

intended to facilitate public comment on the scope of this SWEIS. It is not intended to be all-inclusive, nor does it imply any predetermination of potential impacts. The SWEIS will describe the potential environmental impacts of the alternatives, using available data where possible and obtaining additional data where necessary. In accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR 1500.4 and 1502.21), other documents, as appropriate, may be incorporated into the impacts analyses by reference, in whole or in part. DOE specifically welcomes suggestions and comments for the addition or deletion of items on this list.

- Potential effects on the public and workers from exposures to radiological and hazardous materials during normal operations and from reasonably postulated accidents, including aircraft crashes;
- Potential effect on air and groundwater quality from normal operations and potential accidents;
- Potential cumulative effects of past, present, and future operations at SNL/NM (this SWEIS will include effects of current and reasonably foreseeable federal actions on KAFB).
- Effects on waste management practices and activities, including pollution prevention, waste minimization, and waste stream characterization
- Potential impacts of noise levels to the ambient environment and sensitive receptors; and
- Potential impacts on land use plans, policies, and controls.

Classified Material

DOE will review classified material while preparing this SWEIS. Within the limits of classification, DOE will provide to the public as much information as possible. Any classified material DOE needs to use to explain the purpose and need for action, or the uses, materials, or impacts analyzed in this SWEIS, will be segregated into a classified appendix or supplement.

Issued in Washington, D.C., this 23 day of May 1997, for the United States Department of Energy.

Peter N. Brush,

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Environment, Safety and Health.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-187-005]

Arkansas Western Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

May 23, 1997.

Take notice that on May 20, 1997, Arkansas Western Pipeline Company (AWP) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, tariff sheets to become effective June 1, 1997.

AWP states that the filing sets forth the revisions to AWP's tariff sheets that are necessary to comply with FERC's May 5, 1997 Letter Order in Docket No. RP97-187-003.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such 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 proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and available for public inspection.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-533-000, CP97-534-000,
CP97-535-000]

Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Venice Gathering Company, Venice Gathering System, L.L.C., Venice Energy Services Company; Notice of Application

May 23, 1997.

Take notice that on May 20, 1997, Chevron U.S.A. Inc. (Chevron), 1301 McKinney, Houston, Texas 77010; Venice Gathering Company (VGC), 1301 McKinney, Houston, Texas 77010; Venice Gathering System, L.L.C. (VGS), 1000 Louisiana, Houston, Texas 77002-5050, and Venice Energy Services Company (VESCO), 1000 Louisiana, Houston, Texas 77002-5050, jointly filed an application with the Commission in Docket Nos. CP97-533-000, CP97-534-000, and CP97-535-000

pursuant to Sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for permission and approval for Chevron, VGC, and VESCO to abandon by transfer certain offshore Louisiana pipeline facilities to VGS; authority for VGS to construct and operate certain new offshore Louisiana pipeline facilities; and authority for VGS to operate and provide service on both the transferred and proposed facilities under open-access rates, terms, and conditions, all as more fully set forth in the application which is open to the public for inspection.

Chevron, VGC, VGS, and VESCO state that the purpose of their joint application is, in part, to comply with the Commission's April 17, 1997, order in Docket No. CP95-202-000 where the Commission denied a petition for a declaratory order for a determination that certain offshore pipeline facilities owned and/or operated by the applicants were not subject to the Commission's jurisdiction under the NGA. Chevron, VGC, VGS, and VESCO request, therefore appropriate certificate, rate, and tariff approvals to conform the subject facilities and services to the requirements applicable under the NGA.

VGS proposes in Docket No. CP97-533-000 to construct and operate 52.4 miles of 24-inch diameter pipe (Timbalier Expansion) from Chevron's South Timbalier Block 151 platform to an existing West Delta Block 79 platform. The proposed Timbalier Expansion would increase the delivery capacity of the Venice System from the current 482,000 Mcf per day of natural gas to approximately 810,000 Mcf per day. VGS states that one or more of its parent corporate affiliates would use internally generated funds to pay the estimated \$39.1 million construction cost for the proposed Timbalier Expansion.

VGS requests in Docket No. CP97-534-000 that the Commission grant VGS Part 284, Subpart G blanket transportation authority to perform open-access, self-implementing, non-discriminatory transportation service in interstate commerce with pregranted abandonment and subject to the applicable provisions of Part 284 of the Commission's Regulations. VGS states that it would comply with the applicable conditions set forth in Part 284, Subpart A of the Regulations.

