

[Docket No. CP96-16-000]**Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Application**

October 13, 1995.

Take notice that on October 10, 1995, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) P.O. Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251, filed in Docket No. CP96-16-000 an application, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for (1) authorization to construct and operate certain pipeline facilities on Transco's mainline pipeline system in order to create additional firm transportation capacity, extending from Transco's production area in Louisiana to the vicinity of the border between North Carolina and South Carolina (designated as the SunBelt Expansion Project) and (2) approval of incremental initial rates for the firm transportation service to be rendered through such incremental firm transportation capacity, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Transco states that the SunBelt Expansion Project is an incremental expansion of Transco's mainline in its Southeastern market area which will provide the dekatherm equivalent of 145,666 Mcf per day (Mcf/d) of additional firm transportation capacity. Transco proposes an in-service date of November 1, 1997. Transco states that the incremental capacity will provide access to two of Transco's major supply areas; 100,001 Mcf/d of the capacity will commence at Transco's Station 65 in St. Helena Parish, Louisiana and 45,665 Mcf/d will commence at Station No. 85, which is at the point of interconnection between Transco's mainline and its Mobile Bay Lateral near Butler, Alabama. The incremental capacity will extend to points of delivery in the vicinity of Transco's Station No. 145 near the North Carolina and South Carolina border.

Transco states that the firm transportation service under the SunBelt Expansion Project will be rendered pursuant to Rate Schedule FT of Transco's FERC Gas Tariff. Transco proposes initial rates designed on a straight fixed-variable rate design methodology and an incremental cost of service designed to recover the cost of the proposed facilities.

In order to expand system capacity, Transco proposes to construct and operate the following facilities:

(1) A 15,000 Horsepower (HP) compressor addition at Transco's Station 80 in Jones and Jasper Counties, Mississippi.

(2) Modifications to existing compressor equipment at Transco's Station 100 in Chilton County, Alabama to eliminate or modify current air permit restrictions, thereby allowing increased annual operating hours and resulting in an uprate of 900 HP.

(3) A 15,000 HP compressor installation at a proposed new compressor station (Station 105) in Coosa County, Alabama.

(4) Modifications to existing compressor equipment at Transco's Station 110 in Randolph County, Alabama to eliminate or modify current air permit restrictions, thereby allowing increased annual operating hours and resulting in an uprate of 2,400 HP.

(5) A 15,000 HP compressor installation at a proposed new compressor station (Station 125) in Walton County, Georgia.

(6) Modifications to existing compressor equipment at Transco's Station 130 in Madison County, Georgia to eliminate or modify current air permit restrictions, thereby allowing increased annual operating hours and resulting in an uprate of 2,400 HP.

(7) Modifications to existing compressor equipment at Transco's Station 140 in Spartanburg County, South Carolina to eliminate or modify current air permit restrictions, thereby allowing increased annual operating hours and resulting in an uprate of 2,400 HP.

(8) 14.92 miles of 42-inch Mainline "D" pipeline loop between Stations 140 and 145, beginning at milepost 1222.66 and ending at milepost 1237.58 in Cherokee County, South Carolina.

Transco estimates that the project will cost \$84,995,849, which will be financed initially through short-term loans and funds on hand, with permanent financing to be undertaken at a later date.

Transco proposes to charge a monthly reservation rate of \$13.20 per Mcf for firm transportation services from Station 65 to shipper delivery points and \$10.20 per Mcf for transportation from Station 85 to shipper delivery points. Transco indicates that SunBelt Expansion Project shippers will also be charged the electric power unit rate, fuel retention factor, ACA and GRI and any other applicable charges under Rate Schedule FT. It is noted that the electric power unit rate and fuel retention will vary depending on the location of each shipper's receipt and delivery points.

Transco states that it has executed precedent agreements with ten shippers which assure that all of the incremental firm capacity will be subscribed on a firm basis for 20-year initial terms.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before November 3, 1995, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 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 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. Any person wishing to become a party to the 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 the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory 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 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.

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

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
[Correction to Report No. 2099]
Petition for Reconsideration of Action in Rulemaking Proceedings

October 17, 1995.

Report No. 2099, released September 26, 1995, stated the incorrect bureau identification for the docket proceeding. The opposition date will remain the same.

Subject: Allocation of Spectrum Below 5 GHz Transferred from Federal Governmental Use. (ET Docket No. 94-32). Number of Petitions Filed: 2.

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,

Acting Secretary.

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