

[Docket No. CP97-294-000]

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Application

March 31, 1997.

Take notice that on March 19, 1997, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural), located at 701 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois 60148, filed in Docket No. CP97-294-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and Subpart A of Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations. Natural seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the construction and operation of certain expansion facilities required by transport up to 663,000 Mcf per day of additional volumes on Natural's Amarillo mainline system east of Harper, Iowa, to the Chicago area. The details of Natural's application are more fully set forth in its filing which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Natural states that this application is being filed in response to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the "Northern Border Project" issued by the Commission Staff in Northern Border Pipeline Company (Northern Border), Docket Nos. CP95-194-001, 003, and Natural, Docket Nos. CP96-27-000, 001, and represents a further expansion of Natural's Amarillo Line. This application, in conjunction with Natural's already pending applications in Docket Nos. CP96-27-000 and 001, is said to put before the Commission, in a formal manner, the "Amarillo System Alternative" considered by the DEIS for the Northern Border Project. However, Natural states that 62 miles of large diameter lateral lines and 29,600 horsepower of additional compression which the Northern Border DEIS considered as part of the Amarillo System Alternative is not included because Natural says that those facilities are not needed. Thus, Natural states that its version of the Amarillo System Alternative is preferable to the Iowa/Illinois System Alternative which was also considered by the Northern Border Project DEIS.

Natural requests certificate authority for the following facilities:

(1) About 20.7 miles of 36-inch mainline loop in Washington and Louisa Counties, Iowa, extending westward from the beginning of the 36-inch loop proposed in Docket No. CP96-27-001;

(2) About 16.9 miles of 36-inch mainline loop in Rock Island and Henry Counties, Illinois, extending eastward from the end of the 36-inch loop

proposed in Docket No. CP96-27-001 to the suction side of Compressor Station No. 110;

(3) About 68.9 miles of 42-inch mainline loop in Henry, Bureau and LaSalle Counties, Illinois, from the discharge side of Compressor Station No. 110 to the beginning of the No. 4 line in LaSalle County, Illinois;

(4) About 4.7 miles of 36-inch mainline loop in Bureau County, Illinois, extending eastward from the end of the 36-inch loop proposed in Docket No. CP96-27-001;

(5) Two 15,000 horsepower gas turbine compressors at Station No. 199 located in Muscatine County, Iowa;

(6) 19,000 horsepower of gas turbine compression at Station No. 110 located in Henry County, Illinois; and,

(7) One 13,000 horsepower gas turbine compressor at Station No. 113 located in Will County, Illinois.

The estimated cost of these facilities is \$160 million.

Natural says that it will charge its currently effective rates under Rate Schedule FTS for the transportation service performed by the facilities proposed in this Application. Natural further requests a preliminary determination that the cost of the facilities should be reflected on a rolled-in basis in Natural's next Section 4 rate proceeding. The Commission's pricing policy statement in Docket No. PL94-4-000 indicates that there is a presumption in favor of rolled-in rates when the rate increase to existing customers from rolling-in the new facilities is five percent or less.

Natural says that, as shown in Exhibit N of its application, the rolling-in of the proposed facilities will have no significant impact on Natural's existing rates. While the impact on the rates for Natural's transportation services vary by transportation path, on a volume weighted basis, there is a slight overall reduction in rates. Similarly, Natural's storage rates will change by less than 0.3%. Natural claims to have thus met the requirements necessary for a preliminary determination in favor of rolled-in rates.

Natural says that Northern Border could contract with it for firm transportation service over the Amarillo System Alternative in lieu of constructing the Northern Border proposed expansion from Harper to Chicago.¹ Natural says that Northern Border would pay Natural's maximum

¹ Natural says that it made this offer to Northern Border on January 27, 1997, but that on February 7, 1997, Northern Border declined the offer and made no counter-proposal.

rate under Rate Schedule FTS which is currently about 14 cents, and then Northern Border would charge its own shippers 8.5 cents per MMBtu under Northern Border's cost-of-service tariff.

Natural says that under the Amarillo System Alternative, Northern Border's system would be effectively extended east of Harper and that all the shippers would contract with Northern Border, not with Natural, for service to the Chicago area. Natural says that all the shippers would receive comparable or, in some cases, better service than they originally contracted for (in the precedent agreements), but at a lower per unit cost. Natural says that all this would be accomplished without the need for a totally new pipeline system/corridor being constructed across eastern Iowa and Illinois by Northern Border.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before April 21, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 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 157.20). 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. Any person wishing to become a party to the proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion 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 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 Natural to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. OA97-553-000]

Ohio Edison Company, Pennsylvania Power Company; Notice of Filing

March 31, 1997.

Take notice that on February 21, 1997, Ohio Edison Company tendered for filing on behalf of itself and Pennsylvania Power Company, a Supplement to the rate schedule to the Agreement for System Power Transactions with Citizens Lehman Power Sales. This filing is made pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before April 11, 1997. 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 proceeding. 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP97-308-000]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

March 31, 1997.

Take notice that on March 26, 1997, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco), P.O. Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251, filed in Docket No. CP97-308-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.211) for authorization to construct and operate a sales tap for an existing industrial chemical facility located in St. James Parish, Louisiana, under TGPL's blanket

certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-426-000 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

Transco states that the new sales tap will be used by Occidental Chemical Corporation (Occidental) for chemical manufacturing plant operations. Transco proposes to construct, install, own and operate the new sales tap and associated pipeline facilities consisting of a 6-inch hot tap near the 4.04 milepost on Transco's existing 12-inch Hester Lateral, a dual 2-inch meter run and 750 of associated pipeline. Transco states that Occidental will construct, or cause to be constructed, appurtenant facilities to enable it to receive up to 8,000 Mcf of gas per day from Transco on an interruptible basis. Transco states that the proposed facilities are estimated at \$165,000 and that Occidental will cause Transco to be reimbursed for all costs associated with the facilities.

Transco states that the new sales tap is not prohibited by its existing tariff and that it has sufficient capacity to accomplish deliveries without detriment or disadvantage to other customers. The new sales tap will not have an effect on Transco's peak day and annual deliveries and the total volumes delivered will not exceed total volumes authorized prior to this request.

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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Project Nos. 2017-011 et al.]

Hydroelectric Applications [Southern California Edison Company, et al.]; Notice of Applications

Take notice that the following hydroelectric applications have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection:

1 a. Type of Application: New Major License.

b. Project No.: 2017-011.

c. Date filed: February 26, 1997.

d. Applicant: Southern California Edison.

e. Name of Project: Big Creek No. 4 Hydroelectric.

f. Location: On the San Joaquin River, near Auberry, in Fresno, Madera, and Tulare Counties, California; on lands within the Sierra National Forest.

g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act 16 USC §§ 791(a)-825(r).

h. Applicant Contact: C. Edward Miller, Manager of Hydro Generation Southern California Edison Co., 2244 Walnut Grove Avenue, P.O. Box 800, Rosemead, CA 91770, (818) 302-1564.

i. FERC Contact: Héctor M. Pérez at (202) 219-2843.

j. Brief Description of Project: The existing project consists of: (1) The Big Creek Dam No. 7 with the 465-acre reservoir; (2) the concrete intake structure; (3) the water conduit; (4) the concrete powerhouse; (5) two turbine generator units with a rated capacity of 50 MW each and the turbine generator unit with a rated capacity of 350 kW; (6) the tailrace; (7) the two 220-kV transmission lines, one 5.8-mile-long and one 81-mile-long; and (8) other appurtenances.

k. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the *California State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)*, as required by § 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36, CFR, at 800.4.

l. Under Section 4.32 (b)(7) of the Commission's regulations (18 CFR), if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that the applicant should conduct an additional scientific study to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merits, they must file a request for the study with the Commission, not later than 60 days after the application is filed, and must serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

2 a. Type of Application: Preliminary Permit.

b. Project No.: 11598-000.

c. Date filed: February 11, 1997.

d. Applicant: Ketchikan Public Utilities.