

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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 proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP99-163-000, CP99-165-000 and CP99-166-000]

Questar Southern Trails Pipeline Company; Notice of Application

March 16, 1999.

Take notice that on January 19, 1999, as amended on March 5, 1999, Questar Southern Trails Pipeline Company (Southern Trails), 180 East 100 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, filed in Docket No. CP99-163-000, an application pursuant to 18 CFR Part 157, Subpart E-Optional Certificate and Abandonment Procedures for New Service Under Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act requesting certificate authority to (1) acquire 693 miles of 12-inch, 16-inch, and 22-inch diameter crude-oil pipeline and related facilities, located in New Mexico, Utah, Arizona and California, from Questar Line 90 Company (Line 90 Company), a Questar Pipeline Company (Questar) subsidiary, (2) convert and operate the acquired facilities to provide natural-gas transportation service and (3) construct and operate (a) seven compressor stations and (b) eight miles of pipeline replacements, 10 miles of pipeline realignments and 58 miles of pipeline extensions to provide new, open-access transportation of natural gas through the acquired facilities, as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Southern Trails also requests a preliminary determination on non-environmental issues in Docket No. CP99-163-000. Further, in Docket No. CP99-165-000, Southern Trails seeks a blanket certificate pursuant to Subpart G of Part 284 of the Commission's Regulations in order to provide open access transportation of natural gas for others. Finally, in Docket No. CP99-166-000, Southern Trails requests a blanket certificate pursuant to Subpart F of Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations in order to perform certain routine activities and operations.

In accordance with the Optional Certificate regulations, Southern Trails states that (a) it is an "eligible applicant", as defined in 18 CFR Section 157.101(b)(1); (b) it proposes to provide "new service", as defined in 18 CFR Section 157.101(2); and (c) all facilities proposed to be acquired and constructed will be used solely to provide new service pursuant to 18 CFR Section 157.101(3). Additionally, Southern Trails agrees to comply with all the terms and conditions specified in 18 CFR Section 157.103 and represents that all required exhibits, including an environmental report (Exhibit Z-2-Environmental Data), comprising 12 Resource Reports addressing the issues appearing in 18 CFR Part 380, as well as a complete Pro Forma Tariff (Exhibit P, Tariff) are included in the application. Furthermore, Southern Trails explains that, it has requested issuance of a blanket transportation certificate under 18 CFR Section 284.221. Further, Southern Trails states that it has served a copy of its application on local distribution companies in whose service territory Southern Trails will be located and the local distribution companies' appropriate state regulatory agencies.

Southern Trails states that on October 23, 1998, Line 90 Company and ARCO Pipe Line Company (ARCO) signed an asset-purchase agreement transferring ownership of certain crude-oil facilities, namely ARCO's Lines 90, 91, and 92 and associated equipment. The acquired facilities, it is stated, extend from the Four Corners region of Utah and New Mexico to Long Beach, California. It is explained that Line 90 (592 miles of 16-inch diameter pipeline), Line 91 (18 miles of 16-inch diameter pipeline), Line 91 (80 miles of 12-inch and three miles of 22-inch diameter pipeline), 12 pump-station sites, on oil metering delivery site, two area offices, vehicles and related facilities and properties were sold to Line 90 Company for \$38,000,000.

Southern Trails explains that not all of the crude-oil facilities acquired from

ARCO are useful to transport natural gas. Southern Trails explains that Line 90 Company intends to salvage or otherwise dispose of certain oil-related facilities, not useful for natural-gas service, to outside parties. (These facilities may include oil storage tanks, spare parts and other facilities or equipment that are not integrated with the main lines to be converted to natural gas service.) Southern Trails states that any net proceeds from this activity will reduce the acquisition cost to Southern Trails and the rates for prospective customers.

