

Volume No. 1, Substitute Third Revised Sheet Nos. 52 and 68 and Substitute Original Sheet No. 52A, to be effective September 14, 1996.

Questar states that the proposed tariff sheets, which are being filed in compliance with the Commission's September 12, 1996, Order in the referenced docket, have been revised to be consistent with recent Commission precedent as addressed in that order.

Questar states further that a copy of this filing has been served upon its customers, the Public Service Commission of Utah and the Wyoming Public Service Commission.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such 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. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. GT96-100-000]

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

September 27, 1996.

Take notice that on September 24, 1996 Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1 and Original Volume No. 2, certain revised tariff sheets which are enumerated in Appendix A attached to the filing. The proposed effective date of such tariff sheets is November 15, 1996.

Transco states that the purpose of the instant filing is to terminate Section 7(c) firm transportation service under Rate Schedules X-322 and X-323 and to convert such services to service provided under Rate Schedule FT pursuant to Transco's blanket transportation certificate and Part 284 of the Commission's regulations effective November 15, 1996. In that regard, Transco and its APEC shippers have agreed that, as part of the conversion process, converting APEC shippers will

be entitled to elect annual firm transportation service in lieu of seasonal (November 15 through March 31) service. Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G) and South Jersey Gas Company (South Jersey) timely notified Transco of their election to convert their APEC service to annual firm transportation service.

Transco states that the rates applicable to the converted service are the generally applicable charges under Rate Schedule FT (including fuel), plus reservation and commodity rate surcharges as set forth on Original Sheet No. 40E to Transco's Third Revised Volume No. 1 Tariff. Original Sheet No. 40E sets forth the charges applicable to APEC firm transportation service which has been converted from individually certificated Section 7(c) firm transportation service to annual firm transportation service under Transco's blanket certificate and Part 284 of the Commission's regulations.

Transco states that copies of the filing are being mailed to PSE&G, South Jersey and interested State Commissions.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in § 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. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96-812-000]

Wyoming Interstate Company, Ltd.; Notice of Application

September 27, 1996.

On September 24, 1996, Wyoming Interstate Company, Ltd. (Applicant), P.O. Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80944 filed an application under Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act to abandon a transportation service for Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) and for authorization under Section 7(c) to provide transportation service for Barret Resources Corporation, Questar Energy Trading Company and Western Gas Resources,

Inc., all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Applicant and Northern entered into a Service Agreement dated August 15, 1983 which provided for the transportation of 89,000 Mcf/d through Applicant's system for delivery to Trailblazer Pipeline Company at the easternmost point on Applicant's system. The Northern has entered into prearranged long term capacity releases with three shippers for the capacity which it holds on Applicant's system. The term of the releases is from November 1, 1996 until January 1, 2004, the day the Northern agreement with Applicant ends. The Shippers are: (i) Barrett Resources Corporation—20,000 Mcf/d, (ii) Questar Energy Trading Company—40,000 Mcf/d and (iii) Western Gas Resources, Inc.—29,000 Mcf/d.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to this application should on or before October 18, 1996, 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 proceedings. 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 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 a grant of the certificate 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 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 Applicant to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. RM95-8-000; RM94-7-001]

Notice of Extension of Time and Clarifying Service and Docketing Procedures

September 27, 1996.

In the matter of Promoting Wholesale Competition Through Open Access Non-discriminatory Transmission Services by Public Utilities and Recovery of Stranded Costs by Public Utilities and Transmitting Utilities.

This Notice extends the date by which public utilities that are members of tight power pools or are within loose power pools must take service under joint pool-wide open access transmission pro forma tariffs. It also extends the date by which public utilities that are members of holding companies must begin to take service under their system-wide tariffs.

Order No. 888

In Order No. 888,¹ the Commission required that public utilities that are members of tight power pools or are within loose power pools file joint pool-wide Final Rule pro forma tariffs no later than December 31, 1996 and begin to take service under those tariffs for all pool transactions no later than December 31, 1996. The Commission also required that they file reformed power pooling agreements no later than December 31, 1996.²

With respect to public utility holding companies (except the Central and South West (CSW) System), the Commission required public utilities that are members of holding companies to file a single system-wide Final Rule pro forma tariff permitting transmission service across the entire holding company system at a single price within 60 days of publication of the Final Rule in the Federal Register.³ As to CSW, the Commission directed the public utility subsidiaries of CSW to file no later than December 31, 1996, a system tariff that provides comparable service to all

wholesale users on the CSW System.⁴ Moreover, the Commission extended the date by which public utilities that are members of holding companies must take service under the system tariff for wholesale trades between and among the public utility operating companies within the holding company system to no later than December 31, 1996.

