

Wednesday, May 22, 1996, at 10:00 a.m., in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC, 20426. Any party, as defined in 18 CFR 385.102(c), any person seeking intervenor status pursuant to 18 CFR 385.214, and any participant, as defined in 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to participate.

For additional information, please contact Carolyn Van Der Jagt, 202-208-2246, or Tom Gooding, 202-208-1123, at the Commission.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Docket Nos. RP91-26-014 and RP91-162-005]

El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Technical Conference

May 8, 1996.

In the Commission's order issued on April 1, 1996, in the above-captioned proceeding,¹ the Commission held that the filing raises issues for which a technical conference is to be convened.

The conference to address the issues has been scheduled for Thursday, May 30, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

All interested persons and Staff are permitted to attend.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96-488-000]

El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

May 8, 1996.

Take notice that on May 3, 1996, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso), P.O. Box 1492, El Paso, Texas, 79978, filed in Docket No. CP96-488-000 a request pursuant to Section 157.205, and 157.216(b) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, and 157.216) for approval to abandon certain miscellaneous tap and meter facilities and the service rendered by means thereof, under the blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-435-000, 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.

El Paso states that the certificate authorizations for the construction and operation of the miscellaneous tap and meter facilities for which El Paso now seeks abandonment authorization were issued in Docket Nos. G-2363, CP69-23, CP70-78, CP74-119, and CP84-243, or installation and service was permitted under Section 2.55(c) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. El Paso indicates that these facilities were required to facilitate, generally, the delivery and/or measurement and sale of natural gas from its interstate transmission pipeline system to certain customers for resale.

The request for authorization further states that with respect to these miscellaneous tap and meter facilities, El Paso periodically reviews, inter alia, the operating status of such facilities located on its interstate pipeline system. El Paso indicates that such review has shown that there are twelve miscellaneous tap and meter facilities located in various counties in Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas that are eligible for abandonment for which El Paso now seeks abandonment.

El Paso asserts that it proposes to abandon such facilities and to thereafter remove and place in stock the salvable materials and scrap the nonsalvageable items, without material change in its average cost-of-service. It is further asserted that the proposed abandonments will not result in or cause any interruption, reduction, or termination of natural gas service presently rendered El Paso to any of its customers.

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 157.295), 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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[Docket No. CP96-486-000]

El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

May 8, 1996.

Take notice that on May 3, 1996, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso), Post Office Box 1492, El Paso, Texas 79978, filed a request with the Commission in Docket No. CP96-486-000, pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to operate two existing tap and valve assemblies located in Reeves County, Texas as jurisdictional delivery points for the delivery of natural gas, authorized in blanket certificates issued in Docket Nos. CP82-435-000 and CP88-433-000, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to the public inspection.

El Paso proposes to utilize two existing tap and valve assemblies which El Paso states that it installed in connection with the construction and installation of their Lockridge and Hamon-Toro Line Field Compressor Stations to facilitate the delivery of its own pipeline quality gas supply for fuel to these compressors. The compressor stations are now owned by a different entity but still require pipeline quality gas for fuel. Therefore, El Paso now seeks authorization to utilize the two existing tap and valve assemblies as jurisdictional delivery points to provide El Paso Field Service Company (Field Services) natural gas deliveries, at Field Services' request. Field Services intends to supply El Paso Gas Marketing Company (Gas Marketing) with gas for fuel at the Lockridge and Hamon-Toro Line Field Compressor Stations. In turn, Gas Marketing has requested El Paso to provide interruptible transportation to the two existing tap and valve assemblies on El Paso's mainline transmission system in Reeves County, Texas.

El Paso states that the operation of the proposed delivery points at the Lockridge and Hamon-Toro Line Field Compressor Stations is not prohibited by El Paso's existing Volume No. 1-A Tariff and that the volumes proposed to be delivered through the two existing tap and valve assemblies would be delivered pursuant to an effective transportation arrangement between El Paso and Gas Marketing. El Paso further states that it has sufficient capacity to accomplish the deliveries specified under the Transportation Service Agreement without detriment or

¹ 75 FERC ¶ 61,007 (1996).

disadvantage to El Paso's other customers.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after the Commission has issued this notice, 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 NGA (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the allowed time, 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 NGA.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP96-147-000]

Equitrans, L.P.; Notice of Technical Conference

May 8, 1996.

In the Commission's order issued on March 22, 1996, in the above-captioned proceeding,¹ the Commission held that the filing raises issues for which a technical conference is to be convened.

The conference to address the issues has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

All interested persons and Staff are permitted to attend.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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[Project No. 11574-000 CT]

City of Norwich, Department of Public Utilities; Notice Not Ready for Environmental Analysis, Notice Requesting Interventions and Protests, Notice Inviting Competing Applications, and Notice of Scoping Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969

May 8, 1996.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has issued a letter accepting the City of Norwich,

Department of Public Utilities, application for the Occum Hydroelectric Project, located on the Shetucket River, near the City of Norwich, New London County, Connecticut.

The existing Occum Project's facilities consist of a 90-acre impoundment; a dam consisting of two adjacent spillway sections, earth embankments, and an intake structure; a 225-foot-long by 160-foot-wide forebay area; a 40-foot-long by 32-foot-wide powerhouse, housing one turbine with a total capacity of 800 kW; and appurtenant facilities. The project would have an average annual generation of about 3,750 megawatt-hours.

The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time. A public notice will be issued in the future indicating its readiness for environmental analysis and soliciting comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, or prescriptions on the application, and the applicant's reply comments.

The purpose of this notice is to: (1) Invite interventions and protests; (2) advise all parties as to the proposed scope of the staff's environmental analysis, including cumulative effects, and to seek additional information pertinent to this analysis; (3) advise all parties of their opportunity for comment; and (4) to invite competing applications.

Competition

Any qualified applicant desiring to file a competing application must submit to the Commission, on or before the specified deadline date for this application, the competing development application or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submitting a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing development application no later than 120 days after the specified deadline date for the particular application. Applications for a preliminary permit will not be accepted in response to this notice.

A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit a development application. A notice of intent must be served on the applicant named in this public notice.

Interventions and Protests

All filings must: (1) Bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST," "MOTION TO INTERVENE," "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION," or "COMPETING APPLICATION;" (2) set forth in the

heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Any of these documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies required by the Commission's regulations to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426.

An additional copy must be sent to: Director, Division of Project Review, Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above address. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.

All filings for any protest or motion to intervene, competing application, or notice of intent must be received 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

Scoping Process

The Commission's scoping objectives are to:

- Identify significant environmental issues;
- Determine the depth of analysis appropriate to each issue;
- Identify the resource issues not requiring detailed analysis; and
- Identify reasonable project alternatives.

The purpose of the scoping process is to identify significant issues related to the proposed action and to determine what issues should be covered in the environmental document pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The document entitled "Scoping Document I" (SDI) will be circulated to enable appropriate federal, state, and local resource agencies, developers, Indian tribes, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and other interested parties to effectively participate in and contribute to the scoping process. SDI provides a brief description of the proposed action, project alternatives, the geographic and temporal scope of a cumulative effects analysis, and a list of preliminary issues identified by staff.

The Commission will decide, based on the application, and agency and public comments to scoping, whether licensing the Occum Hydroelectric Project constitutes a major federal action significantly impacting the quality of the human environment. The

¹ 74 FERC ¶ 61,309.