

DATES: May 13, 1999 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and May 14, 1999 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

PLACE: National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), Golden, Colorado.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William J. Raup, Office of Building Technology, State, and Community Programs, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Washington, DC 20585, Telephone 202/586-2214.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: To make recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy regarding goals and objectives and programmatic and administrative policies, and to otherwise carry out the Board's responsibilities as designated in the State Energy Efficiency Programs Improvement Act of 1990 (Pub. L. No. 101-440).

Tentative Agenda: Briefings on, and discussions of:

- Deploying technology from DOE laboratories to the States;
- How STEAB's role to help facilitate the market of energy efficient and renewable energy technologies can be assisted by coordination with National Council of State Legislatures;
- Federal efforts to market energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact William J. Raup at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests to make oral presentations must be received five days prior to the meeting; reasonable provision will be made to include the statements in the agenda. The Chair of the Board is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to programmatic issues that had to be resolved prior to publication.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review and copying within 30 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued at Washington, DC, on April 27, 1999.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-322-000]

El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application

April 28, 1999.

Take notice that on April 16, 1999, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso), Post Office Box 1492, El Paso, Texas, 79978, filed an application at Docket No. CP99-322-000, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Section 157.5, et seq., of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Regulations Under the NGA, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the construction and operation of certain lateral pipeline and metering facilities, hereinafter referred to as the Willcox Lateral. El Paso states that construction of the Willcox Lateral will allow the transportation and delivery of natural gas to two points along the International Boundary between the United States and Mexico in Cochise County, Arizona, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

El Paso states that the Comision Federal de Electricidad (CFE) has an existing power plant near the City of Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico and recently completed a Request For Proposal (RFP) for a second power plant near Hermosillo. Additionally, CFE is scheduled to close an RFP in May 1999 for a new power plant near the City of Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico, referred to as the El Fresnal Power Plant. These three power plants will require natural gas as fuel to generate electricity.

Thus, El Paso is proposing to construct the Willcox Lateral to serve this present and future power plant infrastructure in Northern Sonora, Mexico. El Paso claims that the Willcox Lateral will have a design capacity of 130,000 Mcf per day and will provide the necessary facilities to permit the transportation of natural gas to two points of interconnection at the International Boundary. Once delivered to these new delivery points, El Paso says that gas will be transported to the

existing and proposed power plants in or near Hermosillo and Agua Prieta, Mexico, as well as other potential markets in Northern Mexico.

Specifically, the proposed Willcox Lateral facilities, all located in Cochise County, Arizona, will consist of a 20" O.D. lateral line commencing at approximately milepost 407.1 on El Paso's California Line and First Loop Line on the suction side of the Willcox Compressor Station extending south approximately 55.7 miles which then bifurcates into two 16" O.D. east and west branch lateral lines with metering facilities near the terminus of each branch lateral line. The west branch lateral line extends southwesterly for approximately 2.9 miles, terminating near Monument 90 on the International Boundary (the 20" O.D. lateral line and the 16" O.D. west branch lateral line constitute Line No. 2163). The east branch lateral line extends southeasterly for approximately 12.2 miles, terminating at a point southwest of Douglas, Arizona at the International Boundary between the United States and Mexico (Line No. 2164). The Willmex Delivery Point is to be located near the terminus of Line No. 2163 adjacent to the existing Monument 90 Meter Station, and the El Fresnal Delivery Point is to be located near the terminus of Line No. 2164.

El Paso indicates that it has estimated the cost of constructing the Willcox Lateral to be approximately \$30,215,000. El Paso requests authorization no later than December 31, 1999 in order to meet an in-service date of September 1, 2000.

El Paso states that, in support of the Willcox Lateral, and to demonstrate market support for the Willcox Lateral, it has entered into three separate, but mutually exclusive, firm TSAs providing for the delivery of natural gas to the El Fresnal Power Plant and a fourth firm TSA providing for transportation service to the second Hermosillo Power Plant. El Paso states that it is currently negotiating contracts for the existing Hermosillo Power Plant.

Based on the cost of the proposed Willcox Lateral facilities, El Paso calculated a separate incremental rate attributable to the cost of service for the proposed Willcox Lateral. The incremental reservation rate for the Willcox Lateral is proposed to be \$0.1467 per dth on a daily basis and is referred to as the "Willcox Lateral Facilities Charge." El Paso proposes the calculated incremental rate as the tariff rate applicable to firm transportation service on the Willcox Project.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said

document should, on or before, May 19, 1999, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E. Washington, D.C., 20426, a protest or motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rule 211 or 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 or 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.

A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have environmental 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 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 document 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 El Paso 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. CP 99-323-000]

El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application

April 28, 1999.

Take notice that on April 16, 1999, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso), Post Office Box 1492, El Paso, Texas, 79978, filed an application at Docket No. CP99-323-000, pursuant to Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Subpart B of Part 153 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Regulations, for an order authorizing the siting, construction, and operation of pipeline facilities and the place of exit for export of natural gas at two separate points along the International Boundary between the United States and Mexico in Cochise County, Arizona (International Boundary).

Additionally, El Paso requests, pursuant to Subpart C of Part 153 of the Commission's Regulations and in compliance with Executive Order No. 10485, as amended by Executive Order No. 12038, two Presidential Permits for the construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of pipeline facilities for the export of natural gas at the International Boundary, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

El Paso states that the Comision Federal de Electricidad (CFE), a decentralized Public Organism of the United Mexican States, has an existing power plant near the City of Hermosillo, Sonoro, Mexico and recently completed a Request For Proposal (RFP) for a second power plant near Hermosillo. Additionally, CFE is scheduled to close an RFP in May 1999 for a new power plant near the City of Agua Prieta, Sonoro, Mexico, referred to as the El Fresno Power Plant. These three power plants will require natural gas as fuel to generate electricity.

For the exportation of natural gas at the International Boundary, El Paso proposes to construct approximately 60 feet of 16" O.D. pipeline, with appurtenance, at the terminus of the 16"

O.D. lateral lines extending from the Willmex Delivery Point, located near the Monument 90 Meter Station and from the El Fresno Delivery Point near Douglas, Arizona, both located in Cochise County, Arizona to the U.S./Mexico border. These facilities, which will constitute two separate border crossing facilities, are located on the downstream side of the Willmex and El Fresno Delivery Points, which are being proposed for construction under Section 7(c) application being filed concurrently.¹ Existing pipeline facilities owned by Pemex on the Mexican side of the International Boundary will receive the natural gas from the Willmex Delivery point. Currently, no Mexican pipeline facilities exist downstream of the El Fresno Delivery Point. However, the El Fresno Power Plant RFP awarding process will determine responsibility for downstream pipeline construction, ownership, and operation.

El Paso states that, in support of the Willcox Lateral Project, and to demonstrate market support for the Willcox Lateral Project, it has entered into three separate, but mutually exclusive, firm TSAs providing for the delivery of natural gas to the El Fresno Power Plant and a fourth firm TSA providing for transportation service to the second Hermosillo Power Plant. El Paso is currently negotiating contracts for the existing Hermosillo Power Plant.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said document should, on or before, May 19, 1999, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C., 20426, a protest or motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rule 211 or 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 or 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 herein 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

¹ In Docket No. CP99-322-000, El Paso has filed an application proposing to construct the Willcox Lateral, which will consist of certain lateral pipeline and metering facilities. The lateral line will interconnect with the proposed border crossing facilities in order to facilitate service to this present and future power plant infrastructure in Northern Sonora, Mexico.