

studies will be noticed at least 30 days prior to any study request deadline. A draft license application with preliminary APEA would be distributed for comment in January 2001. The final license application and APEA must be filed with the Commission on March 31, 2004, two years before the expiration date on the existing license. A more detailed schedule and project description may be found at Chelan PUD's web site, located at <http://www.chelanpud.org/relicense/>.

**Comments**

Interested parties have 30 days from the date of this notice to file with the Commission, any comments on Chelan PUD's proposal to use the alternative procedures to file an application for the Lake Chelan Hydroelectric Project.

**Filing Requirements**

Any comments must be filed by providing an original and 8 copies as required by the Commission's regulations to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Secretary, Dockets—Room 1A, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

All comment filings must bear the heading "Comments on the Alternative Procedure," and include the project name and number (Lake Chelan Hydroelectric Project, No. 637). For further information, please contact Vince Yearick at (202) 219-2844 or e-mail at [vince.yearick@ferc.fed.us](mailto:vince.yearick@ferc.fed.us).

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP98-540-000]

**Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporations; Notice of Application**

May 21, 1998.

Take notice that on May 13, 1998 Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco), Post Office Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251, filed in the above docket an abbreviated application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and the Regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) for authorization to construct and operate certain pipeline facilities to create additional firm transportation capacity of 700,000 dekatherms per day (dth/d) to serve increased market demand in the Mid-Atlantic and South Atlantic regions of

the United States by a proposed in-service date of no later than November 1, 2000 (MarketLink Project).

Transco states that the MarketLink Project will provide a link in the transportation of Canadian and Midwestern natural gas supplies, from expansion projects currently under development and proposed, to markets in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and upstream markets along the Atlantic Seaboard which are accessible through backhaul arrangements on Transco's system. Transco also states that the MarketLink Project provides shipper access to diverse gas supplies at the developing market hub at Leidy, Pennsylvania, including gas supplies sources on any of the six interstate natural gas pipelines that interconnect with Transco at Leidy (including the pipeline system proposed by Independence Pipeline Company) or gas supplies delivered from storage at the Leidy hub.

Transco proposes to provide firm transportation service on an open access, non-discriminatory basis for the following shippers:

Shipper	Maximum daily quantity (Dth/d)	Term (yrs.)
AEC Marketing (USA) Inc .....	15,000	10
Coral Energy Resources, L.P .....	50,000	10
Eastern Energy Marketing, Inc .....	90,000	10
Engage Energy (U.S.), LP .....	210,000	10
Enron Capital & Trade Resources Corp .....	30,000	10
LFG Energy, LLC .....	5,000	15
Natural Gas Clearinghouse .....	30,000	5
Renaissance Energy (U.S.) Inc .....	23,000	10
Williams Energy Services Company .....	210,000	10
Total .....	663,000	

Transco states that precedent agreements have been executed with shippers for a substantial amount (approximately 95%) of the firm transportation capacity to be created by the MarketLink Project. Transco states that it is in the process of negotiating with other potential shippers that have expressed an interest in the remaining capacity of the project and will file copies of precedent agreements with additional shippers as they are finalized.

Transco states that the firm transportation service under the MarketLink Project will be provided

under Rate Schedule FT of Transco's FERC Gas Tariff, Volume No. 1, and Transco's blanket certificate under Part 284(G) of the Commission's regulations. Transco states that the MarketLink shippers were provided the option of paying a cost based recourse rate or an individually negotiated rate plus fuel and all applicable surcharges under Rate Schedule FT. Transco states that the proposed recourse rate is based on a straight fixed-variable rate design methodology and an incremental cost of service. Transco states that prior to the commencement MarketLink service it will file numbered tariff sheets stating the name of any MarketLink shipper paying a negotiated rate, the negotiated rate, the applicable receipt and delivery points, and the volume to be transported.

Transco states that in order to create the additional 7000,000 Mcf/d of firm capacity, Transco proposes to construct and operate the following facilities:

