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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-25-006]

West Texas Gas, Inc.; Notice of Compliance Filing

October 13, 1998.

Take notice that by filings dated October 2, 1998 and October 8, 1998, West Texas Gas, Inc. (WTG) submitted 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2067-013]

Oakdale and South San Joaquin Irrigation Districts; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

October 13, 1998.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order 486, 52 F.R. 47897), the Commission's Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application for amendment to the approved Reservoir Management Plan (RMP) for the Tulloch Hydroelectric Project, No. 2067-013. The Tulloch Project is located on the Stanislaus River in Calaveras and Tuolumne Counties, California. An Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared, and the EA finds that approving the amendment applications would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the EA are available for review in the Commission's Reference and Information Center, Room 2A, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. For further information, please contact Ms. Jean Potvin, at (202) 219-0022.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 4063-004]

Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

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An environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review. The EA is for an application to amend the Clear

Lake Hydroelectric Project. The application is to amend the project exemption to reflect excavation of debris and bedrock from the tailrace area below the powerhouse, and the resulting increases in hydraulic head and power output. The EA finds that approval of the application would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The Clear Lake Project is located on Cache Creek in Lake County, California.

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 2-A, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Copies can also be obtained by calling the project manager, Pete Yarrington, at (202) 219-2939.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Announcement of Stakeholders Meeting on the New Regulatory Impact Analysis Framework for Implementing the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of stakeholders meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be holding a two day public meeting on November 12 and 13, 1998. The purpose of this meeting is to have a dialogue with stakeholders and the public at large on EPA's progress in developing a new regulatory impact analysis framework for proposed drinking water regulations. The Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996 require that whenever EPA proposes a national primary drinking water regulation, EPA must publish a cost-benefit analysis. EPA would like to have a dialogue with stakeholders and the public at large on the various components of this analysis, including treatment design, unit treatment costs and national costs, model systems development, baseline estimates, and benefits analysis. EPA is seeking input from national, state, Tribal, municipal, and individual stakeholders and other interested parties. This meeting is a continuation

of stakeholder meetings that started in 1995 to obtain input on the Agency's Drinking Water Program. These meetings were initiated as part of the Drinking Water Program Redirection efforts to help refocus EPA's drinking water priorities and to support strong, flexible partnerships among EPA, states, Tribes, local governments, and the public. At the upcoming meeting, EPA is seeking input from state and Tribal drinking water programs, the regulated community (public water systems), public health organizations, academia, environmental and public interest groups, engineering firms, and other stakeholders on a number of issues related to developing the new regulatory impact analysis framework. EPA encourages the full participation of stakeholders throughout this process.

DATES: The stakeholder meeting on the new regulatory impact analysis framework for drinking water regulations will be held on Thursday, November 12, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST and Friday, November 13, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: To register for the meeting, please contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 between 9:00 am and 5:30 pm EST. Those registered for the meeting by Tuesday, November 3, 1998, will receive an agenda, logistics sheet, and background materials prior to the meeting. Members of the public who cannot attend the meeting in person may participate via conference call and should register with the Safe Drinking Water Hotline. Conference lines will be allocated on the basis of first reserved, first served. Members of the public who cannot participate but want to submit comments must do so in writing by December 13, 1998, in order for their comments to be included in the meeting summary. Submit comments to Ben Smith, at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW (4607), Washington, DC, 20460 or smith.ben@epamail.epa.gov. The stakeholders meeting will be held in Suite 275, 1255 23rd Street, NW, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information on meeting logistics, or for information on the activities related to developing the regulatory impact analysis framework and other EPA activities under the Safe Drinking Water Act, please contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

Under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Amendments of 1996, EPA must provide a thorough cost-benefit analysis, as well as comprehensive, informative, and understandable information to the public. The 1996 SDWA Amendments require new regulations be developed so as to ensure that they represent a meaningful opportunity for health risk reduction. Also required is a detailed analysis of the relationship between new regulations and health impacts, including those to sensitive subgroups; impacts of other contaminants; treatment objectives; and incremental impacts above a baseline that considers current regulations, uncertainty, and affordability. EPA must also consider the impact on the technical, financial, and managerial capacity of water systems. In so doing, EPA must also use the best available, peer reviewed science and methods. The Amendments provide EPA with flexibility to identify and incorporate new benefits, including willingness to pay. In addition, EPA has expanded information-gathering authority, and must consider point-of-use and point-of-entry devices. After first defining a maximum contaminant level (MCL), or treatment technique standard based on affordable technology, EPA must determine whether the costs of that standard would be justified by the benefits. If not, EPA may adjust an MCL to a level that maximizes health risk reduction benefits at a cost that is justified by the benefits. The authority to adjust the MCL has limits that also require evaluation. In addition to the Safe Drinking Water Act, the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act impose additional analytical and consultative requirements in connection with new rules.

The upcoming meeting will deal with the following topics: benefits-related projects of the Health Effects and Criteria Division (part of EPA's Office of Science and Technology); the National Drinking Water Advisory Council benefits working group; the Children's Health Guidance Project; model systems and industry subcategorization; barriers to migration towards life-cycle based technology costing; inter-rule impacts; cost-benefit analysis integration for upcoming and longer term goals; specific draft reports (Baseline, Phase I Treatment Costs, Cost of Capital); and, of course, time for stakeholder input and comments.

B. Request for Stakeholder Involvement

EPA has announced this public meeting to hear the views of stakeholders on EPA's emerging framework for regulatory impact analysis. The public is invited to provide comments on the issues listed above and other issues related to the framework for regulatory impact analysis during the November 12 and 13, 1998, meeting or in writing by December 13, 1998.

Dated: October 13, 1998.

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Acting Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, Environmental Protection Agency.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Meeting of the Small Community Advisory Subcommittee of the Local Government Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This meeting is the third for the Small Community Advisory Subcommittee of the Local Government Advisory Committee. The group takes up the work of an earlier advisory group known as the Small Towns Task Force. At this meeting, the subcommittee will hear presentations about the Small Community Activities Inventory Update and the small town Mayors' fact finding mission. Part of the meeting will also be devoted to consideration of the proposed mission statement. The group will also hear from Northampton County, Virginia officials on sustainable community development issues. Finally, the group will discuss issues concerning the relationship between state governments and small communities as they relate to environmental protection. Responsibility for the Small Community Advisory Subcommittee of the Local Government Advisory Committee rests with the Office of Administrator, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations (OCIR) under the leadership of Joseph R. Crapa, Associate Administrator for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations and Linda B. Rimer, Deputy Associate Administrator for State and Local Relations. OCIR serves as the Agency's principal liaison with State and local