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[Docket No. CP97-172-000]

Shell Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Application for a Blanket Certificate

January 7, 1997.

Take notice that on December 30, 1996, Shell Gas Pipeline Company (SGPC), 200 North Dairy Ashford, Houston, Texas 77079, filed in Docket No. CP97-172-000 for a Blanket Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity under Subpart F Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations for a blanket certificate of public convenience and necessity, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

SGPC requests a 157 blanket certificate to construct or acquire and operate certain natural gas facilities that are necessary to provide transportation under Section 284.213 of the commission's Regulations. SGPC also states that it was granted a blanket transportation certificate by order issued in Docket No. CP96-156-002, and had rates accepted by the Commission in the same Order. SGPC further states that it has no budget-type certificates and that it will comply with the terms, conditions and procedures specified in Subpart F of Part 157 of the Regulations.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said petition should on or before January 14, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 384.214 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.

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[Docket No. CP96-159-005]

Shell Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

January 8, 1997.

Take notice that on December 19, 1996, Shell Gas Pipeline Company (Shell), 200 North Dairy Ashford, Houston, Texas 77079, tendered for filing in Docket No. CP96-159-005 as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, the tariff sheets set forth in the Appendix¹ to the filing to become effective October 17, 1996.

Shell states that the purpose of its filing is to comply with the Commission order in Docket No. CP96-159-003 issued November 29, 1996. The Commission stated that in the event Shell adds new receipt and/or delivery points to its system, Shell must file tariff sheets to be consistent with Commission policy. Shell currently offers service to two delivery points: Venice Gas Plant and Texas Eastern Transmission Corp.; with service as approved to Columbia Gulf Transmission Company commencing in the near future. Although no service has been requested at any other delivery point than the Venice Gas Plant, Shell states that it anticipates such service will be made in the future. Specifically, Shell tenders for filing the revised tariff sheets which contain the revisions to Section 11.2 of the General Terms and Conditions and are listed in the Appendix to the filing, to be made effective October 17, 1996, concurrent with the effective date of the remainder of Shell's tariff sheets.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this 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 18 CFR 385.211 or 385.214 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions and protests must be on or before January 21, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission 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 must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available

¹ Shell's Appendix lists Substitute Original Sheet No. 81, Substitute Original Sheet No. 82, Substitute Original Sheet No. 83, and Original Sheet No. 83A.

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[Docket No. PR96-2-000]

Transok, Inc.; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

January 8, 1997.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference in the above-captioned proceeding will be held on Monday, January 13, 1997, at 10:00 a.m., by telephone. The telephone conference call will be placed in Conference Room No. 82-12, at the office of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C.

Participation will be limited to the parties and staff. Interested parties who wish to participate should inform Patricia Fludd at (202) 208-0020 or Kerry Noone at (202) 208-0285 by Friday, January 10, 1997, before 2:00 p.m., EST.

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[Docket No. CP94-751-005]

Transwestern Pipeline Company; Notice of Amendment to Application

January 7, 1997.

Take notice that on December 24, 1996, Transwestern Pipeline Company (Transwestern), Post Office Box 1188, Houston, Texas 77251-1188 filed an amendment (Amendment) to its original application in Docket No. CP94-751-000, as amended, which was filed pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for an order granting permission and approval to abandon certain facilities. Transwestern states that the Amendment requests that the Commission modify the abandonment authorization granted for certain of the facilities in Docket No. CP94-751-000 by the Commission's July 27, 1995 Order Approving Contested Settlement, 72 FERC ¶ 61,085, to allow such facilities to be transferred to non-jurisdictional third parties, all as more fully set forth in the amendment which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Transwestern states that its original application in Docket No. CP94-751-000, requested authorization to abandon certain compressors, treater plants, meters, dehydration units and

associated facilities. According to Transwestern, it amended its application to set forth certain corrections and to reflect the sale to third parties of certain of the facilities, the determination that certain of the facilities already had been abandoned, and the determination that gas was flowing through certain wellhead facilities.

