

Interest Rates for Direct Subsidized, Direct Unsubsidized, Direct Subsidized Consolidation, and Direct Unsubsidized Consolidation Loans

Loans first disbursed prior to July 1, 1995. Pursuant to section 455(b)(1) of the Act, the Assistant Secretary has determined the interest rate for the period July 1, 1996, through June 30, 1997, to be 8.25 percent.

Loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 1995. (a) During the in-school, grace, and deferment periods. Pursuant to section 455(b)(2) of the Act, the Assistant Secretary has determined the interest rate for the period July 1, 1996, through June 30, 1997, to be 7.66 percent.

(b) During all other periods. Pursuant to section 455(b)(1) of the Act, the Assistant Secretary has determined the interest rate for the period July 1, 1996, through June 30, 1997, to be 8.25 percent.

Interest Rates for Direct PLUS and Direct PLUS Consolidation Loans

Pursuant to section 455(b)(4) of the Act, the Assistant Secretary has determined the interest rate for the period July 1, 1996, through June 30, 1997, to be 8.72 percent. (20 U.S.C. 1087e).

Dated: July 1, 1996.

David A. Longanecker,
Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary
Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP96-579-000]

Colorado Interstate Gas Company; Notice of Application

July 1, 1996.

Take notice that on June 18, 1996, Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG), P.O. Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80944, filed a request, pursuant to §§ 157.205, 157.212, and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations, for authorization: (1) to abandon its existing Amoco Delivery Line to Amoco's Wattenberg Plant and (2) to construct new pipeline delivery facilities in Adams County, Colorado, all under CIG's blanket certificate, issued in Docket No. CP83-21-000.

Take notice also that, by letter dated June 28, 1996, CIG requested that its June 18, 1996, request be converted into a combined application: (1) for

authorization to abandon its Amoco Delivery Line, pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act; and (2) for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct the aforementioned pipeline delivery facilities, pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations, all as more fully set forth in the application, which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

The Commission issued a certificate to CIG in an order issued December 8, 1992, in Docket No. CP92-470-000, authorizing it to: (1) Construct the existing Amoco Delivery Line, which consists of approximately 0.8 miles of 16-inch diameter pipeline and connects CIG's 16-inch diameter 52-A line to Amoco's Wattenberg Plant; (2) construct CIG's Enterprise Lateral, which consists of approximately 21.5 miles of 16-inch diameter pipeline and connects to CIG's 52-A line; and (3) convert that segment of the 52-A line which lies between the Enterprise Lateral and Amoco Delivery Line connections (approximately 23.9 miles of the 52-A line) into a supply lateral.

The affected segment of 52-A had previously been used to transport gas in and out of CIG's Fort Morgan facility and Young Gas Storage Co., Ltd.'s Young Storage Field. In the December 8, 1992 order, the Commission held that lines 52-A and 52-B are facilities required to test, develop or utilize an underground storage field, and that (as such) the 52-A and/or 52-B may not be modified under the automatic authorization provisions of § 157.208 of the regulations. The Commission also stated that 52-A and 52-B are not eligible facilities under § 157.202(b)(2)(ii)(D) of the regulations, and that "CIG may not perform miscellaneous re-arrangement of either line absent case-specific certificate authorization."

CIG now proposes to abandon its 16-inch diameter Amoco Delivery Line and construct approximately 23.9 miles of 10-inch diameter pipeline that would parallel its 52-A and 52-B lines. CIG also proposes to construct a new 0.8 mile, 10-inch diameter delivery line to the Wattenberg Plant to replace the 16-inch Amoco Delivery Line. CIG plans to lay the new 10-inch delivery line in the right-of-way currently occupied by the 16-inch Amoco Delivery Line. CIG also proposes to convert the aforementioned segment of its 52-A line back to its original function. CIG estimates that the proposed facilities will cost \$2.9 million.

