

electronic gas measurement to accommodate the above described changes.

The current capacity at that meter station is 1.5 MMcf per day, and Midwestern states that the proposed modifications are designed to increase the capacity to 30 MMcf per day, without having a significant impact on Midwestern's peak day or annual deliveries.

The overall cost of the project, including both the removal and the installation of facilities will be approximately \$197,900. It is stated that Western Kentucky will fully reimburse Midwestern for this project.

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 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 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 If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-332-000]

NorAm Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

April 10, 1998.

Take notice that on April 3, 1998, NorAm Gas Transmission Company (NGT), 1600 Smith Street, Houston, TX 77002, filed in Docket No. CP98-332-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.211) for authorization to construct and operate certain facilities in Oklahoma under NGT's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-384-000 and CP82-384-001 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.

NGT specifically proposes to convert an existing receipt point into a delivery point on NGT's Line 8 to deliver approximately 480 Dth/d and 8,500 Dth/yr of gas, transported pursuant to Section 284.223, to ARKLA. ARKLA will reimburse NGT for all construction costs, which are estimated to be \$500.

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 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 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. UL97-11-000]

PacifiCorp; Notice Rejecting Request for Rehearing

April 10, 1998.

On February 12, 1998, the Acting Director, Office of Hydropower Licensing, issued an order finding licensing not required for a storage reservoir located on Bear Lake, in Idaho. 82 FERC ¶62,100. On March 13, 1998, LOVE Bear Lake, Inc., filed a request for rehearing of this order with the Commission.

Under Section 313(a) of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 825(a), a request for rehearing may be filed only by a party to the proceeding. In order to become a party to any Commission proceeding, an interested person must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.214. LOVE Bear Lake, Inc., did not file a motion to intervene in this proceeding. Consequently, its request for rehearing must be rejected.

This notice constitutes final agency action. Requests for rehearing by the Commission of this rejection notice must be filed within 30 days of the date of issuance of this notice pursuant to 18 CFR 385.713.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP92-633-001]

Public Service Company of Colorado; Notice of Request for Clarification or Amendment to Blanket Certificate

April 10, 1998.

Take notice that on April 2, 1998, Public Service Company of Colorado (PSCo), 1225 17th Street, Denver, Colorado 80202, filed in Docket No. CP92-633-001, pursuant to Rules 212 and Section 284.224 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, a request for clarification of, or in the alternative, an application to amend the blanket certificate issued to PSCo in Docket No. CP92-633-000 by order issued October 8, 1992 (Order).¹ By its request for amendment, PSCo requests that the Commission either (1) clarify that PSCo's existing blanket certificate authorization permits PSCo to provide service using facilities located on any portion of its system in the state of Colorado, or (2) amend PSCo's existing blanket certificate authorization to permit PSCo to provide service on any portion of its system in the state of Colorado.

PSCo states that the Commission, by its Order, issued PSCo a Section 284.224 certificate in order to continue to provide service to the customers of Western Gas Supply Corporation (WestGas), a subsidiary of PSCo which held this type of certificate when a merger between PSCo and WestGas occurred. PSCo's blanket certificate application requested that the authorization pertain "to service through the former WestGas Hinshaw facilities and not PSCo's distribution facilities."

On December 23, 1997, PSCo filed an application with the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for authority to construct and operate the Front Range Pipeline in order to provide additional capacity on its system in Colorado. Responding to discovery

¹ 61 FERC ¶62,012 (1992).

requests in the CPUC proceeding, PSCo determined that, in providing transportation under the blanket certificate, two points on its system that were not part of the former WestGas facilities may have been used from time to time. On March 9, 1998, KN Wattenberg filed a complaint against PSCo and others which alleges, *inter alia*, that the 1992 Certificate is limited to the former WestGas Hinshaw facilities. However, PSCo believes the Commission authorized it to engage in Section 311-type transactions without limitation to any specific portions of its system.

