

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

## Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. SA98-70-000]

## Pickrell Drilling Company, Inc.; Notice of Petition for Adjustment

March 24, 1998.

Take notice that on March 10, 1998, Pickrell Drilling Company, Inc. (Pickrell), 110 North Market-Suite 205, Wichita, Kansas 67202-1996, on behalf of the working interest owners<sup>1</sup> for whom it operated leases, filed a petition for adjustment under section 502(c) of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA),<sup>2</sup> requesting that the Commission, grant them relief from any further refund liability not heretofore paid for the Kansas ad valorem tax reimbursements set forth in the Statement of Refunds Due (SRD) submitted to Pickrell by The Williams Companies (Williams), all as more fully set forth in the petition which is open to the public for inspection.

Pickrell states that the Barbara Oil Company, Burton Oil and Gas Properties, Vera J. Casado, Dane G. Hansen Trust, Dr. John R. Kline, Ralph S. Lightner, Carl W. Sebitts, and David H. Tripp have refunded their proportionate shares of the undisputed principal amount set forth in the SRD, but are requesting that they be relieved of any refund liability for the interest. Pickrell further states that considering the low volume, marginal nature of the subject well and its circumstances, it would be a hardship on them and inequitable to require them to refund the interest where there is no chance of recouping anything further from production. Pickrell also states that this would be inequitable in view of the time that elapsed since these reimbursements were received and any request for a refund was made.

Pickrell states that Cecil Burton and Luis A. Casado are deceased and that their estates have been closed. The HWT Corporation has been dissolved. H.A. Mayor, Jr., is elderly and in poor financial condition. Pickrell requests that any amounts attributable to these interest owners should be waived. Pickrell also states that the amounts attributable to these interest owners are not collectible and that Pickrell did not

receive the benefit of any portion of the refunds which were passed through to the working interest owners.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said petition should on or before 15 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this notice, 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, 385.211, 385.1105, and 385.1106). 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.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

## Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-283-000]

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

March 24, 1998.

Take notice that on March 17, 1998, Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (Texas Eastern), 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, Texas 77056-5310, filed in Docket No. CP98-283-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.211) for authorization to construct and operate a new point of delivery for AK Steel Corporation (AK Steel), an industrial end-user, in Warren County, Ohio. 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.

Specifically, Texas Eastern proposes to install, own, operate, and maintain a new point of delivery on its existing

Lebanon Lateral<sup>1</sup> to accommodate AK Steel in Middletown, Ohio. Texas Eastern proposes to construct and install a 10-inch tap valve and a 10-inch check valve on the existing Lebanon Lateral facility, at approximately Mile Post 60.62 in Warren County. It is stated that AK Steel will install, or cause to be installed, three 10-inch orifice meter runs plus associated piping, approximately 50 feet of 16-inch pipeline which will extend from the Meter Station to the Tap, and electronic gas measurement equipment.

Texas Eastern states that the transportation service will be rendered pursuant to Texas Eastern's open access Rate Schedules included in Texas Eastern FERC Gas Tariff, Sixth Revised Volume No. 1. It is averred that 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 states that its filing of this request is in response to AK Steel's request to receive natural gas service directly from Texas Eastern. Cincinnati Gas & Electric (CG&E) is the Texas Eastern customer that currently provides interruptible service to AK Steel. AK Steel indicates that it has informed Texas Eastern that the service AK Steel receives from CG&E will terminate on December 31, 1998. The tap proposed in this request is scheduled to be available for service on or after January 1, 1999, Texas Eastern therefore submits that the installation of the tap proposed herein and the provisions of open-access service to AK Steel will not constitute a bypass of CG&E.

Project cost has been estimated to be approximately \$87,000, and AK Steel has agreed to reimburse Texas Eastern's cost in full.

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

<sup>1</sup> Working interest owners are identified as: Barbara Oil Company, Cecil Burton (deceased), Luis A. Casado (deceased), Vera J. Casado, Dane G. Hansen Trust, Carl W. Sebitts, David H. Tripp, HWT Corporation (dissolved), Dr. John R. Kline, Virginia M. Johnson, Ralph S. Lightner, H.A. Mayor, Jr., and Burton Oil and Gas Prop.

<sup>2</sup> 15 U.S.C. 3142(c) (1982).

<sup>1</sup> The Lebanon Lateral facility is jointly owned by Texas Eastern and ANR Pipeline Company.

shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. GT98-30-000]

#### Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Refund Report

March 24, 1998.

Take notice that on March 20, 1998, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) filed a report reflecting the flow through of a portion of a refund received from Texas Gas Transmission Corporation (Texas Gas).

On February 26, 1998, in accordance with Section 4 of its Rate Schedule FT-NT, Transco states that it refunded to its FT-NT customers \$19,466.83 resulting from a portion of a Texas Gas Refund for the period December 1, 1996 through October 31, 1997. The refund was issued as a result of the termination of Texas Gas' Transportation Cost Adjustment (TCA), as approved in the Stipulation and Agreement filed in Docket No. RP94-423 by the Letter Order issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on February 20, 1996.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file 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 Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed on or before March 31, 1998. 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.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. SA98-61-000]

#### Louis Welner and Bruce F. Welner; Notice of Petition for Adjustment

March 24, 1998.

Take notice that on March 10, 1998, Bruce F. Welner on behalf of himself and his father Louis Welner filed a petition for adjustment under section 502(c) of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA),<sup>1</sup> requesting to be relieved of their obligation to make Kansas ad valorem tax refunds to Northern Natural Gas Company, with respect to their working interest in wells operated in Clark County, Kansas otherwise required by the Commission's September 10, 1997 order in Docket Nos. RP97-369-000, GP97-3-000, GP97-4-000, and GP97-5-000.<sup>2</sup> The petition is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

The Commission's September 10 order on remand from the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals<sup>3</sup> directed first sellers under the NGPA to make Kansas ad valorem tax refunds, with interest, for the period from 1983 to 1988.

Bruce F. Welner seeks relief for his father regarding his interest in the Bouziden well based on the following grounds:

1. Lewis Welner currently lives in a nursing home in Florida and is suffering from Alzheimer's disease.

2. Lewis Welner has been on Medicaid for the last year because his assets are depleted.

Bruce F. Welner seeks relief for himself regarding his interest in the McMinimy and Bouziden wells based on the following:

1. In May of 1988 Bruce F. Welner and his wife filed for personal bankruptcy. The two wells were used as collateral to secure a loan.

2. As a result of the bankruptcy a bank became owner of Bruce Welner's interest in the two wells.

3. The remaining unsecured oil and gas assets were sold at auction, along with Bruce Welner's personal assets. The proceeds were distributed to unsecured creditors.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 3142(c) (1982).

<sup>2</sup> See 80 FERC ¶ 61,264 (1997); order denying reh'g issued January 28, 1998, 82 FERC ¶ 61,058 (1998).

<sup>3</sup> *Public Service Company of Colorado v. FERC*, 91 F.3d 1478 (D.C. 1996), cert. denied, Nos. 96-954 and 96-1230 (65 U.S.L.W. 3751 and 3754, May 12, 1997) (Public Service).

petition should on or before 15 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this notice, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., 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, 385.211, 385.1105, and 385.1106). 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.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER98-2226-000, et al.]

#### PP&L, Inc., et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

March 23, 1998.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

##### 1. PP&L, Inc.

[Docket No. ER98-2226-000]

Take notice that on March 18, 1998, PP&L, Inc. (formerly known as Pennsylvania Power & Light Company) (PP&L), filed a Service Agreement dated March 6, 1998, with Virginia Electric and Power Company (VEPC), under PP&L's FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 5. The Service Agreement adds VEPC as an eligible customer under the Tariff.

PP&L requests an effective date of March 18, 1998, for the Service Agreement.

PP&L states that copies of this filing have been supplied to VEPC and to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

*Comment date:* April 7, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

##### 2. PP&L, Inc.

[Docket No. ER98-2227-000]

Take notice that on March 18, 1998, PP&L, Inc. (formerly known as Pennsylvania Power & Light Company) (PP&L), filed a Service Agreement dated