1. The Haneyville Loop; 24.19 miles of 42-inch diameter pipeline loop between milepost 161.29 in Lycoming County and milepost 142.74 in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania and milepost 185.48 in Clinton County, Pennsylvania,
2. The Williamsport Loop; 13.23 miles of 42-inch diameter pipeline loop between milepost 129.51 in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania and 1.79 miles of 36-inch diameter pipeline loop between milepost 142.74 in Lycoming County and milepost 144.53 in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania,
3. The Benton Loop; 17.73 miles of 42-inch diameter pipeline loop between milepost 28.56 in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania and milepost 115.18 in Columbia, County Pennsylvania,
4. The Allentown Loop; 6.27 miles of 42-inch diameter pipeline loop between milepost 30.29 in Northampton County, Pennsylvania and milepost 36.56 in Northampton County, Pennsylvania,
5. The Clinton Loop; 29.23 miles of 42-inch diameter pipeline loop between milepost 0.14 in Somerset County, New Jersey and milepost 29.37 in Warren County, New Jersey,
6. The Stirling Loop; 23.88 miles of 42-inch diameter pipeline loop between milepost 1789.53 in Somerset County, New Jersey and milepost 1812.36 in Morris County, New Jersey,
7. The Roseland Loop; 18.81 miles of 36-inch diameter pipeline loop between milepost 1820.66 in Essex County, New Jersey and milepost 1839.47 in Bergen County, New Jersey,
8. The Woodbridge Loop; 5.46 miles of 42-inch diameter pipeline loop between milepost 1802.73 in Middlesex

County, New Jersey and milepost 1808.19 in Union County, New Jersey,

9. The Bordentown Loop; 7.10 miles of 36-inch diameter pipeline loop between milepost 18.96 in Burlington County, New Jersey and milepost 26.06 in Burlington County, New Jersey,

10. The Raritan River Loop; 0.30 miles of 42-inch diameter pipeline loop crossing the Raritan River between milepost 1794.70 in Middlesex County, New Jersey and milepost 1795.00 in Middlesex County, New Jersey,

11. The Mt. Laurel Replacement; The replacement of an existing 6.3 miles of 12-inch diameter pipeline loop between milepost 30.53 in Burlington County, New Jersey and milepost 36.83 in Burlington County, New Jersey, with a 36-inch diameter pipeline loop. The 12-inch pipeline segment will be removed and the 36-inch replacement pipeline will be installed in the same trench,

12. Impeller replacement on two (2) existing 12,600 horsepower, turbine-driven compressor units at Transco's existing Compressor Station 520, located at milepost 157.52, in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania,

13. The installation of two (2) new 15,000 horsepower, turbine-driven compressor units, rewheeling of one (1) existing 12,600 horsepower, turbine-driven compressor unit and impeller replacement on two (2) existing 5,500 horsepower, turbine-driven compressor units at Transco's existing Compressor Station 517, located at milepost 115.80, in Columbia County, Pennsylvania,

14. The installation of one (1) 15,000 horsepower, turbine-driven compressor unit, the rewheeling and uprating of an existing 12,600 horsepower, turbine-driven compressor unit to 15,000 horsepower at Transco's existing Compressor Station 515 located at milepost 68.95, in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania,

15. The installation of one (1) 15,000 horsepower, electric motor-driven compressor unit and impeller replacement on two (2) existing 7,000 horsepower, electric motor-driven compressor units at Transco's existing Compressor Station 205 located at milepost 1773.30 in Mercer County, New Jersey,

16. The installation of a 36-inch diameter interconnecting pipeline from the proposed meter building outlet of Independence Pipeline Company, (as proposed in Docket No. CP97-315) to Transco's existing 23-inch Leidy Line "A", 24-inch Leidy Line "B", and 30-inch Leidy Line "C" at milepost 194.06 in Clinton County, Pennsylvania,

17. Modifications to reduce pressure in Transco's 42-inch Mainline C from 1,200 psig to 800 psig at Transco's existing Centerville Regulator Station located at milepost 0.11 in Somerset County, New Jersey,

18. Modifications to reduce pressure in Transco's 36-inch Mainline D from 800 psig to 638 psig at Transco's existing Roseland Regulator Station, located at milepost 1820.66 in Essex County, New Jersey,

19. Modifications to reduce pressure in Transco's 42-inch Mainline E from 800 psig to 638 psig at Transco's existing Linden Regulator Station, located at milepost 1808.19 in Union County, New Jersey, and

20. Modification of inlet/outlet headers at existing Compressor Station 200 at milepost 1722.24 in Chester County, Pennsylvania to provide flow control under certain operating conditions on Transco's Trenton Woodbury Lateral.

Transco states that the proposed facilities, for the most part, will be installed either entirely within or immediately adjacent to existing pipeline or utility rights-of-way and Transco's existing compressor station yards. Transco states that the proposed facilities will cost an estimated \$528,767,973.

Transco requests that the Commission issue a preliminary determination on the non-environmental aspects of its proposal by November 1, 1998, and a final order granting the authorizations requested herein by May 1, 1999.

Any person desiring to participate in the hearing process or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before June 11, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., 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 proceedings. 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 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 Transco to appear or be represented at the hearing.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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