

following tariff sheets, to become effective November 2, 1998.

Fourth Revised Sheet No. 46  
Second Revised Sheet No. 46A  
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Sub Ninth Revised Sheet No. 73  
Sub Fourth Revised Sheet No. 73A  
Sub Third Revised Sheet No. 73B

U-TOS asserts that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission's July 15, 1998, letter order in the captioned proceeding regarding Order No. 587-G. Pipelines must comply with the adoption of Version 1.2 of the GISB standards (284.10(b)) and the standards regarding the posting of information on websites and retention of electronic information (284.10(c)(3)(ii) through (v)).

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 385.314 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 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. 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.

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-25-005]

#### West Texas Gas, Inc.; Notice of Compliance Filing

October 7, 1998.

Take notice that on October 2, 1998, West Texas Gas, Inc. (WTG) tendered for filing revised tariff sheets implementing a May 18, 1998 Settlement approved by the Commission's September 17, 1998 letter order in this proceeding. In accordance with the Settlement and the Commission's order, the revised tariff sheets are to be effective May 1, 1998.

*First Revised Volume No. 1*

First Revised Sheet No. 1  
Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 2  
Substitute Twenty-Sixth Revised Sheet No. 4  
Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 5  
First Revised Sheet No. 6  
Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 7  
First Revised Sheet No. 8  
First Revised Sheet No. 10  
First Revised Sheet No. 11  
First Revised Sheet No. 12  
Original Sheet No. 12A  
First Revised Sheet No. 14  
Second Revised Sheet No. 22  
Substitute Third Revised Sheet No. 23  
Original Sheet No. 23A  
Original Sheet No. 23B  
Substitute Third Revised Sheet No. 24  
Substitute Third Revised Sheet No. 25  
Substitute Third Revised Sheet No. 26  
First Revised Sheet No. 33

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 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 proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-761-000]

#### Viking Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed 1999 Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

October 7, 1998.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the facilities proposed in the Viking Gas Transmission Company's 1999 Expansion Project.<sup>1</sup> This EA will be

<sup>1</sup> Viking Gas Transmission Company's application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a Viking Gas Transmission Company (Viking) representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. Viking would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, Viking could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law. A fact sheet addressing a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain, is attached to this notice as appendix 2.<sup>2</sup>

#### Summary of the Proposed Project

Viking proposes to construct the 1999 Expansion Project to provide firm winter capacity to serve new loads at various delivery points and to increase system reliability and flexibility for existing Viking shippers. Viking seeks authority to construct and operate:

1. Five loops of 24-inch-diameter pipeline totaling 45.0 miles as follows:

- a. Hallock Loop—about 8.2 miles long, extending from milepost (MP) 2202 - 1+0.0<sup>3</sup> to MP 2202 - 1+8.2 in Kittson and Marshall Counties, Minnesota;
  - b. Angus Loop—about 8.3 miles long, extending from MP 2204 - 1+11.8 to MP 2204 - 1+20.1 in Polk County, Minnesota;
  - c. Ada Loop—about 10.1 miles long, extending from MP 2208 - 1+0.0 to MP 2208 - 1+10.1 in Clay County, Minnesota;
  - d. Frazee Loop—about 7.4 miles long, extending from MP 2210 - 1+0.0 to MP 2210 - 1+7.4 in Otter Tail County, Minnesota; and
  - e. Staples Loop—about 11.0 miles long,<sup>4</sup> extending from MP 2213 - 1+9.9 to MP 2213 - 1+21.0 in Morrison County, Minnesota;
2. Minor permanent aboveground ancillary facilities:

<sup>2</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

<sup>3</sup> Viking's mileposting resets to 0.0 at each mainline valve. Therefore, each pipeline section between Viking's mainline valves is mileposted independently. For example: MP 2202 - 1-8.2 denotes a physical location 8.2 miles downstream of mainline valve number 2201 - 1.

<sup>4</sup> The numerical discrepancy is due to rounding.

a. The installation of four mainline valves with crossover assemblies at MPs 2204 – 1+20.1, 2208 – 1+0.0, 2210 – 1+0.0, and 2213 – 1+21.0 in Polk, Clay, Otter Tail, and Morrison Counties, respectively, Minnesota;

b. The construction of four crossover valve assemblies at MPs 2202 – 1+8.2, 2208 – 1+10.1, 2210 – 1+7.4, and 2213 – 1+9.9 in Marshall, Clay, Otter Tail, and Morrison Counties, respectively, Minnesota;

c. The removal of one existing crossover valve site at MP 2204 – 1+11.8 in Polk County, Minnesota;

d. The installation of two pipeline drip assemblies at MP 2204 – 1+11.9 in Polk County and 2213 – 1+11.9 in Morrison County, Minnesota;

e. The construction of taps for emergency tie-overs at three existing meter stations at MPs 2208 – 1+4.6, 2213 – 1+14.9, and 2213 – 1+20.8 in Clay and Morrison Counties, Minnesota; and

f. The construction of the new Perham Meter station at MP 2210 – 1+0.0 in Otter Tail County, Minnesota.

The locations of the project facilities are shown in appendix 1.<sup>2</sup> If you are interested in obtaining procedural information, please write to the Secretary of the Commission.

