated with construction and operation of a natural gas liquids extraction plant planned by Aux Sable Liquid Products L.P. in connection with Alliance's pipeline.

The purpose of Alliance's proposed facilities is to transport up to 1.3 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas produced in western Canada to interconnections with existing pipeline systems in the Chicago area. The planned Aux Sable Plant would extract the natural gas liquids that may be present in Alliance's pipeline.

Comment Procedures and Public Meetings

Any person wishing to comment on the draft EIS may do so. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send two copies of your comments to: Lois Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Reference Docket Nos. CP97-168-000 and CP97-169-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before February 16, 1998.

In addition to written comments we will hold several public meetings in the project area to receive comments on the draft EIS. We will announce in a future notice, the locations and times of those public meetings.

Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend and present oral comments on the environmental impact

described in the draft EIS. Transcripts of the meetings will be prepared.

After these comments are reviewed, any significant new issues are investigated, and modifications are made to the draft EIS, a final EIS will be published and distributed by the staff. The final EIS will contain the staff's responses to timely comments received on the draft EIS.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentor a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214).

Anyone may intervene in this proceeding based on this draft EIS. You must file your request to intervene as specified above. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

The draft EIS has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

A limited number of copies are available from Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch identified above. In addition, the draft EIS has been mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies; public interest groups; individuals who requested a copy of the draft EIS; libraries; newspapers; and parties to this proceeding.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Paul McKee in the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (202) 208-1088.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 11243-002 Alaska]

Whitewater Engineering Corporation; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

December 23, 1997.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the