

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-344-000]

Reliant Energy Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

April 28, 1999.

Take notice that on April 26, 1999, Reliant Energy Gas Transmission Corporation Applicant), 1111 Louisiana, Houston, Texas 77002-5231, filed in Docket No. CP99-344-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.216) for approval to construct and operate certain facilities located in Pope County, Arkansas, under Applicant's blanket certificate issued in Docket Nos. CP82-384-000 and CP82-384-001, pursuant to Section 7(c) 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.

Applicant specifically proposes to construct and operate a two-inch delivery tap and first-cut regulator to serve Arkla (Arkla), a division of Reliant Energy, Incorporated, on Applicant's Line B. Applicant states that the total volumes of natural gas to be delivered to the proposed tap are 85 Dth annually and 1 Dth on a peak day. Applicant asserts that the facilities proposed herein will be constructed at an estimated cost of \$1,833 and that Arkla will reimburse Applicant the construction costs.

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 If a protest is filed and not withdrawn 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the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

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CO99-320-000]

Sumas Energy 2, Inc.; Notice of Application for Section 3 Authorization and Request for a Presidential Permit

April 28, 1999.

Take notice that on April 15, 1999, Sumas Energy 2, Inc. (SE2), 335 Parkplace, Suite 110, Kirkland, Washington 98033, filed an application pursuant to Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, Subpart B of Part 153 of the Commission's regulations, and Executive Order Nos. 10485 and 12038. SE2 seeks a Presidential Permit and Section 3 authority to construct, operate and maintain its own border crossing and pipeline facilities to import gas from Canada, all 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> (please call (202) 208-2222 for assistance).

Specifically, SE2 intends to construct, own, and operate approximately 4.5 miles of 12-inch-diameter pipeline near the international boundary between the United States and Canada near Sumas, Washington. The proposed pipeline will transport gas to a planned 720 Megawatt nominal electrical generating station to be located in Sumas, Washington. The proposed pipeline and the jurisdictional border crossing, facilities will be connected with the pipeline facilities of Westcoast Energy, Inc. at the U.S./Canada border and will have a design capacity to import up to 140,000 Mcf per day. SE2 will neither offer nor provide service to the public. SE2's proposed pipeline will transport gas only to its facilities.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before May 19, 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 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 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 Section 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 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 SE2 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. RP96-312-013]

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Negotiated Rate Filing

April 28, 1999.

Take notice that on April 22, 1999, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee), P.O. Box 2511, Houston, Texas 77252, tendered for filing a Negotiated Rate Arrangement. Tennessee requests that the Commission approve the Negotiated Rate Arrangement effective May 1, 1999.

Tennessee states that the filed Negotiated Rate Arrangement reflects a negotiated rate between Tennessee and New Jersey Natural Gas Company (New Jersey) for transportation under Rate Schedule FT-A to be effective May 1, 1999 through January 31, 2003.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 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).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. SA99-15-000]

Vidor Pipeline Company; Notice of Petition For Adjustment

April 28, 1999.

Take notice that on March 5, 1999, Vidor Pipeline Company (VPC) filed pursuant to Section 502(c) of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA), a petition for adjustment under Section 285.123(b)(1)(ii) of the Commission's Regulations to permit VPC to use its tariff on file with the Railroad Commission of Texas (TRC), for services performed pursuant to NGPA Section 311.

In support of its petition, VPC states that it is an intrastate pipeline providing transportation service within the State of Texas, and is a gas utility subject to the jurisdiction of the TRC. VPC states that it will in the future perform transportation services pursuant to NGPA Section 311(a)(2) on behalf of interstate pipeline companies and/or local distribution companies served by interstate pipeline companies. VPC states its system will soon be connected to the interstate facilities of Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation.

VPC requests an adjustment from 18 CFR Part 284(C) to permit VPC to base its rates for Section 311(a) services on the rates contained in its tariff for Hess Energy Services Company, LLC filed with the TRC. VPC believes the interstate transportation service performed on behalf of Hess Energy Services Company, LLC can be viewed as "comparable" to the services contemplated under Section 311.

The regulations applicable to this proceeding are found in Subpart K of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. Any person desiring to participate in this rate proceeding must file a motion to intervene in accordance with Sections 385.211 and 385.214 of

the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures. All motions must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission within 15 days after publication of this notice in the Federal Register. The petition for adjustment is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (please call (202) 208-2222 for assistance).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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Notice of OASIS How Working Group Meeting

April 28, 1999.

Take notice that on May 24, 1999, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and on May 25, 1999, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon, the OASIS How Working Group (How Group) will conduct its monthly meeting at the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Room 3M-2A, Washington, D.C. 20426. The How Group is a voluntary industry group with a diverse membership that has made recommendations to the Commission on the Open Access Same-time Information System (OASIS) and related matters. It is expected that the How Group will discuss OASIS-related issues at the meetings. The meetings will be open to interested participants and the public.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6335-6]

Peer Review Workshop on Guidance for Conducting Health Risk Assessment of Chemical Mixtures

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The EPA Risk Assessment Forum (Forum) is announcing a peer review workshop convened by Eastern Research Group, Inc., an EPA contractor, for scientific peer review of the EPA draft document Guidance for

Conducting Health Risk Assessment of Chemical Mixtures. The workshop will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, and will be open to members of the public as observers. The peer review, to be conducted by scientists from outside EPA, is being organized to review the procedures and related issues presented in the document Guidance for Conducting Health Risk Assessment of Chemical Mixtures. The Forum Technical Panel will consider the opinions of experts outside the Agency in finalizing the document.

DATES: The workshop will begin on Thursday, May 20, 1999 at 9:00 a.m. and end on Friday, May 21, 1999 at 4:00 p.m. Members of the public may attend as observers.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Briedenbach Research Center, 26 West Martin Luther King Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45268. Since seating capacity is limited, please contact Eastern Research Group, Inc., Tel.: (781) 674-7374, by May 14, 1999 to attend the workshop as an observer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical inquiries, contact Dr. Richard Hertzberg, U.S. EPA Region 4, 10th Floor WMD, 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3104. Tel.: (404)562-8663. The document will be Internet-accessible from the Risk Assessment Forum publications page, at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea/raf/rafpub.htm>. Inquiries concerning the workshop should be directed to Eastern Research Group, Inc.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: To address concerns over health risks from multichemical exposures, the U.S. EPA issued Guidelines for Health Risk from Exposure to Chemical Mixtures in 1986 (U.S. EPA, 1986). Those Guidelines described broad concepts related to mixtures exposure and toxicity and included few specific procedures. In 1989, the U.S. EPA published guidance for the Superfund program on hazardous waste that gave practical steps for conducting a mixtures risk assessment (U.S. EPA, 1989). Also in 1989, the U.S. EPA published the revised document on the use of Toxicity Equivalence Factors for characterizing health risks of the class of chemicals including the dibenzo-dioxins and dibenzofurans. In 1990, the U.S. EPA published a Technical Support Document to provide more detailed information on toxicity of whole mixtures and on toxicologic interactions (e.g., synergism) between chemicals in a binary (two-chemical) mixture (U.S. EPA, 1990). The concept of toxicologic similarity was also discussed.