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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-310-003]

#### Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Compliance Filing

March 26, 1999.

Take notice that on February 26, 1999, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural) tendered for filing certain tariff sheets to be part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Sixth Revised Volume No. 1, to be effective August 1, 1998 and January 1, 1999.

Natural states that the filing is submitted pursuant to the Commission's order issued February 11, 1999 in Docket Nos. RP98-310-001 and 002, which approved tariff sheets that Natural filed on August 13, 1998 in Docket No. RP98-310-001 (August 13th Filing) subject to Natural filing revised tariff sheets that clarify that Natural may not enter into transactions like Natural described in its August 13th Filing under Natural's discount rate authority. Additionally, Natural States that it has also flowed through these changes to several corresponding tariff sheets filed and approved in Docket Nos. RP98-145-000, RP99-176-000 and 001 to be effective August 1, 1998 and January 1, 1999.

Natural requested any waivers which may be required to permit the tendered tariff sheets to become effective August 1, 1998 and January 1, 1999, consistent with the Commission's orders issued July 30, 1998 and December 30, 1998 in Docket Nos. RP98-310-000 and RP99-176-000, respectively.

Natural states that copies of the filing have been mailed to its customers, interested state regulatory agencies and all parties set out on the Commission's official service list in Docket No. RP98-310.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.W., 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. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-262-000]

#### Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Application

March 26, 1999.

Take notice that on March 17, 1999, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee), 1001 Louisiana, Houston, Texas 77002, filed in Docket No. CP99-262-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Regulations, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing Tennessee to construct, install and operate compression and certain minor facilities in order to provide additional firm transportation service to customers in Zone 6 of its pipeline system (referred to as Eastern Express Project 2000—Zone 6 Receipts), all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-222 for assistance).

Specifically, Tennessee proposes to: (1) install an additional 6150 horsepower compressor at its Compressor Station No. 261 in Hampden County, Massachusetts; (2) install an additional 7,170 horsepower compressor at its Compressor Station No. 266-A in Worcester County, Massachusetts; and (3) add an 8-inch delivery tap to its existing Southern Connecticut-Milford delivery point on Tennessee's 300 Line in New Haven County, Connecticut. Tennessee also proposes to construct and install certain facilities, in Worcester and Middlesex Counties, Massachusetts and in Hartford County, Connecticut, pursuant to

Section 2.55(a) of the Commission's Regulations. The estimated total cost of the proposed facilities is \$28,143,423.

Tennessee states that the proposed facilities will increase capacity on its Blackstone Lateral downstream of Compressor Station No. 266-A by 292,000 Dth/d, and will increase capacity on its 300 Line downstream of Compressor Station No. 261 by 83,000 Dth/d. Tennessee further states that, as the result of an open-season held from February 12, 1998 through March 24, 1998, Tennessee has entered into binding precedent agreements for firm transportation service to be rendered pursuant to Tennessee's Rate Schedule FT-A for 90,000 Dth/d of capacity associated with deliveries on its Blackstone Lateral and for 83,000 Dth/d of capacity associated with deliveries on its 300 Line. Tennessee requests approval of the service agreements for the project which contain certain provisions which are different from those contained in Tennessee's *pro forma* FT-A Agreement.

Shippers were given the option of selecting negotiated rates of recourse rates. Tennessee states that the negotiated rates provide for fixed reservation and commodity charges, for the primary term of the shipper's transportation agreement, in the amounts of \$3.22 per Dth/month for the reservation charge, and, for the commodity charge, \$0.0643 for the first five years and \$0.0543 for the second five years. The recourse rates are the applicable maximum reservation and commodity rates for transportation service within Zone 6 under Tennessee's Rate Schedule FT-A. Tennessee states that all shippers selected negotiated rates, and that revenues collected during the primary terms of the contracts will exceed the incremental cost-of-service for the project over a 10-year period.

Tennessee states that the proposed project will enable gas supplies accessed by Portland Natural Gas Transmission System and Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline L.L.C. pipelines to be delivered to existing and new markets in New England. Tennessee requests that the Commission grant the requested authorizations by December 31, 1999, so that Tennessee can place the project in service by November 1, 2000.

Any person desiring to be heard or making any protest with reference to said application should on or before April 16, 1999, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 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 person to whom the protests are directed. 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 issued by the Commission, filed by the applicant, or filed by all other 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 serve copies of comments or any other filing it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as filing an original and 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 such 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 NGA and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on these applications 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 Tennessee 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. CP99-270-000]

#### Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

March 26, 1999.

Take notice that on March 23, 1999, Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (Texas Eastern), 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, Texas 77056-5310, filed in Docket No. CP99-270-000 a request pursuant to Section 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.211). Texas Eastern requests authorization to construct a delivery point on Texas Eastern's existing 30-inch Line Nos. 10 and 25 in Choctaw County, Mississippi, to make natural gas deliveries to the Town of Weir (Town of Weir), a Mississippi corporation and municipality. Texas Eastern makes such request under its blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-535-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Texas Eastern proposes to construct and install a 10-inch tap valve, a 10-inch check valve and a 10-inch insulating flange (Tap), and electronic gas measurement equipment (EGM), at approximate Mile Post 32.04 in Choctaw County, Mississippi.

It is stated that the Town of Weir will install, or cause to be installed a dual 10-inch meter run plus associated piping (Meter Station), and approximately 50 feet of 10-inch

pipeline which will extend from the Meter Station to the Tap (Connecting Pipe).

It is indicated that the proposed facilities will be used to deliver up to 135,000 Mcf of natural gas per day to the Town of Weir. Texas Eastern estimates it's construction cost to be approximately \$263,631.00 and states that the Town of Weir will reimburse it's cost.

Texas Eastern indicates that the transportation service will be rendered pursuant to Texas Eastern's open access Rate Schedules included in Texas Eastern's F.E.R.C. Ga Tariff, Sixth Revised Volume No. 1. It is averred that the transportation service to be rendered through the delivery point proposed herein will be performed utilizing existing capacity on Texas Eastern's system, and will have no effect on Texas Eastern's peak day or annual deliveries. Texas Eastern submits that its proposals will be accomplished without detriment or disadvantages to Texas Eastern'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 therefore, 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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP99-61-000 and CP99-64-000]

#### Tristate Pipeline, L.L.C.; Notice of Site Visit

March 26, 1999.

From April 19 to 22, 1999, the Office of Pipeline Regulation (OPR) staff will conduct an inspection of the route proposed by TriState Pipeline, L.L.C. (TriState) for its pipeline project. The