

Paso avers that the low-flow conditions prevent the metering equipment from performing accurate measurement. It is further indicated that when the low-flow conditions occur, that El Paso will experience certain amounts of lost and unaccounted for gas volumes.

In resolution of the problem occurring due to the various flow conditions, El Paso has determined that the installation of a second meter run to measure low-flow volumes would provide accurate measurement. El Paso is therefore proposing to modify the Lone Butte Meter Station Delivery Point by installing a turbine meter run designed to measure low-flow conditions accurately. It is stated that such facility modification should minimize repeated maintenance and related operational activities.

It is stated that the modification of the existing Lone Butte Meter Station Delivery Point will not significantly increase the deliveries of natural gas to Southwest, and that the proposed measurement equipment has a maximum design of 20 Mcf of natural gas per hour. El Paso indicated that under most operating conditions, that only the existing meter run or the proposed meter run will be operating at any given time. It is averred that the only time that both meter runs will be used will be under unusual peaking situations.

El Paso states that modification and operation of the existing Lone Butte Meter Station Delivery Point is not prohibited by El Paso's existing tariff. It is further stated that El Paso has sufficient capacity to accomplish the deliveries of the requested gas volumes without detriment or disadvantage to El Paso's 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 If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-132-000]

Midwestern Gas Transmission Company, Texas Gas Transmission Corporation, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Application

December 31, 1998.

Take notice that on December 22, 1998, Midwestern Gas Transmission Company (Midwestern), 1001 Louisiana, P.O. Box 2511, Houston, Texas 77252-2511, Texas Gas Transmission Corporation (Texas Gas), P.O. Box 20008, Owensboro, Kentucky 42304, and Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee), 1001 Louisiana, P.O. Box 2511, Houston, Texas 77252-2511 (jointly referred to as Applicants) filed a joint application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and the Commission's Regulations thereunder, requesting authority to abandon a natural gas exchange service between Midwestern and Texas Gas which was authorized in Docket No. G-20520,¹ all as more fully described in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, Applicants propose to abandon the exchange service between Midwestern and Texas Gas provided under Midwestern's Rate Schedule EX-3 and Texas Gas' Rate Schedule X-25. Tennessee also requests authorization to abandon its certificate in connection with the exchange service. In that regard, Tennessee was issued a certificate in Docket No. G-20520 because the proposed exchange of gas between Midwestern and Texas Gas contemplated the possible use of Tennessee's pipeline facilities in order to effectuate deliveries. The Applicants state that this exchange service is no longer required by Midwestern and Texas Gas, and has been terminated by mutual agreement.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before January 21, 1999, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20426, a petition 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 Protesters 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 petition 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 petition 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 petition for leave 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 Applicants 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. CP99-131-000]

Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company; Notice of Application

December 30, 1998.

Take notice that on December 21, 1998, Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company (Panhandle), P.O. Box 1642, Houston, Texas 77251-1642, tendered for filing in Docket No. CP99-131-000 an application pursuant to Sections 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for permission and approval to abandon to certain facilities located in Kiowa County, Kansas, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

¹ See, 23 FPC 765 (1960).