

Transco states that included in Appendix B attached to the filing are the explanations of the rate changes and details regarding the computation of the revised Rate Schedule GSS and LSS rates.

Transco states that copies of the filing are being mailed to each of its GSS and LSS customers and interested State Commissions.

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, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 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 proceedings.

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.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-154-000]

#### Transwestern Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Change in FERC Gas Tariff

November 24, 1998.

Take notice that on November 19, 1998, Transwestern Pipeline Company (Transwestern), tendered for filing to become part of Transwestern's FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets, with an effective date of December 18, 1998:

First Revised Sheet No. 37A  
First Revised Sheet No. 37B  
First Revised Sheet No. 37C  
First Revised Sheet No. 37E  
First Revised Sheet No. 37F  
First Revised Sheet No. 156

Transwestern proposes to amend its Rates Schedule PNR to include a Valet Hub Service in addition to Parking Service and Riding Service, Valet Hub Service shall be an interruptible service in which a Shipper (via a transportation

agreement) or a Buyer (via a PNR Agreement) may nominate gas quantities to be delivered to a Valet Point for subsequent delivery to another Buyer at the Valet Point or for subsequent delivery from such Valet Point to an associated point(s) as designated by such Buyer.

Transwestern states that copies of the filing were served upon Transwestern's customers and interested State Commissions.

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 385.214 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 proceedings.

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.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP99-61-000, CP99-62-000, CP99-63-000, and CP99-64-000]

#### TriState Pipeline, L.L.C.; Notice of Applications for Certificates and for a Presidential Permit and Section 3 Authorization

November 24, 1998.

Take notice that on November 9, 1998, TriState Pipeline, L.L.C. (TriState), Fairlane Plaza South, 330 Town Center Drive, Suite 900, Dearborn, Michigan 48126-2712, filed applications pursuant to Sections 7(c) and 3 of the Natural Gas Act. In Docket No. CP99-61-000, TriState seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct, install, own, lease, operate and maintain a new interstate natural gas pipeline and ancillary facilities. Further, in Docket No. CP99-62-000, TriState requests a blanket certificate pursuant to Subpart F of Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations to perform certain routine

activities and operations. In addition, in Docket No. CP99-63-000, TriState seeks a blanket certificate pursuant to Subpart G of Part 284 of the Commission's Regulations to provide open-access transportation of natural gas for others. TriState also seeks approval of its initial rates and pro forma tariff provisions included in its certificate application. Finally, in Docket No. CP99-64-000, TriState requests a Presidential Permit and Section 3 authorization under Section 153 of the Commission's Regulations, all as more fully set forth in the applications which are on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

TriState reports it is a limited liability company formed under the laws of the State of Michigan, with its principal place of business in Dearborn, Michigan. TriState further states that it is jointly owned by CMS Gas Transmission and Storage Company and Westcoast Energy (U.S.) Inc.

In Docket No. CP99-61-000, TriState proposes to construct and operate the United States segment of the TriState Pipeline System which will be comprised of approximately 148 miles of new 30-inch diameter natural gas transmission pipeline running from near Joliet, Illinois to White Pigeon, Michigan; approximately 66 miles of new 36-inch diameter natural gas transmission pipeline looping the existing Consumers Energy Company (Consumers) and Michigan Gas Storage (MGS) systems in three segments between White Pigeon and St. Clair; approximately 12 miles of new 24-inch diameter natural gas transmission pipeline running from the St. Clair compressor station to the United States-Canadian International Boundary in the St. Clair River; a new approximately 30,000 hp compressor station at Joliet, and approximately 18,570 hp of additional compression at Consumers' existing St. Clair compressor station; and 450 MDth per day of leased pipeline capacity between White Pigeon, Michigan and the St. Clair compressor station located in St. Clair County, Michigan, which leased capacity is available from Consumers and MGS as a result of the looping and added compression that TriState will undertake.

TriState asserts that its approach of combining new pipeline construction with the expansion of existing pipeline facilities and the lease of the expanded capacity created on those existing facilities will make a pipeline sized to meet market demand efficiently and cost-effectively. TriState believes its lease satisfies the *Texas Eastern* standards as reiterated by the

Commission in *Wyoming Interstate Company, Ltd.*, 84 FERC ¶ 61,007 (1998), because its lease (1) avoids the construction of duplicative facilities and has the least environmental impact; (2) provides shippers with access to new supply and market areas and/or allows shippers to avoid administrative burdens from dealing with multiple pipelines; (3) is actively supported by shippers using the capacity; and (4) can be managed or integrated into the

acquiring pipeline's open-access operations.

TriState states that it held an open season in which it made capacity on its system available to interested shippers on a nondiscriminatory basis. As a result, TriState says it executed binding precedent agreements with six shippers for 435 MDth of firm transportation service. TriState asserts that the results of its open season demonstrates that there is market demand for natural gas

transportation service on TriState from the Chicago Hub to the Dawn Hub and to points in between in Michigan. TriState indicates it is negotiating with other potential shippers and will file additional precedent agreements after they are executed.

TriState proposes to provide firm transportation service for the following shippers:

Shipper	Maximum daily quantity (MDth/day)	Term (years)
Consumers Energy Co. (affiliate) .....	100	Ten.
CMS Marketing Services and Trading (affiliate) .....	100	Ten.
Union Gas Ltd. (affiliate) .....	80	Fifteen.
Shipper A (confidential) .....	100	Ten.
Shipper B (confidential) .....	25	Ten.
Shipper C (confidential) .....	30	Ten.

