

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. IS97-26-000]

Phillips Alaska Pipeline Corporation; Notice Rejecting Protest

August 14, 1997.

On August 12, 1997, the State of Alaska filed a motion for leave to file a protest out of time in the above-docketed proceeding. Under 18 CFR 343.3(a), protests in this proceeding were due on or before July 15, 1997. Pursuant to 18 CFR 375.302(g), the late-filed protest is rejected.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,*Acting Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket Nos. RS92-86-020, RP92-108-015, and RP92-137-047]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Compliance Filing

August 14, 1997.

Take notice that on August 11, 1997, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco), tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission its proposals regarding the redistribution of excess interruptible transportation revenues in the referenced proceedings pertaining to the period November 1, 1993 through August 31, 1995.

[Docket Nos. RS92-86-019, RP92-108-014, RP92-137-045]

On March 3, 1993, Transco submitted an Order No. 636 Compliance Filing and proposed, among others, to refund excess IT revenues to all firm and interruptible shippers. On May 14, 1993, the Commission issued an order directing Transco to revise its tariff to provide for the refund of excess IT revenues to firm shippers only. On rehearing, certain parties argued that both firm and interruptible shippers should share in the refund of excess IT revenues. The Commission denied rehearing, reaffirming its finding that such refunds should only be given to firm shippers. Certain parties appealed this decision to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. On April 15, 1997, the court granted the Commission's motion to

remand this issue for further consideration by the Commission.

On June 12, 1997, the Commission issued an Order on Remand and rescinded the Commission's original finding that only firm shippers are eligible to receive the excess IT revenues and requires that Transco redistribute its excess IT revenues so as to include interruptible shippers who were harmed by the under allocation of costs to interruptible service during November 1, 1993 through August 31, 1995. Additionally, Transco was directed to file to implement the Commission's decision within 60 days of the June 12 Order (i.e., on or before August 11, 1997).

On June 13, 1997, Transco submitted a proposed refund plan regarding certain interruptible transportation revenue related to a Spider Field lateral in Louisiana for the period September 1, 1992 through October 31, 1993 and stated it would submit its refund plan for the period November 1, 1993 through August 31, 1995 as part of the instant filing.

Transco states that it is serving copies of the instant filing on the parties listed on the official service list for the relevant proceedings, and other interested parties.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in 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 are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,*Acting Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP97-688-000]

Viking Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

August 14, 1997.

Take notice that on August 8, 1997, Viking Gas Transmission Company

(Viking), 825 Rice Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55117, filed in Docket No. CP97-688-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.212) under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to construct and operate delivery point facilities in Todd County, Minnesota, for Part 284 transportation services by Viking, under Viking's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-414-000, pursuant to Section 7 of the NGA, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Viking proposes to construct and operate a 2-inch hot tap, 0.5 mile of 2-inch lateral line, measurement and data acquisition equipment, and appurtenant facilities to serve the municipal utilities of Clarissa and Eagle Bend, Minnesota (Cities), under Viking's firm and interruptible rate schedules. It is stated that Viking will be fully reimbursed for the \$142,600 cost of installing the tap by the Cities. It is explained that the delivery point will have a capacity of 2,208 dt equivalent of gas per day. It is further explained that the Cities have arranged with Northern States Power Company (Minnesota) to act as their gas supply agent. It is asserted that the volume of gas delivered to the Cities will be incremental, as no quantities are presently authorized, and that it will have no impact on Viking's peak day or annual deliveries. It is explained that the proposal is not prohibited by Viking's existing tariff and that Viking has sufficient capacity to accomplish the deliveries without detriment or disadvantage to its 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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