

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. ER98-51-000]

MIECO Inc.; Notice of Issuance of Order

December 12, 1997.

MIECO Inc. (MIECO) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which MIECO will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. MIECO also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, MIECO requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by MIECO.

On November 17, 1997, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Rate Applications, Office of Electric Power Regulation, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by MIECO should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.W., 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 385.214).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, MIECO is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of MIECO's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is January 12, 1998. Copies of the full text of the order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,*Acting Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. OR98-3-000]

OXY USA, Inc. v. Amerada Hess Pipeline Corporation, ARCO Transportation Alaska, Inc., BP Pipelines (Alaska) Inc., Exxon Pipeline Company, Mobil Alaska Pipeline Company, Phillips Alaska Pipeline Corporation and Unocal Pipeline Company; Notice of Complaint

December 12, 1997.

Take notice that on December 9, 1997, pursuant to the provisions of the Interstate Commerce Act (ICA), 49 U.S.C. App. §§ 2, 3(1), 6(7), 8, 9, 13(1) and 15(1) and the Rules and Regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 18 CFR 343.2(c)(3), 385.206(a) and 385.207(a), OXY USA, Inc. (OXY) filed a complaint and petition for declaratory relief against Amerada Hess Pipeline Corporation, ARCO Transportation Alaska, Inc., BP Pipelines (Alaska) Inc., Exxon Pipeline Company, Mobil Alaska Pipeline Company, Phillips Alaska Pipeline Corporation, and Unocal Pipeline Company (collectively the TAPS Carriers).

OXY states that the TAPS Carriers have entered into two private agreements with the State of Alaska, a payor of TAPS transportation rates, under which the TAPS Carriers have agreed to pay rate rebates totaling \$26,500,000.00 to the State and to no other shipper. The settlements concern resolution of the electrical, as built and management remediation case and resolution of the costs related to certain public communications and government relations activities. Also pursuant to the said agreements, the TAPS Carriers have the option of making future payments directly to the State in order to rebate to the State certain costs included in rates charged to all shippers.

OXY contends that the two settlements are in violation of Sections 2, 3(1), and 6(7) of the ICA, 49 U.S.C. App. §§ 2, 3(1), 6(7), and demands that it be awarded \$923,186 as an equivalent pro rata rebate comparable to Alaska's, in reparation for the period commencing two years preceding the filing of this action, adjusted for costs through the entry of a final order in this case, plus costs of this action and reasonable attorneys fees, pursuant to Sections 8, 9 and 13(1) of the ICA, 49 U.S.C. App. §§ 8, 9 and 13(1). OXY also requests that the Commission, under Sections 13(1) and 15(1) of the ICA, 49 U.S.C. App. §§ 13(1) and 15(1), investigate these

settlements and the practices of the TAPS Carriers pursuant thereto and that the Commission declare unlawful those provisions of the agreements that allow the TAPS Carriers in the future to make preferential and discriminatory rate rebates to the State of Alaska. Further, should the Commission determine that illegal rebates have been paid but that reparations should not be made to OXY, OXY requests that the Commission order a general refund of all such illegal rebates pursuant to Section 15(7) of the ICA, 49 U.S.C. App. § 15(7).

OXY states that copies of the complaint were served on each person the service list attached to the filing.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said complaint should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and procedure. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before January 8, 1998. Protest 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. Answers to this complaint shall be due on or before January 8, 1998.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,*Acting Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RP97-179-006]

Ozark Gas Transmission System; Notice of Tariff Filing

December 12, 1997.

Take notice that on September 30, 1997, Ozark Gas Transmission System (Ozark) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, Second Revised Sheet No. 43, with an effective date of November 1, 1997.

Ozark states that in compliance with Order No. 587-C, which approved GISB Standard 4.3.6, and the Commission's May 30, 1997 Order granting Ozark an extension of the time to comply with Order No. 587-C, this tariff sheet has been revised to include a reference to Ozark's web site. Ozark states that it has

established an HTML World Wide Web page that parties can access via the Internet at <http://www.ozrkgas.com> to retrieve certain information about the pipeline.

Ozark states that copies of the filing are being served on Ozark's customers and parties to the Docket No. RP97-197-000 proceeding.

Any person desiring to protest said 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 should be filed on or before December 18, 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. 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. CP94-29-003]

Paiute Pipeline Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

December 12, 1997.

Take notice that on December 4, 1997, Paiute Pipeline Company (Paiute) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1-A, the following revised sheets, to be effective January 1, 1998.

Eighth Revised Sheet No. 10
Third Revised Sheet No. 21
Third Revised Sheet No. 63
Second Revised Sheet No. 63A
Seventh Revised Sheet No. 161

Paiute asserts that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission's order issued August 1, 1996 in Docket No. CP94-29-000, et al.

Paiute states that the Commission's order, among other things, authorized Paiute to construct and operate certain pipeline loop and pressure regulating and measurement facilities, referred to as the Lake Tahoe Area expansion facilities. According to Paiute, the purpose of the expansion facilities is to expand the delivery capacity of Paiute's system between the Wadsworth Junction and the terminus of the North Tahoe Lateral to enable Paiute to deliver

an additional 10,333 Dth/d to Southwest Gas Corporation—Northern California and an additional 2,455 Dth/d to Southwest Gas Corporation—Northern Nevada at its Incline Village delivery points. Paiute states that the Commission's order authorized Paiute to recover the cost of service associated with the expansion project by means of an incremental rate surcharge to be assessed to the two shippers. By its filing, Paiute proposes to establish the initial incremental rate and tariff sheets be permitted to become effective on January 1, 1998, in order to coincide with the expected in-service date of the expansion construction project.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file on or before January 2, 1998, a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 and 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. 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. 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. CP98-111-000]

Sea Robin Pipeline Company and Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Application

December 12, 1997.

Take notice that on December 3, 1997, Sea Robin Pipeline Company (Sea Robin), P.O. Box 2563, Birmingham, Alabama 35202-2563, and Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco), P.O. Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251-1397, filed in Docket No. CP98-111-000 an abbreviated joint application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for

permission and approval to abandon a transportation service for Transco performed under Sea Robin's Rate Schedule X-28 which was authorized in Docket No. CP79-433, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Sea Robin and Transco state that Sea Robin has provided transportation service of up to 4,690 Mcf per day on behalf of Transco pursuant to Sea Robin's Rate Schedule X-28 from Eugene Island Block 261, offshore Louisiana, to delivery points onshore at Erath, Louisiana. Such service was provided pursuant to a transportation agreement dated October 2, 1980, which primary term expired December 4, 1990, and the term of the agreement extended from year to year thereafter. Transco states that the abandonment of this Rate Schedule is appropriate since Transco has not nominated gas or received service under the agreement since March, 1992. The abandonment of the Rate Schedule will not require any abandonment of facilities. Sea Robin and Transco state that they are agreeable to the termination effective as of the date the Commission approves abandonment of Rate Schedule X-28.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before January 2, 1998, 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 157.10). 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. 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.

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 motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to