

201, 250, 260, and 284 of the Commission's regulations; and the Electronic Data Interchange, Electronic Delivery Mechanism, business practices and electronic communication requirements of the Gas Industry Standards Board. The filing may be viewed at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before April 9, 2001, 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 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (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. Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Oivind Risberg, President, Nornew Energy Supply, Inc., 2500 Tanglewilde, Suite 250, Houston, Texas 77063, telephone (713) 975-1900.

Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

**David P. Boergers,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP01-103-000]

#### Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Application

March 19, 2001.

Take notice that on March 12, 2001, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco), Post Office Box 1396, Houston, Texas 42301, in Docket No. CP01-103-000 filed an application pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for permission and approval for Transco to abandon certain pipeline facilities, located largely in offshore

Texas and Louisiana, which are portions of the North High Island/West Cameron Gathering System by transfer to Williams Gas Processing-Gulf Coast Company, L.P. (WGP), an affiliate of Transco, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Transco proposes to abandon (1) 217.128 miles of 4-to-30-inch pipeline, (2) the Johnson Bayou Plant, consisting of Station 44 separation and dehydration facilities and 1,200 horsepower of compression, located in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, (3) Station 44 Compression, consisting of three 3,830 horsepower Solar Centaur Engines for a total of 11,490 horsepower, also located in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and (4) minor compression owned on Shell's High Island Block 179-L, Offshore Texas. Transco advises that the facilities will be transferred at net book value, which has been calculated at \$21,180,514 as of December 31, 2000.

Transco also requests authorization to abandon its Rate Schedules X-143 (service with ANR Pipeline Company) and X-249 (service with Columbia Gulf Transmission Company), as well as receipt points included on a firm transportation agreement with Motiva Enterprises, LLC. It is indicated that Transco will amend the affected service agreements and file the necessary conforming changes to its FERC Gas Tariff.

WGP has concurrently filed a petition for a declaratory order in Docket No. CP01-104-000, requesting that the Commission determine that WGP's acquisition, ownership, and operation of the facilities at issue not subject WGP or any portion of WGP's facilities, rates, or services to the jurisdiction of the Commission under the Natural Gas Act.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Randall R. Conklin, Vice President and General Counsel, and Gisela Chermes, Senior Attorney at (713) 215-2000, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation, P.O. Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before April 9, 2001, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene 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 NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party 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 all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding.

Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission may issue a preliminary determination on non-environmental issues prior to the completion of its review of the environmental aspects of the project. This preliminary determination typically considers such issues as the need for the project and its economic effect on existing customers of the applicant, on other pipelines in the area, and on landowners and communities. For example, the Commission considers

the extent to which the applicant may need to exercise eminent domain to obtain rights-of-way for the proposed project and balances that against the non-environmental benefits to be provided by the project. Therefore, if a person has comments on community and landowner impacts from this proposal, it is important either to file comments or to intervene as early in the process as possible.

Also, comments protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

If the Commission decides to set the application for a formal hearing before an Administrative Law Judge, the Commission will issue another notice describing that process. At the end of the Commission's review process, a final Commission order approving or denying a certificate will be issued.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP01-104-000]

#### Williams Gas Processing-Gulf Coast Company, L.P.; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order

March 19, 2001.

Take notice that on March 12, 2001, Williams Gas Processing-Gulf Coast Company, L.P. (WGP), P.O. Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251, filed a petition for declaratory order in Docket No. CP01-104-000, requesting that the Commission declare that certain pipeline, compression, dehydration and separation facilities located in Offshore Texas and Louisiana and in Cameron Parish, Louisiana to be acquired from Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) would have the primary function of gathering of natural gas and would thereby be exempt from the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to section 1(b) of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the petition which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222).

WGP states that the pipeline facilities at issue consist of the North High

Island/Cameron Gathering System, consisting of line segments totaling 217.128 miles of 4-to-30 inch segments of pipeline, along with compression, separation and dehydration facilities. It is stated that Transco and WGP have entered into a December 29, 1997, amendment to an existing transfer and assignment agreement, providing for the facility transfer. It is indicated that Transco has filed a companion application to abandon these facilities by transfer to WGP in Docket No. CP01-103-000.

WGP submits that the primary function of the facilities is gathering, consistent with the criteria set forth in *Farmland Industries, Inc.* (23 FERC ¶ 61,063 (1983), as modified in subsequent orders. WGP also urges the Commission to approve the firm-to-gathering rate design proposed by Transco in Docket No. RP92-137-050. WGP submits that WGP's requested gathering determination and Transco's requested firm-to-gathering rate design go hand in hand, i.e., WGP's proposal determining the demarcation line between transmission and gathering, and Transco's proposal implementing firm transmission service to the point of non-jurisdictional gathering.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to Mari M. Ramsey at (918) 573-2611.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make protest with reference to said petition should on or before April 9, 2001, 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 385.211 or 385.214) 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.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to jurisdiction conferred upon the Commission by sections 7 and 15 of the NGA 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.

Also, comments, protests, or interventions may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for WGP to appear or be represented at the hearing.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL01-51-000, et al.]

#### The Detroit Edison Company, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

March 15, 2001.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

##### 1. The Detroit Edison Company

[Docket No. EL01-51-000]

Take notice that on March 13, 2001, The Detroit Edison Company (Detroit Edison) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (the Commission) an unexecuted Distribution Interconnection Agreement between Detroit Edison and Dearborn Industrial Generation, L.L.C. (the Agreement). Detroit Edison requests the Commission to disclaim jurisdiction over the Agreement. In the event the Commission determines the Agreement to be subject to the Commission's jurisdiction, Detroit Edison requests that the Commission accept the Agreement for filing effective as of March 14, 2001.

*Comment date:* April 6, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

##### 2. Broad River Energy LLC

[Docket No. ER00-38-002]

Take notice that on March 9, 2001, Broad River Energy LLC (Broad River Energy), tendered for filing a