TriState proposes to provide firm transportation service under Rate Schedule FT-1 and interruptible transportation service under Rate Schedule IT, under rates, terms and conditions provided in its pro forma tariff submitted with the application. TriState proposes to offer both negotiated and recourse rates. TriState explains its recourse rates are traditional cost-of-service based rates, designed under the straight-fixed variable method. TriState explains its negotiated rates are different from the recourse rates in that they are fixed rates plus an agreed upon escalator for either a 10-year or 15-year term. TriState says that during its open season process it offered firm shippers the choice of negotiated or recourse rates and each one who executed a precedent agreement elected negotiated rates.

TriState estimates the total capital cost of constructing the U.S. segment of the pipeline and appurtenant facilities will be approximately \$361 million, excluding AFUDC. TriState relates that \$305 million would be the cost of pipeline and ancillary facilities and \$56 million would be the cost of the compressor stations. TriState says to date this project has been financed by equity furnished by the project sponsors. TriState states following issuance of the Commission's Preliminary Determination, the project will be financed during the remainder of the construction phase through a combination of debt and equity capital. After the project is in-service, TriState relates that the construction financing will be replaced by permanent capital to consist of 60% debt and 40% equity.

TriState states the project sponsors will furnish the equity capital. TriState says that it is anticipated that the construction of the pipeline project will be funded primarily through debt raised in the commercial bank market and equity provided by the project sponsors. Further, TriState says the credit support for the debt will be the shipper contracts and the debt will be non-recourse to project sponsors during the initial term of the shipper contracts. TriState states it has not yet finalized precise financing plans.

In Docket No. CP99-64-000, TriState has filed a companion application for a Presidential Permit and Authority, pursuant to Section 3 of the NGA, 15 U.S.C. § 717b and 18 CFR Part 153, to site, construct, install, own, operate, and maintain facilities at the United States-Canadian International Boundary in the St. Clair River near Marine City, Michigan. TriState relates that the border facilities will connect TriState's proposed United States facilities with Canadian facilities owned by TriState's Canadian affiliate, TriState-Canada.

TriState has requested a waiver of Section 154.109(c) of the Commission's regulations which requires that the General Terms and Conditions of a tariff contain a statement regarding discounts that specifies the order in which various rate components will be discounted in accordance with Commission policy. As a new pipeline, TriState does not have separate rate components, and therefore, it believes that the order of discounting requirement is not applicable to its operations.

TriState has stated that it will lease capacity from Consumers and MGS. Consumers is a Hinshaw pipeline

subject to the jurisdiction of the Michigan Public Service Commission and is currently authorized to perform service on behalf of others under Section 311 of the NGPA. MGS is an interstate pipeline regulated by the Commission. Consumers has authorized TriState to state that it is willing to accept a limited jurisdiction certificate authorizing Consumers to act as operator of the capacity leased to TriState, provided Consumers' status as a Hinshaw Pipeline is not affected and that Consumers is not otherwise subject to Commission jurisdiction as a result of its lease of capacity to TriState. TriState requests that the Commission's Preliminary Determination of this project confirm that Consumer's Hinshaw status is unaffected.

TriState's proposed in-service date is November 1, 2000. TriState requests that the Commission issue a Preliminary Determination with respect to non-environmental issues by May 1, 1999, and a final certificate by January 15, 2000, so that TriState can meet its proposed in-service date.

Any person desiring to participate in the hearing process or to make any protest with reference to said applications should on or before December 15, 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. The Commission's rules require that protestors provide copies of their protests to the party or parties directly involved. 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.

A person obtaining intervenor status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by every one of the intervenors. An intervenor can file for rehearing of any Commission order and can petition for court review of any such order. However, an intervenor must submit copies of comments or any other filing it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as 14 copies with the Commission.

A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have comments considered. A person, instead, may submit two copies of comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of environmental documents and will be able to participate in meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission and will not have the right to seek rehearing or appeal the Commission's final order to a federal court.

The Commission will consider all comments and concerns equally, whether filed by commenters or those requesting intervenor status.

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 these applications 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 certificates 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 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 TriState to appear or to be represented at the hearing.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-371-004]

#### Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

November 24, 1998.

Take notice that on November 19, 1998, Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc. (Williams), tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets:

Effective September 3, 1998

Second Substitute Fourth Revised Sheet No. 6A

Effective November 1, 1998

Substitute Fifth Revised Sheet No. 6A

Williams states that this filing is being made in compliance with Commission order issued November 4, 1998, in Docket No. RP98-371-002. The Commission directed Williams to file tariff sheets providing for two PLS rates, one for the Production Area and one for the Market Area.

Williams states that a copy of its filing was served on all participants listed on the service list maintained by the Commission in the docket referenced above and on all of Williams' jurisdictional customers 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, D.C. 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.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. TM99-1-43-000]

#### Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

November 24, 1998.

Take notice that on November 19, 1998, Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc. (Williams), tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheet, with the proposed effective date of January 1, 1999:

Sixth Revised Sheet No. 6A

Williams states that pursuant to Order Approving Settlement, issued April 29, 1998, in Docket No. RP97-391-002, *et al.* and Williams FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, Article 25, Williams is filing to reflect the new GRI surcharges to be collected on nondiscounted transportation services.

Williams states that a copy of its filing was served on all of Williams' jurisdictional customers and interested state commissions.

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 385.214 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 proceedings. 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.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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