

with the Commission and open to public inspection.¹

Panhandle proposes to abandon by transfer to Field Services approximately 5.6 miles of 8-inch pipeline and related facilities. Panhandle states that upon approval of the requested abandonment, the facilities will be operated as part of Field Services' gathering system. Panhandle states that the facilities proposed to be abandoned are being transferred for \$227,035, which is the net book value.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before August 21, 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 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 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 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 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 Panhandle to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

[FR Doc. 97-20699 Filed 8-5-97; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717-01-M

¹ Field Services has filed a related petition for declaratory order in Docket No. CP97-671-000.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-671-000]

Panhandle Field Services Company; Notice Of Petition For Declaratory Order

July 31, 1997.

Take notice that on July 29, 1997, Panhandle Field Services Company (Field Services),¹ 370 Seventeenth Street, Suite 900, Denver, Colorado 80202, filed in Docket No. CP97-671-000 a petition pursuant to Section 16 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Rule 207(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.207(a)(2)), for a declaratory order disclaiming Commission jurisdiction over certain facilities to be acquired from Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company (Panhandle),² an affiliate, and the services provided through them, all as more fully set forth in the petition which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Field Services seeks a declaratory order from the Commission finding that:

(1) At the time of transfer, from Panhandle to Field Services, approximately 5.6 miles of 8-inch pipeline located between Field Services' Spooney Booster Station (Spooney Booster) and Panhandle's Hansford Compressor Station (Hansford Compressor) in Hansford County, Texas (Spooney 8-Inch Line) described in the petition would be facilities used for the gathering of natural gas exempt from Commission jurisdiction under Section 1(b) of the NGA.

(2) Field Services would not be a "natural-gas company" pursuant to Section 2(6) of the NGA by virtue of its proposed acquisition, ownership and operation of the facilities.

(3) The gathering services that Field Services seeks to perform as described in its petition would be exempt from the Commission's jurisdiction under Section 1(b) of the NGA; and

(4) Field Services' rates and charges for gathering services would not be subject to Sections 4 and 5 of the NGA.

Field Services proposes to operate the Spooney 8-Inch Line as a gas gatherer providing gathering and related services between the Hansford Compressor and the Spooney Booster. Currently the Spooney 8-Inch Line moves gas from the

¹ Field Services is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company, and owns gathering and processing assets in the states of Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

² Panhandle has filed a related abandonment application in Docket No. CP97-672-000.

Spooney Booster to the Hansford Compressor and parallels a Panhandle 6-inch line. Upon acquisition of the Spooney 8-inch Line, Field Services states that it will physically disconnect the Spooney 8-Inch Line from the Hansford Compressor. Field Services states that it will use the line to gather gas from points to be constructed along its length and deliver the gathered gas through the Spooney Booster for delivery to Panhandle via the existing 6-inch line. Field Services states that it does not propose to engage in the sale or transportation of natural gas in any manner which would subject it to the Commission's jurisdiction under the NGA.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said petition should on or before August 21, 1997, 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 384.214 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 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

[FR Doc. 97-20700 Filed 8-5-97; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717-01-M

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-664-000]

Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

July 31, 1997.

Take notice that on July 24, 1997, Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (Texas Eastern), 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, Texas 77056-5310, filed a request with the Commission in Docket No. CP97-664-000, pursuant to Sections 157.205, and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to construct a delivery point in Fulton County, Pennsylvania, so that Texas Eastern may provide natural gas deliveries to Penn Fuel Gas, Inc. (Penn