

(Northern), tendered for filing to become part of Northern FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets proposed to become effective on November 1, 1998 in compliance with the Commission's Order on Compliance Filing dated October 21, 1998:

Ninth Revised Sheet No. 54  
Eighth Revised Sheet No. 61  
Eighth Revised Sheet No. 62  
Eighth Revised Sheet No. 63  
Eighth Revised Sheet No. 64

Northern states that copies of the filing were serve upon Northern's customers and interested State Commission.

Any person desiring to protest this 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 proceedings. 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. CP99-25-000]

#### Petal Gas Storage Company; Notice of Application

October 28, 1998.

Take notice that on October 20, 1998, Petal Gas Storage Company (Petal), 229 Milam Street, Shreveport, Louisiana, 71101, filed in Docket No. CP99-25-000 an application pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act for authorization to construct and operate a second underground, salt dome cavern in Mississippi for the storage of natural gas and to construct and operate related facilities necessary to provide firm and interruptible gas storage service to others, on a self-implementing basis with pre-granted abandonment authorization and at market based rates.

It is stated that Petal, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Crystal Oil Company, was authorized on August 4, 1993, in Docket

No. CP93-69-000 to construct and operate facilities related to a first storage cavern in Forrest County, Mississippi. Petal states that it is proposing to construct a second storage cavern. Petal also states that the second cavern represents the initial phase of a long-term planned expansion of Petal's services. It is stated that Phase I, the focus of the subject filing, is limited in scope, in that, Petal requests authorization to drill one well, leach a salt storage cavern with a storage capacity of 5.2 Bcf and install 825 feet of flow lines. Petal states that it does not intend to use the power of eminent domain. Petal further states all construction activity, except for 412 feet of flow lines on an easement to be acquired by Petal from Dynegey Midstream Services Limited Partnership, will take place on a 10.89 acre tract that was subject to environmental review in Docket No. CP93-69-000 and that Petal owns in fee.

Petal states that Phase II of the expansion project is still in the planning process; however, it is anticipated that Phase II will involve the construction of additional pipeline facilities in order to facilitate bi-directional interconnects with Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation, Southern Natural Gas Company, Destin Pipeline Company, L.L.C., the Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch Gateway) high pressure system, and Florida Gas Transmission Corporation, which, in tandem with Petal's current interconnections with Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company and the Koch Gateway low pressure system, will provide added flexibility and enable Petal to access new markets. Petal states that if it does not pursue the Phase II project in conjunction with the development of the second storage cavern, it will operate both the first and second storage caverns as a single storage facility for the benefit of both existing and new customers.

Petal states that it has entered into a precedent agreement for firm storage service which covers at least 31 percent of the storage capacity available from the second cavern. In addition, Petal states that all available capacity in the first cavern is fully utilized. Further, Petal states that the existing contract commitments for service from the first storage cavern and the precedent agreement cover 62 percent of the storage capacity from the first and second caverns. Petal states that since it plans to operate the two caverns as a single storage facility, customers will have access to capacity in both storage caverns up to the total quantity reflected in their contracts.

It is stated that upon completion of the second cavern, the two storage caverns will be capable of a combined average daily injection rate of 160,000 Mcf per day, allowing customers to fill the working gas capacity in as little as 40 days, and an average combined daily withdrawal rate of 640,000 Mcf per day, allowing customers to completely withdraw gas in 10 days.

Petal proposes to offer its storage services at market-based rates. No cost data or revenue projections were submitted with this proceeding because Petal is requesting a waiver of those Commission Regulations requiring said submission.

Any person desiring to participate in the hearing process or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before November 9, 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 proceeding. The Commission's rules require that protestors provide copies of their protests to the party or parties directly involved. 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 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 Petal 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

[Project No. 2169, TN]

#### Tapoco, Inc.; Notice of Tapoco, Inc.'s Request to Use Alternative Procedures in Preparing a License Application

October 28, 1998.

On October 1, 1998, the existing licensee, Tapoco, Inc. (Tapoco), filed a request to use alternative procedures for submitting an application for new license for the existing Tapoco Project No. 2169.<sup>1</sup> Tapoco has demonstrated that they have made an effort to contact resource agencies, Indian tribes,

<sup>1</sup> The 326.5-megawatt Tapoco (originally known as the Tallasee project) project is located on the Little Tennessee and its tributary, the Cheoah River, in Blount and Monroe Counties, Tennessee, and Graham and Swain Counties, North Carolina. The project consists of four developments, Chilhowee, Cheoah, Santeetlah, and Calderwood.

nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), and others affected by their proposal, and that a consensus exists that the use of an alternative procedure is appropriate in this case.

The purpose of this notice is to invite comments on GPC's request to use the alternative procedure, pursuant to Section 4.34(i) of the Commission's regulations.<sup>2</sup> Additional notices seeking comments on the specific project proposal, interventions and protests, and recommended terms and conditions will be issued at a later date.

The alternative procedures being requested here combine the prefiling consultation process with the environmental review process, allowing the applicant to complete and file an environmental document (NEPA document) in lieu of Exhibit E of the license application. This differs from the traditional process, in which the applicant consults with agencies, Indian tribes, and NGOs during preparation of the application for the license and before filing it, but the Commission staff performs the environmental review after the application is filed. The alternative procedures are intended to simplify and expedite the licensing process by combining the prefiling consultation and environmental review processes into a single process, to facilitate greater participation, and to improve communication and cooperation among the participants.

#### Comments

Interested parties have 30 days from the date of this notice to file with the Commission, any comments on GPC's proposal to use the alternative procedure to prepare an application to relicense the Middle Chattahoochee Project.

#### Filing Requirements

The 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 (Tapoco Project, No. 2169).

For further information, please contact Ronald McKittrick of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at 770-

<sup>2</sup> Order No. 596, Regulations for the Licensing of Hydroelectric Projects, 81 FERC ¶ 61,103 (1997).

452-2363 ext. 44 or E-mail at ronald.mckittrick@FERC.Fed.US.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-32-000]

#### Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc.; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

October 28, 1998.

Take notice that on October 21, 1998, Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc. (Williams), P.O. Box 3288, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101, filed in Docket No. CP99-32-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.216) for authorization to abandon in place by sale to Missouri Gas Energy, a division of Southern Union Company (MGE), approximately 1.05 miles of the Alba and the Purcell 3-inch lateral pipelines and appurtenant facilities located in Jasper County, Missouri, under Williams' blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-479-000, pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, Williams seeks authorization to abandon in place by sale to MGE approximately 0.9 miles of the Alba 3-inch lateral pipeline (Line FN-5) and approximately 0.15 miles of the Purcell 3-inch lateral pipeline (Line FN-18) all located in Sections 16 & 17, Township 29 North, Range 32 West, Jasper County, Missouri, including without limitation, all gas lines, meters, records and other equipment, personal property, and fixtures located thereon and/or used in conjunction with the operation of the pipelines. Williams states that the Alba 3-inch lateral pipeline was originally installed in 1939 and Purcell 3-inch lateral pipeline was originally installed in 1939. Williams states that MGE will incorporate the pipelines into its existing distribution system. Williams states the sales price for these lateral lines is \$10.

Williams states that the proposed lateral pipelines are downstream of its existing metering and regulating facilities and, therefore, no changes are being proposed to Williams' metering facilities serving the Alba and Purcell