#### Land Requirements for Construction

Viking proposes to use a right-of-way width of 90 feet for construction, with provisions for temporary extra work areas as necessary for waterbody, highway, and railroad crossings. The proposed loops would be installed about 20 feet west or southwest of Viking's existing pipeline. The construction right-of-way would extend 90 feet from the existing Viking pipeline which is centered in the existing 75-foot-wide right-of-way. Therefore, about 52.5 feet of the construction right-of-way would be temporary workspace. All of the proposed pipeline and aboveground facilities would be located within Viking's existing permanent right-of-way. The proposed City of Perham Meter Station would be constructed within the existing fence line of Viking's Frazee Compressor Station. No new permanent right-of-way will be required for the project.

Construction of the proposed facilities, including the use of temporary extra work areas, would disturb a total of about 513 acres of land. About 206 acres of these lands are existing permanent right-of-way. The remaining 307 acres of land disturbed for the project would be allowed to revert to their former use.

#### The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. We call this "scoping". The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

#### Currently Identified Environmental Issues

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under the general headings listed below. We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Viking. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- Soils.
  - Topsoil preservation
  - Erosion control and right-of-way restoration
  - Potential saline soil along Hallock Loop
- Water Resources.
  - Potential dewatering of saline water from trench
  - Project proximity to known wellhead protection area
  - Crossing perennial waterbodies and drainage ditches
- Vegetation and Wildlife
  - Effect of facility construction and operation on wildlife and fisheries habitat, including state-listed threatened animal and plant species and their habitats
  - Impact on forested wetlands
  - Effects on leased and owned Federal waterfowl production areas and state wildlife management areas
- Cultural Resources.
  - Effect on historic and prehistoric sites
  - Native American and tribal concerns
  - Land Use.

- Impact on crop production
- Crossing of Federal and state land
- Consistency with local land use plans
- Revegetation of specialized areas
- Crossing irrigation systems on the Frazee Loop
- Visual effect of aboveground facilities
  - Air Quality and Noise.
- Effect on local air quality and noise environment
  - Public Safety
- Assessment of hazards associated with natural gas pipelines
  - Cumulative Impact
- Assessment of the combined effect of the proposed project with other projects which have been or may be proposed in the same region and similar time frame

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the following public participation section.

#### Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentator, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative locations and routes), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send two copies of your letter to: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;

- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch, PR-11.1.

- Reference Docket No. CP98-761-000; and
- *Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before November 9, 1998.*

### Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor". Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 3). Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention. *You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered.*

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Mr. Paul McKee of the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-1088.

**David P. Boergers,**  
Secretary.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6176-3]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Continuing Collection; Comment Request; Used Oil Management Standards Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Used Oil Management Standards Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements, EPA ICR Number 1286, OMB Control Number 2050-0124, expires 3/31/1999. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before December 14, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Commenters must send an original and two copies of their comments referencing docket number F-98-UOIP-FFFFF to: RCRA Docket Information Center, Office of Solid Waste (5305G), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters (EPA, HQ), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. Hand deliveries of comments should be made to the Arlington, VA, address below. Comments may also be submitted electronically through the Internet to: rcra-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Comments in electronic format should also be identified by the docket number F-98-UOIP-FFFFF. All electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

Commenters should not submit any confidential business information (CBI) electronically. An original and two copies of CBI must be submitted under separate cover to: RCRA CBI Document Control Officer, Office of Solid Waste (5305W), U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460.

Public comments and supporting materials are available for viewing in the RCRA Information Center (RIC), located at Crystal Gateway I, First Floor, 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. The RIC is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays. To review docket materials, it is recommended that the public make an appointment by calling (703) 603-9230. The public may copy a maximum of 100 pages from any regulatory docket at no charge. Additional copies cost \$0.15/page. This document and the supporting document that details the Used Oil ICR are also available electronically. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for information on accessing them.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

### RCRA Hotline

For general information, contact the RCRA Hotline at (800) 424-9346 or TDD (800) 553-7672 (hearing impaired). In the Washington, DC, metropolitan area, call (703) 412-9810 or TDD (703) 412-3323.

### Used Oil ICR Details

For more detailed information on specific aspects of the used oil information collect requests, contact Tom Rinehart by mail at Office of Solid Waste (5304W), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, by phone at (703) 308-4309, or by Internet e-mail at rinehart.tom@epamail.epa.gov.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Internet Availability

Today's document and the supporting document that details the Used Oil ICR are available on the Internet. Follow these instructions to access this information electronically:

WWW URL: <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/usedoil/index.htm>

FTP: ftp.epa.gov

Login: anonymous

Password: your Internet e-mail address

Path: /pub/epaoswer

**Note:** The official record for this action will be kept in paper form and maintained at the address in the **ADDRESSES** section above.

### Used Oil ICR Renewal

**Affected entities:** Entities potentially affected by this action are those which handle or manage used oil including used oil transporters, transfer facilities, processors, re-refiners, and off-specification burners.

**Title:** Used Oil Management Standards Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements ICR (Used Oil ICR) prior to submitting it to OMB for renewal. The Used Oil Management Standards, which include information collection requests, were developed in accordance with section 3014 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA), which directs EPA to "promulgate regulations \* \* \* as may be necessary to protect public health and the environment from the hazards associated with recycled oil" and, at the same time, to not discourage used oil recycling. In 1985 and 1992, EPA