

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP96-496-000]

**El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization**

May 9, 1996.

Take notice that on May 6, 1996, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso), P.O. Box 1492, El Paso, Texas 79978, filed in Docket No. CP96-496-000 a request pursuant to Sections 179.205, 157.212, and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212, 157.216) for authorization to abandon the existing meter located at the Texaco South Kermit Plant Receipt Point and the related service; and to operate a new meter to be constructed by Texaco Natural Gas Inc. (Texaco) as a delivery point under El Paso's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-435-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

El Paso states that Texaco converted its South Kermit Gas Plant to a field compressor station. Consequently, Texaco will no longer deliver gas to El Paso at the Texaco South Kermit Receipt Point. Texaco now requires deliveries of pipeline quality gas to its South Kermit Gas Plant for use as compressor fuel. Consequently, Texaco requested that El Paso convert the Texaco South Kermit Receipt Point to a delivery point to facilitate delivery of compressor fuel. On November 10, 1995, El Paso and Texaco entered into Transportation Service Agreement that provides for interruptible transportation service from any receipt point on El Paso's system to all available delivery points on El Paso's system.

El Paso states that operation of the Texaco South Kermit Meter Station as a delivery point is not prohibited by El Paso's existing tariff. El Paso further states that it has sufficient capacity to accomplish the transportation and delivery of the requested volumes without detriment or disadvantage to El Paso's other customers.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after 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 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a

protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

*Acting Secretary.*

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[Docket No. CP96-499-000]

**Northwest Pipeline Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization**

May 9, 1996.

Take notice that on May 6, 1996, Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Northwest), P.O. Box 58900, Salt Lake City, Utah 84158-0900, filed in Docket No. CP96-499-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205, and 157.216(b) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, and 157.216) for approval to abandon by removal its William Austin Farm tap (Farm tap) located in Douglas County, Oregon, under the blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-433-000, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Northwest states that the certificate authorization for the construction and operation of the Farm tap for which Northwest now seeks abandonment authorization was issued in Docket No. CP65-128 for delivery of natural gas to The Washington Water Power Company's (Water Power) for service to a single customer. Northwest further states that there have been no deliveries to the Farm tap since September 1994. It is asserted that the distribution facilities served by this tap have been directly connected by Water Power to its Roseburg distribution system which is served by a different delivery point from Northwest.

Northwest indicates that by amendment dated February 1, 1995, the Farm tap was removed from Water Power's transportation service agreement with Northwest dated July 31, 1991. Northwest asserts that it currently has a contractual obligations to provide to the Farm tap.

Northwest states that the Farm tap was dismantled and removed from the

site on May 25, 1995, at the landowner's request, although due to an administrative oversight, Northwest had not yet received abandonment approval. Therefore, Northwest now is requesting approval for abandonment by removal of the Farm tap. It is indicated that the actual cost of removing these facilities was \$713.

Any person or the Commission's Staff may, within 45 days of the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214), a motion to intervene and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205), a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activities shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

*Acting Secretary.*

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**Valero Transmission Company and West Texas Gas, Inc.; Notice of Application for Authorization To Operate Border Facilities and for Presidential Permit**

May 9, 1996.

Take notice that on May 6, 1996, Valero Transmission Company (Valero), General Partner of Valero Transmission, L.P., P.O. Box 500, San Antonio, Texas 78292 and West Texas Gas, Inc. (WTG), 211 North Colorado, Midland, Texas 79701, filed in Docket No. CP96-497-000, a joint application pursuant to Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act and Sections 153.10-153.12 of the Commission's Regulations and Executive Order 10485, as amended by Executive Order 12038 to: (1) terminate the Presidential Permit and Section 3 authorization previously issued to Valero to own, operate, and maintain border facilities near Eagle Pass, Texas; and (2) simultaneously issue a Presidential Permit and Section 3 authorization to WTG to own, operate, and maintain the Eagle Pass border facilities, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open for public inspection.