The Commission also noted that registered holding companies may need to reform their holding company equalization agreements to recognize the non-discriminatory terms and conditions of transmission service required under the Final Rule pro forma tariff.⁵ However, it did not set a date by which reformed equalization agreements should be filed.

Discussion

Under Order No. 888, the joint pool-wide section 206 compliance tariffs would become effective December 31, 1996, and the requirement to take service under those tariffs would be effective no later than December 31, 1996; however, proposed amendments to the related pooling agreements would need to be made pursuant to section 205 of the FPA and could not become effective until 60 days after filing (*i.e.*, 60 days after December 31, 1996 for those utilities that file on December 31, 1996). The Commission believes it is important to review in tandem the revised tariffs and proposed power pool amendments, and to have the opportunity to act on both prior to their effectiveness. Accordingly, in order to permit Commission review of both the joint pool-wide tariffs and the amended power pooling agreements required by Order No. 888 prior to the time the tariffs become effective, the Commission will extend the date by which public utilities that are members of tight power pools or are within loose power pools must begin to take service under new pool-wide tariffs. Joint pool-wide section 206 compliance tariffs must be filed no later than December 31, 1996, and pool members must begin to take service under the tariffs 60 days after the section 206 filing.⁶ Amendments to

power pool agreements also must be filed no later than December 31, 1996, and will take effect 60 days after filing unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.⁷

The Commission also will give members of public utility holding companies, including CSW, an extension of time to begin to take service under their system-wide tariff until no later than March 1, 1997, which is 60 days after December 31, 1996. This is consistent with our treatment of power pools.

By direction of the Commission.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Project No. 2146-074]

Alabama Power Company; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

September 27, 1996.

An environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review. The EA is for an application to lease 150 acres of project lands within the Coosa River Project boundary, to the Town of Leesburg, Alabama, for the purposes of constructing a recreational park. The EA finds that approval of the application would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The portion of the Coosa River Project affected by the issuance of this lease is located on the northeast shore of the Weiss Reservoir in Cherokee County, Alabama.

The EA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the EA can be viewed at the Commission's Reference and Information Center, Room 1C-1, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C., 20426. Copies can also be obtained by

Board and copies of the compliance filings must be provided on electronic diskette (via overnight delivery) to any eligible customer (as well as any state regulatory agency) that requests a copy. In order to receive such a copy, a request must be made prior to the date the compliance tariff is filed and must include an indication of the entity's agreement to pay the costs associated with such service. Moreover, we will require loose and tight power pools, as defined in Order No. 888, to serve copies of their compliance filings (via overnight wholesale service from the pool after the date of issuance of the Open Access NOPR and on the state agencies that regulate public utilities in the states of the power pools and customers.

⁷ Any amended pooling agreements, as well as any reformed equalization agreements, will be designated ER dockets, consistent with the Commission's current practice.

⁴ 61 FR at 21595 and 21694; Order No. 888, *mimeo* at 276 and 780-81.

⁵ 61 FR at 21595 and 21694; Order No. 888, *mimeo* at 276-77 and 780-81.

⁶ As a reminder to affected entities, the Commission will assign OA docket designations to the joint pool-wide section 206 compliance tariff filings and will provide notice of such filings with a period of 30 days for interested entities to respond. See Order Clarifying Order Nos. 888 and 889 Compliance Matters, 76 FERC ¶ 61,009 (1996) (Clarifying Order). In addition, as also explained in the Clarifying Order, electronic versions of the compliance tariff filings must be submitted for posting on the Commission's Electronic Bulletin

¹ Promoting Wholesale Competition Through Open Access Non-discriminatory Transmission Services by Public Utilities, and Recovery of Stranded Costs by Public Utilities and Transmitting Utilities, 61 FR 21540 (May 10, 1996); FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,036 (Order No. 888), *reh'g pending*.

² 61 FR at 21594 and 21694; Order No. 888, *mimeo* at 270-73 and 780-81.

³ 61 FR at 21594 and 21694; Order No. 888, *mimeo* at 274 and 780-81.