

Construction to Alabama Gas Corporation (Alagasco) to cover the cost of construction of certain facilities necessary for Alagasco to provide a distribution service to Alabama Power Corporation for the volumes transported on Southern's system. Southern states that the cost of Alagasco facilities is estimated at \$3,000,000. Southern explains that its cost of service calculations reflect the Alagasco contribution.

Southern requests that the Commission issue a predetermination that rolled-in rates are appropriate for the proposed facilities. Southern asserts that the facilities will be physically and operationally integrated with Southern's existing facilities and will be used for the benefit of all customers on the system. Specifically, Southern notes revenues generated by the project will exceed expenses and that the loop will enhance system reliability downstream of the Selma Compressor Station.

Any person desiring to participate in the hearing process or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before September 5, 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.

A person obtaining intervenor status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by every one of the intervenors. An intervenor can file for rehearing of any Commission order and can petition for court review of any such order. However, an intervenor must submit copies of comments or any other filing it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as 14 copies with the Commission.

A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have comments considered. A person, instead, may submit two copies of comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing

list, will receive copies of environmental documents and will be able to participate in meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission and will not have the right to seek rehearing or appeal the Commission's final order to a federal court.

The Commission will consider all comments and concerns equally, whether filed by commenters or those requesting intervenor status.

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 Southern 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. ER97-2757-000]

Southwestern Public Service Company; Notice of Filing

August 15, 1997.

Take notice that on July 22, 1997, Southwestern Public Service Company tendered for filing an amended quarterly report for the period January 1, 1997 through March 31, 1997.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211

and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before August 27, 1997. 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 proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-143-006]

TCP Gathering Co.; Notice of Tariff Filing

August 16, 1997.

Take notice that on August 12, 1997, TCP Gathering Co. (TCP) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, the following revised tariff sheets, to be effective June 1, 1997:

Original Volume No. 1
Second Revised Sheet No. 18
First Revised Sheet No. 18A
Second Revised Sheet No. 46
Second Revised Sheet No. 47
First Revised Sheet No. 47A
Second Revised Sheet No. 103

In addition, TCP submits for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, the following revised tariff sheets to be effective August 1, 1997:

Original Volume 1
Third Revised Sheet No. 103
Substitute Third Revised Sheet No. 103

TCP states that these tariff sheets are being filed to comply with an OPR Letter Order in Docket Nos. RP97-143-003, 004 and 005 issued July 28, 1997, directing TCP to submit revised pagination for tariff sheets related to Order No. 587.

TCP states that copies of the filing were served upon TCP's jurisdictional customers, interested public bodies, and all parties to the proceedings.

Any person desiring to protest said 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 of Practice and Procedure. 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 the protestants parties to the proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP96-647-000]

Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership; Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed 1998 Expansion Project

August 15, 1997.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership in the above-referenced docket.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the proposed natural gas transmission facilities including:

a. Three 36-inch-diameter loops totaling about 71.5 miles of pipeline:

- Loop 1—about 22.0 miles long, extending from the existing St. Vincent Compressor Station at milepost (MP) 0.7 to MP 22.7 in Kittson County, Minnesota;

- Loop 2—about 26.7 miles long, extending from MP 132.5 to MP 159.2 in Clearwater, Beltrami, and Hubbard Counties, Minnesota; and

- Loop 3—about 22.8 miles long, extending from MP 283.5 to MP 306.3 in Carlton County, Minnesota and Douglas County, Wisconsin.

- b. Install two NEMA-rated 7,400 horsepower (hp) compressor unit additions, one unit apiece and appurtenant facilities at the existing St. Vincent Compressor Station in Kittson County, Minnesota and at the existing Farwell Compressor Station in Clare County, Michigan;

- c. Replacement of an existing aerodynamic assembly at the Thief River Falls Compressor Station in Marshall County, Minnesota; and

- d. Construction of minor permanent aboveground ancillary facilities;

- Three crossover assemblies at the new loop ends at MPs 22.7, 159.2, and 306.3 in Kittson and Hubbard Counties, Minnesota, and Douglas County, Wisconsin, respectively;

- Expansion of five existing mainline valve sites at MPs 0.7 and 16.3 in Kittson County, Minnesota; MPs 150.0 and 283.5 in Beltrami and Carlton Counties, Minnesota, respectively; and MP 299.3 in Douglas County, Wisconsin; and

- Removal of the existing end-of-loop valve and crossover assembly at MP 132.5 in Clearwater County, Minnesota.

The purpose of the proposed facilities would be to provide an additional firm transportation service of 126,000 thousand cubic feet per day of gas between Emerson, Minnesota, and St. Clair, Michigan to serve its existing shippers and to provide increased system reliability and lower maintenance costs.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, State and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. To ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that we receive your comments before the date specified below. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send two copies of your comments to: Lois Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888

First St., N.E., Room 1A, Washington, D.C. 20426;

- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch, PR-11.2

- Reference Docket No. CP96-647-000; and

- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before September 15, 1997.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentator a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by Section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Cases Filed With the Office of Hearings and Appeals

Week of July 21 Through July 25, 1997

During the Week of July 21 through July 25, 1997, the appeals, applications, petitions or other requests listed in this Notice were filed with the Office of Hearings and Appeals of the Department of Energy.

Any person who will be aggrieved by the DOE action sought in any of these cases may file written comments on the application within ten days of publication of this Notice or the date of receipt of actual notice, whichever occurs first. All such comments shall be filed with the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585-0107.

Dated: August 14, 1997.

George B. Breznay,

Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals.