

requiring Edison to provide the firm network transmission service requested by Palm Springs, subject to negotiation of the transmission rate in accordance with the principles established in prior Commission orders for similar service. If the negotiations between Edison and Palm Springs do not resolve the issues between the parties with respect to rates, terms and conditions of service, the Applicant requests that the Commission issue a final order requiring the requested service on rates, terms, and conditions that the Commission determines to be just, reasonable and nondiscriminatory and otherwise in conformity with Section 212 of the Act.

A copy of the filing was served upon Edison.

Comment date: April 4, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraph:

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. 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 proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Project No. 11286]

City of Abbeville; Notice of Intent to Conduct a Site Visit

March 7, 1996.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has received an application for an original license for the Abbeville Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 11286) operated by the City of Abbeville (Abbeville) on the Rocky River in Abbeville and Anderson Counties, South Carolina.

Upon review of the application, supplemental filings, and intervenor submittals, the Commission staff has concluded that staff will prepare an

Environmental Assessment (EA) that describes and evaluates the probable impacts of the applicant's proposals and alternatives for the project. The Commission issued a Scoping Document on February 14, 1996 for which comments are due on or before March 15, 1996.

A site visit to the project facilities is scheduled for April 3 and 4, 1996. The purpose of this visit is for interested persons to observe the existing area resources and site conditions, learn the locations of proposed new facilities, and discuss project operational procedures with representatives of Abbeville and the Commission.

Times and Directions

April 3, 1996

2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

April 4, 1996

9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Both visits will begin at Lake Secession Dam. The dam is located on Rocky River Road. From I-85 take Route 28 south exit to Anderson and continue south to Antreville. From Antreville (from the north) or Abbeville (from the south), follow Route 28 to Sailor's Store. At Sailor's Store (closed), take State Road 72. Go west on SR72 and cross over Lake Russell (one can see the dam from the bridge over Lake Russell). Continue up a hill and take the first right onto Rocky River Road and proceed to the dam.

On April 4, we have planned a boat trip on Lake Secession. In order to ensure that the boat can accommodate everyone who attends the site visit, people will need to call in advance and confirm their attendance on the second day. We may not be able to accommodate people who do not call at least 4 days in advance.

For further information, please contact John McEachern at (202) 219-3056.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket Nos. CP96-212-000, et al.]

Colorado Interstate Gas Company, et al., Natural Gas Certificate Filings

March 6, 1996.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

1. Colorado Interstate Gas Company

[Docket No. CP96-212-000]

Take notice that on February 26, 1996, Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG), Post Office Box 1087, Colorado Springs,

Colorado 80944, filed in Docket No. CP96-212-000 a request pursuant to Section 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.212) for authorization to operate in interstate commerce certain facilities previously constructed or operated to effectuate transportation services pursuant to Section 311 of the Natural Gas Policy Act (NGPA), and to construct and operate a new delivery facility. CIG makes such request, under its blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-21-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, CIG indicates that it has constructed the following facilities for the purpose of Section 311 transportation:

Cattle Guard Delivery Facility in

Sherman County, Texas

Gooseberry Creek Delivery Facility in

Washakie County, Wyoming

Dudley Bluffs Delivery Facility in Rio

Blanco County, Colorado

Wilburton Delivery Facility in Morton

County, Kansas

CIG seeks certificate authorization to construct and operate the Town of Burlington, Wyoming Delivery Facility which is proposed to be installed in Big Horn County, Wyoming.

By its request, CIG seeks authority to operate these facilities pursuant to the blanket certificate provision of Section 7(c) of the NGA so that any transportation shipper, without regard to Section 311 of the NGPA, may receive service when capacity on these facilities is available.

CIG indicates that the operational constraints under Section 311, have made it difficult for CIG to compete and be market responsive, because Section 311 does not provide the operational flexibility provided under Section 7.

CIG states that it believes that it would experience no significant impact on its peak day or annual requirements resulting from the operation of the subject facilities in interstate commerce, and that operation other than strictly for Section 311 purposes can be performed without detriment or disadvantage to CIG's other existing customers.

Comment date: April 22, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

2. Columbia Gas Transmission Corp.

[Docket No. CP96-213-000]

Take notice that Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), a Delaware corporation, having its

principal place of business at 1700 MacCorkle Avenue, S.E., Charleston, West Virginia 25314-1599, filed on February 28, 1996, an abbreviated application pursuant to Sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, as amended, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing: (i) an increase in the performance capabilities of certain existing storage fields; (ii) the construction and operation, upgrading, and replacement of certain natural gas facilities; (iii) the abandonment of certain natural gas facilities and certain base storage gas; and (iv) such other authorizations and/or waivers as may be deemed necessary to implement Columbia's Market Expansion Project (Project), all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Columbia proposes to make certain improvements at a total estimated cost of approximately \$350 million (in current year dollars) to expand the capacity of its pipeline and storage systems in order to serve customers' requests for new or increased firm services. Columbia requests that it be granted rolled-in rate treatment for the Project's costs.

In total, Columbia will provide 506,795 dekatherms per day (dth/d) of additional daily firm entitlements, comprised of 417,931 dth/d of Firm Storage Service (FSS) and Storage Service Transportation (SST); 88,864 dth/d of Firm Transportation Service (FTS); and 24,197,764 dth of additional FSS Storage Contract Quantity (SCQ), to be phased in over a three-year period beginning in 1997.