In the instant application, Southern Trails states that it seeks approval to acquire certain portions of the above-described crude-oil pipeline facilities from Line 90 Company and convert and operate those pipeline facilities to provide natural gas service. Southern Trails further states that it also seeks authorization to install (a) approximately eight miles of 16-inch diameter pipeline replacements, (b) approximately 10 miles of 16-inch diameter pipeline realignments, (c) approximately 58 miles of 22-inch and 20-inch diameter pipeline extensions, (d) seven new compressor stations totaling 18,356 brake horsepower of reciprocating compression, with all but one station being installed at existing pump-station sites, (e) one potential gas-plant receipt point to receive natural gas from El Paso Field Services' Chaco Plant in San Juan County, New Mexico, (f) six potential interstate pipeline interconnects, two each with El Paso Natural Gas at Blanco, New Mexico, and Topock, Arizona, and Transwestern Pipeline Company at Blanco and north of Needles, California, and one each with TransColorado Gas Transmission Company at Blanco and Mojave Pipeline Company at Topock, Arizona (g) three potential local distribution company interconnects, one each with Southwest Gas near Southern Trails' proposed Mojave Valley Compressor Station and Pacific Gas & Electric Company and Southern California Gas Company at Topock, (h) five anticipated end-use delivery points, one to ARCO's Long Beach, California, Refinery Complex and four to the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority and (i) approximately 50 block valves and related ancillary facilities. It is stated that the total estimated cost of the project is approximately \$155,000,000.

Southern Trails explains that as a result of its acquiring 693 miles of existing crude-oil pipeline and related equipment, it will be able to operate a 751-mile pipeline with pipeline replacement, realignment and extension activities that only involve

approximately 75.4 miles of new pipeline construction or about 10% of the pipeline's overall 751-mile length. Moreover, it is stated, six of the seven new compressor stations will be installed at existing pump-station sites. Nevertheless, Southern Trails states that it has embarked on the process of retaining a third-party contractor to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report for the project to meet both National Environmental Policy Act and California Environmental Quality Act requirements, with the FERC acting as lead agency for environmental review.

Southern Trails states that, between September 8 and October 8, 1998, it held an open season to determine the demand for Southern Trails' capacity. It explains that, during this open season, 15 companies submitted 22 bids totaling 810,000 Dth per day of demand. After review of the bids, Southern Trails explains that it is finalizing service agreements with certain parties for all or most of the capacity of the pipeline system.

Southern Trails seeks authority to provide open-access transportation service in accordance with tariff sheets that are submitted with its application. Southern Trails states that the proposed tariff includes (1) Rate Schedules FT (firm transportation service) and IT (interruptible transportation service) for both the East (Blanco/Chaco to Topock) and West (Topock to Long Beach) Zones; (2) General Terms and Conditions that delineate the specific operating procedures to be followed by Southern Trails and its customers; (3) maximum and minimum zone rates based on the Commission's straight fixed-variable rate design and a provision for negotiated rates consistent with the Commission's recourse-rate policy; and (4) forms of service agreements applicable to service provided under these rate schedules. Southern Trails specifies that the maximum \$11.46084 reservation rates, \$0.00967 usage rates and \$0.38647 interruptible rates are proposed to apply to transportation service provided by Southern Trails in the East and West Zones.

Any person desiring to participate in the hearing process or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before April 6, 1999, 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 385.214 and 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. The Commission's rules require that protestors provide copies of their protests to the party or parties directly involved. Any person wishing to become a party in any proceeding must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's rules.

A person obtaining intervenor status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by every one of the intervenors. An intervenor can file for rehearing of any Commission order and can petition for court review of any such order. However, an intervenor must submit copies of comments or any other filing it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as 14 copies with the Commission.

A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have comments considered. A person, instead, may submit two copies of comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of environmental documents and will be able to participate in meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission and will not have the right to seek rehearing or appeal the Commission's final order to a federal court.

The Commission will consider all comments and concerns equally, whether filed by commenters or those requesting intervenor status. Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the 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 granting the certificates 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 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 Southern Trails to appear or to be represented at the hearing.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-102-000]

Wyoming Interstate Company, Ltd.; Notice of Site Visit

March 16, 1999.

On April 7 and 8, 1999, the Office of Pipeline Regulation (OPR) staff will conduct an inspection of the pipeline route proposed by Wyoming Interstate Company, Ltd. (WIC) for the Medicine Bow Lateral Project. The inspection will begin from at the southern terminus of the project on the morning of April 7, 1999, and proceed northward along the proposed pipeline route through Weld County, Colorado and Laramie and Platte Counties, Wyoming. On April 8, 1999, the inspection will begin near Wheatland, Wyoming, at about 9:00 a.m., and continue northward along the proposed pipeline route in Platte and Converse Counties, Wyoming. Representatives of WIC will accompany the OPR staff.

All parties may attend. Anyone interested in participating in the site visit must provide their own transportation.

For further information, please contact Paul McKee of the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-1088.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Certain Chemicals; Premanufacture Notices

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.