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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. TM98-2-31-000]

#### **NorAm Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff**

April 2, 1998.

Take notice that on March 30, 1998, NorAm Gas Transmission Company (NGT) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheets to be effective May 1, 1998:

Twelfth Revised Sheet No. 5

Twelfth Revised Sheet No. 6

NGT states that the purpose of this filing is to adjust NGT's fuel percentages pursuant to Section 21 of its General Terms and Conditions.

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 in accordance with 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. 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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. RP98-165-000 and RP89-183-078]

#### **Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff**

April 2, 1998.

Take notice that on March 31, 1998, Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc. (Williams), tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets, with the proposed effective date of May 1, 1998:

First Revised Sheet No. 6A, Original Sheet Nos. 38 and 39

Williams states that this filing is being made pursuant to Article 14 of the General Terms and Conditions of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1. Williams hereby submits its second quarter, 1998, report of take-or-pay buyout, buydown and contract reformation costs and gas supply related transition costs, and the application or distribution of those costs and refunds.

Williams states that there was not sufficient time to reflect in the instant filing, the requirements of the order approved at the Commission's March 25, 1998 meeting in Docket No. RP98-105, et al. Therefore, Williams is submitting the instant filing utilizing the previously effective direct allocation method of allocating GSR cost to firm service in order to ensure that cost recovery is proposed in a timely manner. Williams states that it will file revised tariff sheets to reflect the required changes in its GSR mechanism prior to May 1, 1998.

Williams states that a copy of its filing was served on all participants listed on the service lists maintained by the Commission in the dockets referenced above and on all of Williams' jurisdictional customers and interested state commissions.

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 in accordance with 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. 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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-266-000]

#### **Enogex Interstate Transmission L.L.C. and Ozark Gas Transmission, L.L.C.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Ozark/NOARK Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues**

April 2, 1998.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the construction and operation of approximately 9.9 miles of natural gas transmission pipeline and other appurtenant facilities, and the modification of two compressor stations and a meter station, proposed in the Ozark/NOARK Expansion Project.<sup>1</sup> This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

If you are a landowner whose property will be crossed by the proposed project, you may be contacted by a pipeline company representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The pipeline company may seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement relative to land use and access. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, the pipeline has the right to use eminent domain. Therefore, if negotiations fail to produce an agreement between the pipeline company and landowner, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law. A fact sheet addressing a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent

<sup>1</sup> Enogex Interstate Transmission L.L.C. and Ozark Gas Transmission, L.L.C.'s application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

domain, is attached to this notice as appendix 1.<sup>2</sup>

### Summary of the Proposed Project

Enogex Interstate Transmission L.L.C. and Ozark Gas Transmission, L.L.C. (Enogex) proposes to acquire the facilities of the Ozark Gas Transmission System (Ozark); dedicate to interstate service the facilities of NOARK Pipeline system, Limited Partnership (NOARK), and intrastate pipeline; and expand and integrate the Ozark and NOARK systems into a single interstate system.<sup>3</sup> Once completed, the system would be known as Ozark Gas Transmission, L.L.C., and would have a firm transportation capacity of 330 million cubic feet per day.

To fully integrate the systems Enogex proposes to construct/install the following facilities:

- about 0.19 mile of 10-inch-diameter pipeline extending from milepost (MP) 151.0 of Ozark's system to Southwestern Energy Pipeline Company's Fort Chaffee Compressor Station which connects with NOARK's system at about MP 0.0, all in Sebastian County, Arkansas;
- about 4.86 miles of dual 20-inch-diameter pipeline loops (totaling about 9.7 miles) from MP 123.1 on Ozark's system to the NOARK Mainline Compressor Station at MP 26.4 on NOARK's system, all in Franklin County, Arkansas;
- two electrically driven compressor units totaling 5,500 horsepower (hp) and ancillary facilities including a pig launcher, a pig receiver, a compressor building, piping, and appurtenances at the existing NOARK Mainline Compressor Station;
- about 2 miles of electric transmission line to provide power for the new compressor additions at the existing NOARK Mainline Compressor Station;
- one 4,500-hp electrically driven compressor unit and ancillary facilities including a compressor building, piping, and appurtenances at the existing Ozark Lequire Compressor Station, located on Ozark's system at MP 212.4 in Haskell County, Oklahoma;
- about 1 mile of electric transmission line to provide power for the new compressor addition at the

existing Ozark Lequire Compressor Station; and

- two 8-inch-diameter meter runs, valves, and tie-in piping to upgrade the receipt meter capacity at the existing Ozark-Enogex Boiling Springs Meter Station, located on Ozark's system at MP 237.0 in Latimer County, Oklahoma.

A general location map of the project facilities is shown in appendix 2. If you are interested in obtaining detailed maps of a specific portion of the project, contact the Office of External Affairs.

### Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would affect a total of about 95.1 acres. Of this total, about 69.2 acres would be disturbed by construction of the pipelines. An additional 14.0 acres would be disturbed by installation of the compressor and meter facilities. The remaining 11.9 acres would be disturbed by construction of an access road and use of 25 extra work areas that would be needed at road, railroad, and waterbody crossings.

The 4.86 miles of dual 20-inch-diameter pipelines would be installed adjacent to an existing NOARK 12-inch-diameter pipeline using a 115-foot-wide construction right-of-way. Following construction and restoration of the right-of-way and temporary work spaces, Enogex would retain a 50-foot-wide permanent pipeline right-of-way. For construction of the 0.19 mile of 10-inch-diameter pipeline, Enogex would use a 65-foot-wide construction right-of-way, of which it would retain a 25-foot-wide strip as permanent pipeline right-of-way. Enogex would install the compressor and meter facilities entirely within the fence lines of existing sites, requiring no additional temporary work space.

Existing land uses on the disturbed areas, as well as most land uses on the permanent rights-of-way, would be allowed to continue following construction. Total land requirements for new permanent rights-of-way would be about 30.1 acres.

Construction of the electric transmission line for the NOARK Mainline Compressor Station would require a 2-mile-long, 70-foot-wide right-of-way that would affect about 17.0 acres. For the Ozark Lequire Compressor Station, a 1-mile-long, 80-foot-wide right-of-way would be required, which would affect about 9.7 acres.

### The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action

whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. The EA we are preparing will give the Commission the information to do that. NEPA also requires us to discover and address concerns the public may have about the proposal. We call this "scoping". The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. We encourage state and local government representatives to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils.
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands.
- Vegetation and wildlife.
- Public safety.
- Land use.
- Cultural resources.
- Air quality and noise.
- Socioeconomics.

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for these proceedings. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our final recommendations to the Commission.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section on pages 5 and 6 of this Notice.

### Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified an issue that we think deserves attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Enogex. The number of issues may increase or

<sup>2</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

<sup>3</sup> On March 5, 1998, under Docket No. CP98-265-000, Ozark Gas Transmission System filed an application under section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act to abandon all of its facilities by sale to Enogex.

decrease based on your comments and our analysis.

- There are 15 noise-sensitive areas that are in proximity to the compressor stations.

### Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commenter, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative routes, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please follow the instructions below to ensure that your comments are received and properly recorded:

- Reference Docket No. CP98-266-000.
- Send *two* copies of your comments to: David P. Boergers, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE, Washington, DC 20426.
- Lable one copy for the attention of the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch, PR-11.1.
- Please mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before May 8, 1998.

### Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding, known as an "intervenor". Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy to all other parties on the Commission's service lists for these proceedings. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a Motion to Intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 3). Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision. You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Mr.

Paul McKee of the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-1088.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-170-000]

#### Texas Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of GSR Reconciliation Report

April 2, 1998.

Take notice that on March 30, 1998, Texas Gas Transmission Corporation (Texas Gas) tendered for filing a report which compares gas supply realignment (GSR) costs with amounts recovered through the GSR recovery filings. Texas Gas states that this reconciliation filing is being made in accordance with Section 33.3(h) as found in Texas Gas's FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1 and to comply with Article IV, Section 4.5 of the GSR Settlement in Docket No. RP94-119-000, *et al.*, filed on July 12, 1995, and approved by Commission Letter Order issued September 18, 1995.

Texas Gas states that copies of this filing have been served upon Texas Gas's jurisdictional customers, those appearing on the applicable service lists, and interested state commissions.

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 April 9, 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.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[SWH-FRL-5992-6]

### Agency Information Collection Activities—Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Survey of the Inorganic Chemicals Industry

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit the following proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Survey of the Inorganic Chemicals Industry, ICR Number 1848.01. This ICR includes information about the RCRA section 3007 questionnaire, subsequent data update requests, site visits, and sampling anticipated for this information collection effort. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before June 8, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Commenters must send an original and two copies of their comments referencing docket number F-98-SICP-FFFFF to: RCRA Docket Information Center, Office of Solid Waste (5305G), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters (EPA, HQ), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. Hand deliveries of comments should be made to the Arlington, VA, address below. Comments also may be submitted electronically through the Internet to: rcradocket@epamail.epa.gov. Comments in electronic format also should be identified by the docket number F-98-SCIP-FFFF. All electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

Commenters should not submit electronically any confidential business information (CBI). An original and two copies of CBI must be submitted under separate cover to: RCRA CBI Document Control Officer, Office of Solid Waste (5305W), U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460.

The ICR, including the Inorganic Chemicals Industry RCRA Section 3007 questionnaire, and supporting materials are available for viewing in the RCRA Information Center (RIC), located at Crystal Gateway I, First Floor, 1235