Columbia proposes construction in its storage and transmission systems. The proposed storage system work includes increasing the performance capabilities of 14 existing storage fields by constructing and operating certain new facilities and replacing certain facilities in order to increase seasonal turnover of approximately 18,500 MMcf and additional maximum deliverability of approximately 370 MMcf/d. This work also includes increasing the maximum capacity of Columbia's Crawford Storage Field by approximately 10,200 MMcf. Columbia also proposes to confirm the storage boundaries for certain of its storage fields. Columbia's proposed transmission work includes construction of approximately 88 miles of new pipeline, replacement of approximately 8.5 miles of existing pipeline and increasing the maximum Allowable Operating Pressure of approximately 282 miles of pipeline.

Further, Columbia proposes to construct, relocate (abandon and re-

install) and uprate approximately 35,750 total horsepower at 14 existing transmission compressor stations; approximately 18,500 total horsepower at two new transmission compressor stations; and increase certificated horsepower levels of nine existing units at six transmission stations by a total of 5,579 horsepower. In addition, Columbia proposes to modify, upgrade, or construct 14 measuring and appurtenant facilities which relate to increases in Maximum Daily Delivery Obligations and new points of delivery associated with Columbia's firm service increases.

The Commission's Staff will defer processing Columbia's proposal pending the submission of complete environmental information which is necessary to evaluate its application.

Comment date: March 27, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

3. Transwestern Pipeline Company

[Docket No. CP96-214-000]

Take notice that, on February 27, 1996, Transwestern Pipeline Company (Transwestern), 1400 Smith Street, Houston, Texas 77002, filed an abbreviated application in Docket No. CP96-214-000, pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations, for authorization to abandon, by sale to West Texas Gas, Inc. (WTG), 59 farm tap facilities located in Texas and New Mexico, along with the related service Transwestern renders through those facilities, all as more fully set forth in the application, which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Transwestern states that the farm tap facilities it seeks to abandon, by sale to WTG, are currently jurisdictional. The subject facilities are located downstream of Transwestern's first above-ground valve, and consist of the pipe, measuring instruments, regulating equipment, relief devices, valves, fittings, fence and other equipment appurtenant to each farm tap. Transwestern states that it will retain the facilities upstream of each first above-ground valve, including the valve and associated riser.

Transwestern further states that: (1) WTG already provides service to customers at 24 of the subject farm taps under an interruptible transportation agreement with Transwestern; (2) another 20 of the subject farm tap facilities are being served under agreement with Transwestern (under Transwestern's Rate Schedule FTS-2); and (3) Transwestern's records list the

remaining 15 farm tap facilities as "inactive" or "no flows."

According to Transwestern, after it abandons and WTG acquires the subject facilities, WTG will operate them as part of its local distribution activities, subject to the jurisdiction of the applicable state regulatory authority. Transwestern asserts that the public convenience and necessity requires the approval of the proposed abandonment, by sale to WTG, because: (1) Transwestern no longer has a merchant function; (2) entities such as WTG have assumed the merchant role and now engage in the sale and distribution of gas to former Transwestern customers; (3) the subject facilities will remain in place after the proposed change in ownership and will continue to be operated by WTG, since WTG has no plans to abandon service through these facilities; and (4) the proposed change in ownership will enable Transwestern to operate its own system more efficiently and effectively.

Comment date: March 27, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

4. Northern Natural Gas Company

[Docket No. CP96-215-000]

Take notice that on February 28, 1996, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) filed an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act and Sections 157.7 and 157.18 of the Commission's Regulations, for approval to abandon, by sale to West Texas Gas, Inc. (WGT), certain pipeline facilities with appurtenances, in Irion and Reagan Counties, Texas, and services rendered thereby. Northern also requests permission and approval to abandon, by sale to WGT, certain small volume measuring stations, with appurtenances, located in various counties in Texas, all as more fully set forth in this request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Comment date: March 27, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

5. CNG Transmission Corporation

[Docket No. CP96-222-000]

Take notice that on February 29, 1996, CNG Transmission Corporation (CNGT), 445 West Main Street, Clarksburg, West Virginia 26301, filed in Docket No. CP96-222-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to increase the horsepower at CNGT's Finnefrock Compressor Station (Unit #4) in Clinton County, Pennsylvania, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

CNGT requests authorization to increase the certificated operating horsepower of its Unit #4 at Finnefrock Compressor Station from 3,400 to 4,000 horsepower. CNGT states that it will not be necessary to modify any facilities as a result of the upgrade.

Comment date: March 27, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraphs

F. Any person desiring to be heard or make any protest with reference to said filing should on or before the comment date 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 385.211 and 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.

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 filing 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 the applicant to appear or be represented at the hearing.

G. Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, 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 Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed

therefore, 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 Natural Gas Act.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5440-2]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3507 (a)(1)(D)), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of information collection and its expected cost and burden; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 12, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR COPY CALL: Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, and refer to EPA ICR No. 222.04.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Investigations into Possible Noncompliance of Motor Vehicles with Federal Emission Standards (OMB Control No. 2060-0086; EPA ICR No. 222.04). This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: This information collection includes three instruments that are used by the U.S. EPA to identify motor vehicles and engines for possible inclusion in its emissions control testing programs. The self-addressed postcard and owner telephone questionnaire are completed using information given by owners of vehicles or engines from a vehicle class under investigation. The maintenance verification form is administered to representatives of service facilities that performed maintenance on vehicles or engines whose owners have responded to the owner telephone questionnaire. This form is intended to be used to supply missing information when necessary.

Responses to this collection are voluntary. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The OMB control number for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR Part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15. The Federal Register Notice required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on 12/1/95 and no comments were received. (60 FR 61696).

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response. Burden means the total time, effort, of financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Private and commercial owners of motor vehicles and engines.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 15,050.

Frequency of Response: Once.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 2,575.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$59,530.

Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the following addresses. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 222.04 and OMB Control No. 2060-0086 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OPPE Regulatory Information Division (2137), 401 M Street SW., Washington, DC 20460 and

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.