

converting their transportation service to PGT's Rate Schedule FTS-1 pursuant to the provisions of PGT's FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1-A. PGT further states that cancellation of Rate Schedule T-3 leaves no remaining rate schedules or shippers to which Second Revised Volume No. 1 applies. Accordingly, PGT is issuing notice of cancellation of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1.

PGT further states it has served a copy of this filing upon all interested state regulatory agencies and PGT's jurisdictional customers.

Any persons desiring to be heard or 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 Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All such motions or 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 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 in the Public Reference Room.

Davis P. Boergers,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-97-000]

Sea Robin Pipeline Company; Notice of Flowthrough Crediting Report

January 5, 1998.

Take notice that on December 23, 1997, Sea Robin Pipeline Company (Sea Robin) tendered for filing a report setting forth amounts due shippers through its Annual Flowthrough Crediting Mechanism. This report is filed pursuant to Section 27 of the General Terms and Conditions of Sea Robin's FERC Gas Tariff which requires the crediting of certain amounts received as a result of resolving monthly imbalances between its gas and liquefiables shippers and under its operational balancing agreements, and imposing scheduling penalties during the 12 month period ending October 31, 1997.

Copies of Sea Robin's filing will be served upon all of Sea Robin's shippers, interested commissions and interested parties.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a petition to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's rules and regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed as provided by Section 154.210 of the Commission's rules and 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 proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a petition to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-58-001]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Tariff Filing

January 5, 1998.

Take notice that on December 23, 1997 Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) tendered for filing certain revised tariff sheets to its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1 which tariff sheets are enumerated in Appendix A attached to the filing. The referenced tariff sheets are proposed to be effective December 21, 1997.

On November 21, 1997 Transco submitted a filing in Docket No. RP98-58-000 primarily for the purpose of cleaning up various spelling, punctuation, wording and reference errors. The tariff sheets were proposed to be effective December 21, 1997. On December 17, 1997, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) issued an order accepting such tariff sheets (December 17 Order). However, the Commission directed Transco, within 10 days of the order, to refile Second Revised Sheet Nos. 184 and 185 to change the designation of the superseded tariff sheets to be First Revised Sheet Nos. 184 and 185. Additionally, the Commission directed Transco to refile First Revised Sheet No.

215 to supersede Substitute Original Sheet No. 215. Accordingly, in compliance with the Commission's December 17 Order, Transco hereby tenders the sheets enumerated in Appendix A with the revised pagination.

Transco is serving a copy of the filing to parties to Docket No. RP98-58-000 and interested State Commissions. In accordance with the provisions of Section 154.16 of the Commission's Regulations, copies of this filing are available for public inspection, during regular business hours, in a convenient form and place at Transco's main office at 2800 Post Oak Boulevard in Houston, Texas.

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, Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or 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 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 in the Public Reference Room.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

East Tennessee Natural Gas Company; Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Virginia Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

January 5, 1998.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the facilities proposed in the Virginia Expansion Project.¹ This EA will be

¹ East Tennessee Natural Gas Company's application was filed with the Commission under
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used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

Summary of the Proposed Project

East Tennessee Natural Gas Company (East Tennessee) proposes to expand the capacity of its facilities in Tennessee and Virginia to transport an additional 10,300 dekatherms (Dth) per day of natural gas to Roanoke Gas Company. Specifically, East Tennessee seeks authority to:

- Construct about 9.95 miles of 12-inch-diameter pipeline in Washington, Smyth and Wythe Counties, Virginia;
- Hydrostatically test piping at three compressor stations in Robertson, Trousdale, and Putnam Counties, Tennessee, 10.88 miles of 22-inch-diameter pipeline in Smith and Overton Counties, Tennessee, and 20.95 miles of 8-inch diameter pipeline in Washington County, Virginia; and
- Construct 20 feet of 22-inch-diameter pipeline at six manifold locations for tie-ins in Smith and Overton Counties, Tennessee, and Washington County, Virginia.

The general location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.² If you are interested in obtaining detailed maps of a specific portion of the project, or procedural information, please write to the Secretary of the Commission.

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would require about 153.3 acres of land. Following construction, about 60.3 acres would be maintained as new permanent right-of-way. The remaining 93.0 acres of land would be restored and allowed to revert to its former use.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impact that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. We call this "scoping." The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission requests public

comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituent of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- geology and soils
- water resources, fisheries, and wetlands
- endangered and threatened species
- vegetation and wildlife
- land use
- cultural resources
- air quality and noise
- public safety

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commissions' official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified one issue that we think deserves attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by East Tennessee. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- Four residences are located within 50 feet of the proposed construction right-of-way

Public Participation

You can make a difference by sending a letter addressing your specific comments or concerns about the project. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative routes), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the

more useful they will be. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send two copies of your letter to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch, PR-11.1
- Reference Docket No. CP98-40-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before February 11, 1998.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding or become an "intervenor." Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide copies of its filings to all other parties. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 2).

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention.

You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Surrender of Exemption

January 5, 1998.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. *Type of Application:* Surrender of Exemption.
- b. *Project No.:* 8732-004.
- c. *Date Filed:* December 22, 1997.
- d. *Applicant:* City of Manassas, Virginia, Department of Public Works.

section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

²The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.