

and valve assembly off of existing header facilities and one 4-inch Daniels turbine meter, with appurtenances. Kern River states that MacPherson would reimburse Kern River for the estimated \$98,100 construction cost of the delivery point. Kern River also states that it would in turn reimburse Mojave for its share of the construction cost.

Kern River and Mojave state that their respective FERC Gas Tariff provisions permit the construction of the proposed delivery point and that they have sufficient capacity to accomplish their proposed deliveries to MacPherson without detriment or disadvantage to their other customers.

Kern River and Mojave state that they would deliver a total of 15,000 Mcf of natural gas per day and up to 5,475 MMcf of natural gas annually to MacPherson at the proposed delivery point. Kern River and Mojave also state that they would transport gas on a firm basis pursuant to their respective Rate Schedules FT-1 of their FERC Gas Tariff.

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 If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-346-000]

Mississippi River Transmission Corporation; Notice of Application

April 20, 1998.

Take notice that on April 13, 1998, Mississippi River Transmission Corporation (Applicant), P.O. Box 4455, Houston, Texas 77210-4455, filed in Docket No. CP98-342-000 an abbreviated application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act, as

amended, and Sections 157.7 and 157.18 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations thereunder, for permission and approval to abandon from interstate service two points of interconnection with Texas Gas Transmission Corporation (Texas Gas) located in Lincoln and Morehouse Parishes, Louisiana, respectively, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Applicant states that the first point of interconnection with Texas Gas for which Applicant now seeks abandonment authorization consists of a ten-inch meter station constructed in 1972 in Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, to exchange natural gas with Texas Gas on Applicant's West Line. Applicant further states that the second point of interconnection consists of a ten-inch dual meter station constructed in 1964 to exchange natural gas with Texas Gas in Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, through Applicant's Main Line 1 and Main Line 2. Applicant asserts that these points of interconnection with Texas Gas have not been utilized for an extensive period of time. Applicant further asserts that it has notified Texas Gas of Applicant's proposal. It is indicated that the estimated cost of the abandonment proposals herein is \$49,853.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before May 11, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a petition 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 the proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a petition 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 on this application if no petition to intervene is filed within the time required herein, and if the Commission on its own review of the

matter finds that the abandonment is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a petition for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provide for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Applicant to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-340-000]

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Application

April 20, 1998.

Take notice that on April 9, 1998, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural), 701 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois 60148 filed in Docket No. CP98-320-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations for permission and approval to abandon existing mainline facilities and authorization to install and operate certain minor replacement facilities, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, Natural proposes to abandon: (1) Approximately 176 miles of Natural's 30-inch Gulf Coast No. 1 line, in eastern Texas north of Natural's Compressor Station No. 302, by sale to a non-affiliated third party for conversion to non-natural gas service; (2) seven 2,800 HP compressor units at Compressor Station 303; (3) seven 2,800 HP compressor units at Compressor Station 304; and (4) three taps, two laterals, and one meter facility along the 176-mile segment which are no longer required to provide natural gas transmission service.

Natural also proposes to construct and operate minor facilities at seventeen locations along the 176-mile segment which will have the effect of replacing previously certificated receipt/delivery facilities impacted by the abandonment of No. 1 line. Natural also proposes to install one new, additional tap to support and maintain storage discharge capability at its North Lansing storage

facility, which is located at the north end of the 176-mile segment.

Natural states that it has agreed to sell the 176 miles of pipe to a non-affiliated third party, Mid-Valley Products Pipeline L.L.C., (Purchaser) for an arms-length negotiated sales price. Natural explains that the Purchaser will convert the 176 miles of pipe to petroleum products service and therefore, following receipt of abandonment authority, the ownership and operation of the pipe will not be subject to the NGA authority of the Commission. Natural indicates that the compressor units, for which abandonment authority is sought, are not being sold to the third party. Natural claims that these compressor units are old and have not been needed for Gulf Coast Mainline operations for some time.

Natural further states that Natural's remaining 30-inch No. 2 line and 36-inch No. 3 line, and the remaining compression along the 176-mile segment, will be fully adequate to serve current demand in that discrete section of its Gulf Coast Mainline.

Any person desiring to participate in the hearing process or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before May 11, 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 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 authorization 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 Natural to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-349-000]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Application

April 20, 1998.

Take notice that on April 14, 1998, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco), 2800 Post Oak Blvd., Houston, Texas 77056, filed in Docket No. CP98-340-000, an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act, for permission and approval to abandon certain firm sales service provided to Owens-Corning Fiberglass Corporation (Owens-Corning) and the City of Lexington (Lexington), all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Transco states that it entered into firm sales agreements with Owens-Corning and Lexington on August 1, 1991, under which Transco sells gas to Owens-Corning and Lexington under Transco's Rate Schedule FS. It is stated that one agreement is with Owens-Corning with a Daily Sales Entitlement of 3,000 Mcf per day, and that two of the agreements are with Lexington each with a daily Sales Entitlement of 1,000 Mcf per day.

In accordance with Paragraph 1 of Article IV of its FS Agreement, Transco states that it delivers gas to Owens-Corning and Lexington at various upstream points of delivery. Transco indicates that it acts as agent for Owens-Corning and Lexington, for the purpose of arranging for the transportation of gas purchased from the points of delivery to the points of redelivery identified in both Owens-Corning and Lexington's FS Agreement with Transco.

Transco seeks authorization to abandon the FS Agreements with Daily Sales Entitlement of 3,000 Mcf daily to Owens-Corning, and a total of 2,000 Mcf daily to Lexington, effective March 31, 1999, pursuant to the election of Owens-Corning and Lexington to terminate their respective FS Agreements with Transco.

Transco states that Paragraph 2 of Article II of the FS Agreements that Transco has with Owens-Corning and Lexington provides that at the end of the Primary Term, and on each anniversary date thereafter, the term of the service agreement will be extended by successive one Contract Year periods, unless either party notifies the other in writing not less than two Contract Years prior to the end of the Primary Term or two Contract Years prior to any anniversary date thereafter, of its election not to extend the term of the service agreement. Transco further states that Paragraph 1 of Article II of the FS Agreements define "Contract Year" as the period from the effective date (specified as November 1, 1990) through March 31, 1991, and each twelve month period thereafter for the term of the agreement.

It is stated that the Primary Term of the Owens-Corning Agreement ended on March 31, 1996, and that the Primary Term of the two Lexington FS Agreements ended March 31, 1994 and March 31, 1996, respectively. Transco avers that the Primary Terms of the FS Agreements were extended in accordance with Paragraph 2 of Article II of the FS Agreements. Owens-Corning, by letter dated March 31, 1997, and Lexington by letter also dated March 31, 1997, provided Transco with two-years notice to terminate their respective FS Agreements as of March 31, 1999.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before May 11, 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