Transwestern proposed to abandon the facilities in the original application through removal or abandonment in place because such facilities were no longer used to useful in its operations, or were uneconomical or otherwise unnecessary for continued operation of its pipeline. It is stated that the order authorized abandonment of such facilities subject to Transwestern's compliance with certain environmental conditions set forth in Appendix D to the order.

Transwestern states that, currently, certain non-jurisdictional third parties seek to acquire some of those facilities for their operations. Accordingly, Transwestern requests that the Commission modify its order to provide that such facilities for which abandonment was granted may be transferred to third parties, and, in such case, Transwestern is not required to comply with the environmental conditions of Appendix D, which would apply if Transwestern abandoned in place or removed such facilities. Transwestern contends that such third parties are the same entities identified in the order as acquiring related facilities for which abandonment authorization was granted in Docket No. CP95-70-000: Continental Natural Gas Inc. and GPM Gas Corporation.

According to Transwestern, it would be economically wasteful for Transwestern to undertake the burden and expense of disposing of such facilities only to have third parties undertake the burden and expense of replacing them. Transwestern contends that the purpose of Appendix D is to protect the environment. However, in the case of the facilities the third parties wish to acquire, Transwestern argues that it would be much more disruptive to the environment to comply with Appendix D and remove such facilities, only to have the third parties reinstall them, than to simply convey the facilities to the third parties in the first place.

Given that abandonment already has been authorized for such facilities, Transwestern states that no other change to the order is required or proposed, in order to allow the transfer of such facilities rather than removal or abandonment in place under Appendix

D. Transwestern states that it would receive no additional payment as the result of its transfer of such facilities and proposes that there would be no additional change in the accounting treatment for such facilities approved in the July 27, order.¹ Further, it is stated that such facilities would be subject to the default gathering contract applicable to the other related facilities transferred to third parties for which abandonment was authorized in Docket No. CP95-70-000.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said amendment should on or before January 28, 1997, 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 filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are 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

¹ Transwestern states that, inasmuch as the accounting treatment for the abandoned assets is an integral part of the Settlement rates and revenues as approved in Docket No. RP95-271-000 and to the extent deemed necessary by the Commission, Transwestern requests waiver of the Commission's regulations in order to obtain the authorization requested herein with no change in the accounting treatment approved in the order.

unnecessary for Transwestern to appear or be represented at the hearing.

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Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP97-173-000]

Trunkline Gas Company; Notice of Application

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Take notice that on December 30, 1996, Trunkline Gas Company (Trunkline), P.O. Box 1642, Houston, Texas 77251-1642, filed in Docket No. CP97-173-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for permission and approval to abandon by transfer to PanEnergy Field Services, Inc. (Field Services), a wholly-owned subsidiary of PanEnergy Corp, under a transfer agreement dated December 20, 1996, certain pipeline and measuring facilities with appurtenances, located in Hidalgo, Brooks and Jim Wells Counties, Texas, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

By this application, Trunkline is seeking abandonment of approximately 105 miles of various diameter pipeline (ranging from 4 inches to 20 inches), measurement facilities and appurtenances, referred to as the South Texas Facilities, located in Hidalgo, Brooks, and Jim Wells Counties, Texas. The South Texas Facilities are located upstream of Field Services' LaGloria Processing Plant in Jim Wells County, Texas, situated approximately 80 miles south of Trunkline's Beeville Compressor Station in Bee County, Texas.

Trunkline states that the utilization of its facilities is changing as a result of Order No. 636 and the required unbundling of its transportation and gathering rates together with its customers' elections to cease purchasing natural gas from Trunkline. Trunkline states that it is proposing to transfer the facilities to Field Services for operation on an open access, non-jurisdictional basis. Trunkline states that Field Services will assume all future investment, operational and economic responsibilities for these facilities.

Trunkline states that coincident with this application for abandonment authority, Field Services is filing a Petition for Declaratory Order¹ seeking an affirmative declaration that the

¹ Field Services has filed a related petition for declaratory order in Docket No. CP97-174-000.