

environmental 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 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 MPC to appear on be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-504-000]

Union Gas Limited; Notice of Request for Limited Waiver

August 30, 2000.

Take notice that on August 23, 2000, Union Gas Limited (Union Gas), tendered for filing pursuant to Rule 207(a)(5) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a Request for

Limited Waiver of certain Commission regulations, policies, and pipeline tariff provisions related to transportation services provided to Union Gas by interstate pipelines. Union Gas requests that the Commission act on the Request no later than October 25, 2000, in order to promote the orderly implementation of unbundled retail natural gas services on Union Gas' system in Ontario, Canada.

Union Gas requests that the Commission approve this Request expeditiously, thus enabling Union Gas to unbundle its rates and services in the manner and timeframe contemplated by the OEB. An OEB decision on Union Gas' unbundling application is expected by the end of October, with the new rates and services to be effective immediately thereafter.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed on or before September 6, 2000. 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 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).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Docket No. CP00-14-000]

Buccaneer Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C.; Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Buccaneer Gas Pipeline Project

August 30, 2000.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) and the Minerals Management Service (MMS) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact

Statement (DEIS) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Buccaneer Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C. (Buccaneer) in the above-referenced docket.

The DEIS was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with the appropriate mitigating measures as recommended, would have limited adverse environmental impact. The DEIS also evaluates alternatives to the proposal, including system alternatives.

The DEIS addresses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the following facilities:

- 4.0 miles of 36-inch-diameter pipeline in Mobile County, Alabama;
- 406.9 miles of 36-inch-diameter pipeline from the shoreline of Mobile County, Alabama, across the Gulf of Mexico, to the shoreline of Pasco County, Florida;
- 125.1 miles of 36-inch-diameter pipeline in Pasco, Polk, Osceola, and Orange Counties, Florida;
- 142.3 miles of 16- to 30-inch-diameter lateral pipeline in Pasco, Polk, Hardee, Lake, Osceola, Orange, and Brevard Counties, Florida;
- 1 mainline meter station in Mobile County, Alabama and 13 meter and regulating stations in Pasco, Polk, Hardee, Lake, Osceola, Orange, and Brevard Counties, Florida; and
- a new 75,000 horsepower compressor station in Mobile County, Alabama and a new liquids separation facility in Pasco County, Florida.

The purpose of the Buccaneer Pipeline Project is to provide natural gas transportation service for up to 900 million cubic feet per day (MMcf/d) of natural gas from supply areas in Alabama, across the Gulf of Mexico, for delivery to new markets in central and eastern Florida. The primary market is for natural gas-fueled electric generation plants that are needed to meet the forecasted substantial increases in consumption in Florida driven by projected population growth over the next 10 to 20 years.

Comment Procedures and Public Meetings

Any person wishing to comment on the DEIS 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: