

impose requirements relating to the design of rates that are not applicable to market-based rates).

Chestnut Ridge states that the JCT Project would provide necessary natural gas infrastructure in furtherance of the Commission's policies supporting the development of new natural gas storage capacity. According to Chestnut Ridge, the JCT Project will increase the reliability of natural gas supply during periods of production and transportation interruptions and will enhance the reliability of the interstate pipeline grid. Chestnut Ridge states that the JCT Project will include up to twenty-six (26) storage injection/withdrawal wells with a total working gas storage capacity of up to 25 billion cubic feet (Bcf). Chestnut Ridge also states that the JCT Project will have gas injection and withdrawal capabilities of up to 500,000 dekatherms per day (Dth/d).

Chestnut Ridge represents that construction and operation of the JCT Project will have minimal impacts on the natural environment and on adjacent landowners. Chestnut Ridge states that the market power study included with its Application demonstrates that Chestnut Ridge will not have market power in any relevant market. It asserts that the Commission can therefore conclude that Chestnut Ridge will be unable to charge or collect rates for its services that exceed just and reasonable levels.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: Complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding, or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). 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 notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

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 encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit the original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Comment Date: January 22, 2008.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 925-010 (IA)]

City of Ottumwa, IA; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

December 21, 2007.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47879), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for a new license for the Ottumwa Hydroelectric Project, located on the Des Moines River in the City of Ottumwa, Wapello County, Iowa, and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA). In the EA, Commission staff analyze the potential environmental effects of relicensing the project and conclude that issuing a new license for the project, with appropriate environmental measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection. The EA may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any comments should be filed within 30 days from the issuance date of this notice, and should be addressed to the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Room 1-A, Washington, DC 20426. Please affix "Ottumwa Project No. 925-010" to all comments. Comments may be filed electronically via Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "eFiling" link. For further

information, contact Timothy Konnert at (202) 502-6359.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP07-207-000]

Colorado Interstate Gas Company; Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed High Plains Expansion Project

December 28, 2007.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared this Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG) under the above-referenced docket. CIG's High Plains Expansion Project (Project) would be located in Weld, Morgan, and Adams Counties, Colorado.

The Final EIS was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The FERC staff concludes that the proposed Project, with the appropriate mitigation measures as recommended, would have limited adverse environmental impact.

The purpose of the Project is to expand CIG's existing pipeline system along Colorado's Front Range in order to provide additional transportation services to this rapidly growing market. CIG is proposing to construct about 163.7 miles of 24-inch and 30-inch-diameter pipeline in four separate pipeline segments and associated ancillary facilities.

The Final EIS addresses the potential environmental impacts resulting from the construction and operation of the following facilities:

- *Line 250A*: 64.5 miles of 30-inch-diameter pipeline and 20.3 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline that would extend from CIG's existing Cheyenne Compressor Station to an interconnect point on the proposed Line 251A in northeast Adams County;
- *Line 251A*: 57.9 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline between CIG's existing Watkins and Fort Morgan Compressor Stations;
- *Line 252A*: 14.9 miles of 30-inch-diameter pipeline extending westward from a point on the proposed Line 250A about one mile north of the existing

Hudson Power Plant in the Town of Hudson, Colorado, to a new interconnect with Public Service Company of Colorado's existing Tri-Town facilities in Weld County, Colorado;

- *Line 253A*: 6.1 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline extending westward from the Watkins Compressor Station to CIG's existing East Denver measurement facility in Adams County, Colorado;
- Ten new meter stations and 19 new block valves; and
- Twelve pig launcher/receivers.

The entire project would be capable of transporting about 899,000 decatherms of gas per day. CIG proposes to begin construction in January 2008. It would put each pipeline segment into service as it is completed, and the entire Project would be in service by October 2008.

The Final EIS has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference Room, 888 First Street NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8371.

A limited number of copies of the Final EIS are available from the Public Reference Room identified above. In addition, CD copies of the Final EIS have been mailed to affected landowners; various federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; local libraries and newspapers; intervenors; and other individuals that expressed an interest in the proposed Project. Hard-copies of the Final EIS have also been mailed to those who requested that format during the scoping and comment periods for the proposed Project.

Additional information about the proposed Project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1-866-208-FERC or on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>).

To access information via the FERC Web site click on the "eLibrary" link then click on "General Search" and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. The "eLibrary" link provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings. For assistance with "eLibrary", please contact FERC Online Support at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

In addition, the Commission now offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in

specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries and direct links to these documents. To learn more about eSubscription and to sign-up for this service please go to <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm>.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP08-38-000]

East Tennessee Natural Gas, LLC; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

December 21, 2007.

Take notice that on December 18, 2007, East Tennessee Natural Gas, LLC (East Tennessee), P.O. Box 1642, Houston, Texas 77251-1642, filed in Docket No. CP08-38-000 a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.210 of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and East Tennessee's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-412, for authorization to acquire approximately 72 miles of transmission pipeline. East Tennessee proposes to acquire approximately 72 miles of Spectra Energy Virginia Pipeline Company's 8-inch line, in Smyth and Washington Counties, Virginia, all as more fully set forth in the application, which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may also be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Garth Johnson, General Manager, Certificates & Reporting, East Tennessee Natural Gas, LLC, P.O. Box 1642, Houston, Texas 77251-1642 at (713) 627-5415.

Any person or the Commission's Staff may, within 60 days after the 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