Nevertheless, out of an abundance of caution, PSCo has restructured the current Section 311-type transactions involving the two points such that only former WestGas facilities are now used in providing the service. Since the demand by shippers for such service is expected to exceed PSCo's capacity to transport gas through only these facilities, PSCo urges the Commission to act promptly to remove the current uncertainty.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before May 1, 1998, 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 385.214 and 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 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 the application should be approved. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its 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 PSCo to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-336-000]

Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation; Notice of Application

April 10, 1998.

Take notice that on April 7, 1998, Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (Texas Eastern), 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, Texas 77056-5310, filed in the above docket, an abbreviated application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to increase the capacity of its Lebanon Lateral facility.¹ As before, Texas Eastern seeks authorization to construct, install, own, operate and maintain certain compression facilities at its existing Gas City Compressor Station located in Grant County, Indiana (Gas City) and at its existing Glen Karn meter station in Darke County, Ohio (Glen Karn), and certain other ancillary and appurtenant above-ground facilities. Such additional compression will increase Texas Eastern's capacity in the Lebanon Lateral by 302,290 Dth/d, up to a new total of 661,510 Dth/d (650 MMcf/d equivalent).

Specifically, Texas Eastern proposes to install 8,900 HP of compression at Gas City. Texas Eastern will install one reciprocating gas engine rated at 3,400 HP and one reciprocating gas engine rated at 5,500 HP. This additional compression will increase the total compression at Gas City from 3,400 HP to 12,300 HP. In addition, to accommodate the additional compressor units, Texas Eastern will expand the existing Gas City compressor buildings and install associated ancillary facilities and piping. All of the proposed facilities at Gas City will be located wholly within and on Texas Eastern's existing Gas City Compressor Station property.

Texas Eastern also proposes to install a new 8,170 HP gas turbine-driven centrifugal compressor at its existing

Glen Karn meter station site. Currently there are no compression facilities located at the Glen Karn station. To house this proposed compressor unit, Texas Eastern will construct compressor station buildings and associated ancillary facilities and piping. In addition, Texas Eastern proposes to upgrade its existing metering stations at Glen Karn and at Lebanon in Warren County, Ohio.

The estimated total capital cost of the proposed facilities is approximately \$31,291,000. Texas Eastern proposes to commence service utilizing the new facilities on or before November 1, 1998.

Texas Eastern also requests authorization to file a limited NGA Section 4 proceeding, after receipt of the authorizations requested and prior to the in-service date of the proposed facilities, to revise and restate the rates applicable to Texas Eastern's Part 284, open-access Rate Schedules LLFT and LLIT. Such revised and restated Rate Schedule LLFT rates result in a base Reservation Charge of \$3.466 per Dth and Usage-1 rate of \$0.0023, \$0.1163 on a 100% load factor basis. In addition, the revised and restated Rate Schedule LLIT base rate will be \$0.1163. These revised and restated rates represent a 23% reduction, on a 100% load factor basis, in the currently effective maximum Rate Schedules LLFT and LLIT rates.

Texas Eastern proposes to revise the existing fuel shrinkage percentages applicable to Rate Schedules LLFT and LLIT to recognize the fuel associated with the facilities. Texas Eastern has calculated the estimated fuel usage of the existing compression at Gas City and the proposed facilities based on historical utilization to arrive at an estimated annual fuel shrinkage percentage of 0.43%.

Texas Eastern has filed several Service Agreements with the application, each for a primary term of 10 years for a total of 110,805 Dth/d of winter service, and 66,500 Dth/d of 365-day service. Texas Eastern submits that these firm contractual commitments are in excess of 25% of the capacity that it proposes to construct, and to the extent Texas Eastern does not have firm contractual arrangements for the remaining firm capacity to be made available by the proposed facilities before construction of such facilities, Texas Eastern states that it will be "at-risk" for recovery of such costs.

Any person desiring to participate in the hearing process or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before May 1, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington,

¹ The instant docket is essentially the same project as filed in Docket No. CP97-626-000 and subsequently dismissed by the Commission, without prejudice to refile, for lack of an adequate showing of a substantial market (see Texas Eastern Transmission Corp., 82 FERC ¶61,238) (1998).