

Applicant Prepared EA Process and Blind Slough Project Schedule

Petersburg has submitted a proposed schedule for the APEA process that leads to the filing of a new license application by August, 2002. Study plans would be developed this summer, with National Environmental Policy Act scoping being conducted in the fall. Field-work would be conducted over two seasons, summer 2000 and 2001 (if needed), with a draft application and draft APEA to be issued for comment in the fall of 2001.

Comments

Interested parties have 30 days from the date of this notice to file with the Commission, any comments on Petersburg's proposal to use the alternative procedures to file an application for the Blind Slough Hydroelectric Project.

Filing Requirements

The comments must be filed by providing an original and 8 copies as required by the Commission's regulations to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Secretary, Dockets—Room 1A, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

All comment filings must bear the heading "Comments on the Alternative Procedures," and include the project name and number (Blind Slough Hydroelectric Project No. 201).

For further information on this process, please contact Vince Yearick of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at 202-219-2938 or E-mail vince.yearick@ferc.fed.us.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-448-000]

Southern Natural Gas Company; Petition for Waiver

July 29, 1999.

Take notice that on July 26, 1999, Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern) tendered for filing a petition for an interim waiver of Section 14.1(c)(1) of the General Terms and Conditions of its Tariff in order to waive cashout premiums incurred during June 1999. Additionally, Southern requests that the Commission permit Southern to continue to waive cashout premiums, to

the extent necessary, through the earlier of (1) December 31, 1999 or (2) the last day of the month in which Southern provides notice that the software problems causing the cashout issues are no longer an issue.

Southern states that copies of the filing have been mailed to all of the shippers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed on or before August 5, 1999. 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. 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. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Docket No. CP99-592-000]

Southwest Gas Transmission Company, A Limited Partnership; Application

July 29, 1999.

Take notice that on July 22, 1999, Southwest Gas Transmission Company, A Limited Partnership (SGTC), P.O. Box 98510, Las Vegas, Nevada 89193-8510, filed, in Docket No. CP99-592-000, an application pursuant to Sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations for an order permitting and approving the abandonment of facilities and services and for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate facilities and to transport gas so as to enable SGTC to interconnect with Transwestern Pipeline Company (Transwestern), all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The application may

be viewed on the web at www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance).

Specifically, SGTC proposes to establish a new upstream pipeline interconnection with Transwestern in order to increase competitive options for upstream gas supplies and transportation in the Southern Nevada market.¹ In order to accomplish this, SGTC seeks to: (1) Construct and operate metering facilities to interconnect SGTC's system and Transwestern's, (2) construct and operate metering facilities at the existing interconnection between SGTC's system and the system of El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso), (3) abandon transportation service for El Paso and the existing Fort Mohave Meter Station (located at the downstream terminus of SGTC's system) that was used to measure volumes delivered by El Paso, (4) assign El Paso's transportation service rights on SGTC to Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest), (5) transport gas Southwest under Section 7(c), and (6) any necessary waivers of the Commission's regulations. In essence, these authorizations would change the shipper on SGTC's system from the upstream supplier (El Paso) to the downstream distributor (Southwest). According to SGTC, the reassignment of capacity rights from El Paso to Southwest would continue to permit transportation on SGTC's system for shippers with transportation rights on the upstream pipelines.

The estimated cost of the proposed facilities is \$1,376,000. The cost to abandon the existing meter facility is estimated to be \$23,000. SGTC states that it will receive a contribution from Transwestern in aid of construction of the proposed facilities and will finance the remainder of the costs through financing programs and internally generated funds.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Edward C. McMurtrie at (702) 876-7109, Southwest Gas Corporation, P.O. Box 98510, Las Vegas, Nevada 89193-8510.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before August 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 385.211 and 385.214) and the regulations under the

¹ SGTC's entire system is located in Mohave County, Arizona.

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 in any proceeding herein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's rules.

A person obtaining intervenor status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents issued by the Commission, filed by the applicant, or filed by all other intervenors. An intervenor can file for rehearing of any Commission order and can petition for court review of any such order. However, an intervenor must serve copies of comments or any other filing it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as filing an original and 14 copies with the Commission.

A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have comments considered. A person, instead, may submit two copies of such comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Comments 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 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 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 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 SGTC to appear or to be represented at the hearing.

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Acting Secretary.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER99-3712-000]

Southwestern Electric Power Company; Notice of Filing

July 29, 1999.

Take notice that on July 23, 1999, Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO), tendered for filing an Interconnection Agreement between SWEPCO and Tenaska Gateway Partners, Ltd. (Tenaska).

SWEPCO requests an effective date for the Interconnection Agreement of July 24, 1999. Accordingly, SWEPCO requests waiver of the Commission's notice requirements. SWEPCO also requests expedited consideration of the filing, including a shortened notice and comment period.

SWEPCO states that a copy of the filing was served on Tenaska and the Public Utilities Commission of Texas.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before August 6, 1999. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. 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. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. TM99-8-29-000]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

July 29, 1999.

Take notice that on July 27, 1999 Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, Twenty-Second Revised Sheet No. 50, to be effective July 1, 1999.

Transco states that the purpose of the instant filing is to track rate changes attributable to transportation service purchased from Texas Gas Transmission Corporation (Texas Gas) under its Rate Schedule FT the costs of which are included in the rates and charges payable under Transco's Rate Schedule FT-NT. The filing is being made pursuant to tracking provisions under Section 4 of Transco's Rate Schedule FT-NT.

Transco states that included in Appendix B attached to the filing are the explanations of the rate changes and details regarding the computation of the revised Rate Schedule FT-NT rates.

Transco states that copies of the filing are being mailed to each of its FT-NT customers and interested State Commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 285.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commissions' 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. 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. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

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