VGS also requests in Docket No. CP97-535-000 that the Commission grant VGS Part 157, Subpart F blanket authority to engage in certain construction and operational activities from time to time as may be required on a self-implementing basis. VGS states that when constructing "eligible

facilities" under Subpart F blanket authority it would install, inspect, test, operate, replace, and maintain facilities in accordance with all applicable safety standards and plans for maintenance and inspection, including those set forth in 49 CFR Part 192.

Chevron, VGC, and VESCO also propose in Docket No. CP97-535-000 to abandon by transfer the Venice System, offshore Louisiana, to VGS. The Venice System consists of the following facilities:

(1) 70.4 miles of 26-inch diameter pipe from a Chevron production platform in South Timbalier Block 151 the onshore Delta Gathering Station, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana;

(2) 10.9 miles of 14-inch diameter pipe from a Chevron platform in South Timbalier Block 177E to Chevron's South Timbalier Block 151 production platform;

(3) 0.9 mile of 8-inch diameter pipe from a South Timbalier Block 130 platform to a subsea connection with the 70.4 miles of 26-inch diameter pipe mentioned above;

(4) 26.15 miles of 20-inch diameter line from a Chevron platform in South Timbalier Block 35 to a subsea connection with the 70.4 miles of 26-inch diameter pipe mentioned above in item number 1;

(5) Four relatively short segments (totaling 4.1 miles) of 12-inch diameter pipe extending from other platforms in South Timbalier Blocks 35, 36, and 37 to connection points of the 26.15 miles of 20-inch diameter pipe mentioned above in item number 4;

(6) 20.4 miles of 22-inch diameter pipe extending from a Marathon platform in West Delta Block 79 to the Delta Gathering Station;

(7) 1.0 mile of 26-inch diameter pipe and 1.7 miles of 20-inch diameter pipe connecting Marathon's West Delta Block 79 platform to other West Delta Block 79 platforms;

(8) 0.4 mile of 16-inch diameter pipe connecting another West Delta Block 79 platform to the 1.7 miles of 20-inch diameter pipe mentioned above in item number 7; and,

(9) 15.8 miles of 12-inch diameter pipe connecting Samedan's South Timbalier Block 163 platform to Chevron's South Timbalier Block 151 platform.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before June 2, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 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.

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 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 permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are 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 Chevron, VGC, VESCO, and VGS to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP96-492-003]

CNG Transmission Corporation; Notice of Amendment

May 23, 1997.

Take notice that on April 18, 1997, CNG Transmission Corporation (CNG), 445 West Main Street, Clarksburg, West Virginia 26301, filed in Docket No. CP96-492-003, an amendment to its pending application in Docket No. CP96-492-000 as previously amended in Docket No. CP96-492-002 for a certificate of public convenience and necessity, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, to phase Commission authorization of the facilities in its Seasonal Service Expansion Project (SSE), all as more fully set forth in the amendment which is on file with the

Commission and open to public inspection.

In this amendment, CNG seeks Commission authorization for the facilities originally proposed in two phases. In Phase I, CNG requests that the Commission issue a section 7(c) certificate which would:

- Authorize CNG to construct and operate the previously proposed TL492 pipeline and uprate the operating pressure in the existing PL-1 pipeline;

- Authorize CNG to construct and operate a new Measurement and Regulation Station and appurtenant facilities to be located south of the City of Butler, in Penn Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania; and

- Approve the lease agreement between CNG and Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation.

CNG says that expedited certification of the aforementioned facilities is necessary so that CNG may complete construction and place the facilities in-service for the 1997-1998 winter season.

In Phase II, CNG requests that the Commission issue a section 7(c) certificate authorizing the construction and operation of the remainder of the proposed facilities and the lease agreement between CNG and Bath Petroleum, Inc. for the SSE storage service to be provided from storage caverns leased from Bath Petroleum, Inc.

CNG filed information on May 12, 1997, stating that the Phase I facilities constitute a stand-alone project and that CNG would construct these facilities irrespective of Commission action with respect to the remainder of the facilities proposed in the original docket. On May 13, 1997, Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (Texas Eastern) filed information in Docket No. CP96-606-000, stating that all of Texas Eastern's proposed facilities related to the transportation of CNG's storage gas would be constructed in 1999. Such facilities would enable Texas Eastern to provide CNG the Maximum Lease Quantity of 64,000 Dth/d (the sum of Texas Eastern's lease quantities to CNG for CNG's Phase I and II). In the event that Phase II of CNG's project is not authorized, then Texas Eastern would amend its proposed facilities, to be built in 1999, and the lease agreement to reflect the portion of CNG's proposed Phase I volumes, 24,500 Dth/d, that would flow on Texas Eastern.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said amendment should on or before May 30, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a