Any person desiring to be heard, or to make any protest with reference to said

application should, on or before July 22, 1996, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or 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 the 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, or if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that permission and approval for the proposed abandonment and/or a grant of the certificate 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 unnecessary for CIG to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96-596-000]

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

July 1, 1996.

Take notice that on June 25, 1996, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso), P.O. Box 1492, El Paso, Texas 79978, filed in Docket No. CP96-596-000 a request pursuant to §§ 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212) for authorization to construct and operate a delivery point in Maricopa County, Arizona to permit the transportation and

delivery of natural gas to Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest), under El Paso's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-435-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

El Paso states that Southwest seeks to deliver natural gas to its customers from a point of El Paso's 12¾" O.D. Santan Line in Maricopa County, Arizona. The proposed location is approximately at milepost 9.2 on El Paso's 12¾" O.D. Santan Line in the NE¼ of Section 20, Township 1 South, Range 6 East, in Maricopa County, Arizona. El Paso has been advised that Southwest will use the gas to serve the residential, commercial, and industrial requirements of its customers in the Gilbert, Arizona area. El Paso requests authorization to construct and operate the proposed delivery point (known as the Gilbert City Gate Meter Station) on its 12¾" O.D. Santan Line in Maricopa County, Arizona. The estimated cost is \$92,100 and Southwest has agreed to reimburse El Paso pursuant to their letter agreement.

El Paso states that the proposed delivery point is not prohibited by its existing tariff and that it has sufficient capacity to accomplish deliveries without detriment or disadvantage to other customers. The proposed delivery point will not have an effect on El Paso's peak day and annual deliveries and the total volumes delivered will not exceed total volumes authorized prior to this request.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after 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 or notice of intervention and pursuant to § 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 therefor, 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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[Docket No. CP96-603-000]

**Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company;
Notice of Application to Abandon
Facilities by Sale**

July 1, 1996.

Take notice that on June 26, 1996, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee), 1010 Milam Street, Houston, Texas 77252, filed an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations for an order granting permission and approval to abandon by sale to Chevron U.S.A. Inc. (Chevron), Tennessee's Line 823X-100 and related facilities located Offshore Louisiana. The application is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Tennessee states that on July 18, 1975, the Commission issued Tennessee authorization¹ to, among other things, construct a 0.62 mile, 16-inch diameter pipeline lateral ("Line 823X-100") and Meter No. 0-0033, in East Cameron Block 281 "A" (EC 281 "A"), Offshore Louisiana. The facilities were authorized to permit Tennessee to connect reserves acquired by Tennessee and Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (Texas Eastern), which in turn connects with the interstate pipeline system of Texas Eastern. Tennessee and Texas Eastern were also authorized to effectuate a gas transmission and exchange agreement under which, among other things, Texas Eastern and Tennessee agreed to transport and exchange gas produced from various offshore locations, including EC 281 "A", to mutually agreeable points on their respective systems.

Tennessee states that the gas purchase and sales agreements under which the EC 281 "A" gas reserves were dedicated to Tennessee have terminated and that, currently, this line is utilized only to transport natural gas volumes produced in the EC 281 area for Chevron. Finally, Tennessee indicates that it no longer requires this facility as a means of obtaining gas reserves and that Chevron will continue to utilize Line 823X-100 to gather and transport gas produced by Chevron or any shippers or working interest owners seeking transportation services in the East Cameron area.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before July 22, 1996, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the

¹ See, 54 FPC 264 (1975).

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 in any proceeding herein 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 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 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 Tennessee to appear or to be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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**Williams Natural Gas Company; Notice
of Request Under Blanket
Authorization**

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Take notice that on June 21, 1996, Williams Natural Gas Company (WNG), P.O. Box 3288, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101, filed in Docket No. CP96-592-000 a request pursuant to §§ 157.205 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.216) for authorization to abandon by sale to United Cities Gas Company (UCG) approximately 2.0 miles of 6-inch lateral pipeline, measuring, regulating and appurtenant facilities located in Johnson County, Kansas, under WNG's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-479-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with