

releases of capacity and to clarify Section 3.4. Tennessee proposes an effective date of April 1, 2001.

Tennessee states that copies of the filing have been mailed to each of the parties that have intervened in this proceeding.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such 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. 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). Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-288-011]

Transwestern Pipeline Company; Notice of Negotiated Rate

February 16, 2001.

Take notice that on February 6, 2001, Transwestern Pipeline Company (Transwestern) tendered for filing to become part of Transwestern's FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheet, proposed to become effective on February 6, 2001: Seventh Revised Sheet No. 5B.07

Transwestern states that the above sheet is being filed to amend a negotiated rate agreement with Sempra Energy Trading Corporation in accordance with the Commission's Policy Statement on Alternatives to Traditional Cost-of-Service Ratemaking for Natural Gas Pipelines.

Transwestern further states that copies of the filing have been mailed to

each of its customers and interested State Commissions.

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, NE., 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 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. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP01-229-000]

Trunkline LNG Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

February 16, 2001.

Take notice that on February 13, 2001, Trunkline LNG Company (TLNG) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1-A, the tariff sheets listed on Appendix A attached to the filing to become effective March 15, 2001.

TLNG states that the purpose of this filing, made in accordance with the provisions of Section 154.204 of the Commission's Regulations, is to establish the flexibility under TLNG's tariff to negotiate rates in accordance with the Commission's Statement of Policy on Alternatives to Traditional Cost-of-Service Rate making for Natural Gas Pipelines, Docket No. RM95-6-000 and Regulation of Negotiated Transportation Services of Natural Gas Pipelines, Docket No. RM96-7-000 issued January 31, 1996 (Policy

Statement). This filing establishes a negotiated/recourse rate program applicable to TLNG's Rate Schedule FTS consistent with the Policy Statement as well as other Commission pronouncements respecting negotiated rate filings.

TLNG states that copies of this filing are being served on all jurisdictional customers and applicable state regulatory agencies.

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, NE., 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 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. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-381-008]

Wyoming Interstate Company, Ltd.; Notice of Filing of Refund Report

February 16, 2001.

Take notice that on February 9, 2001 Wyoming Interstate Company, Ltd. (WIC) filed a refund report in Docket No. RP99-381-000, et al.

WIC states that the filing and refunds were made to comply with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Order of September 27, 2000. These amounts were paid by WIC on December 11, 2000.

WIC states that the refund report summarizes transportation refund

amounts for the period January 1, 2000 through October 31, 2000 pursuant to Article VI of WIC's Stipulation and Agreement as approved in the Commission's September 27, 2000 Order.

WIC states that the copies of WIC's filing are being mailed to all holders of the tariff and to public bodies and that the filing is available for public inspection at WIC's offices in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

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 must be filed on or before February 23, 2001. 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. 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). Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP01-76-000]

Cove Point LNG Limited Partnership; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Cove Point LNG Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Public Meeting and Site Visit

February 16, 2001.

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 Cove Point LNG Project involving the reactivation of offshore facilities, and the construction and operation of onshore facilities by Cove Point LNG Limited Partnership (Cove Point LNG)

in Calvert County, Maryland.¹ The proposal anticipates the resumption of liquefied natural gas (LNG) deliveries by tanker ship to the Cove Point LNG import terminal starting in April 2002. 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.

Summary of the Proposed Project

Cove Point LNG proposes to provide open access LNG tanker unloading services of up to 750,000 dekatherms per day for three customers importing LNG. Cove Point LNG seeks authorization to reactivate, repair or replace the following existing facilities:

- refurbish five LNG unloading arms, and replace five LNG unloading arms with powered emergency release couplings;
- refurbish or replace offshore instrumentation and control systems;
- remove offshore LNG booster pumps and elevated pulpits from piers;
- refurbish and upgrade offshore fire water systems;
- renovate offshore offices and relocate control room to upper level;
- refurbish and upgrade hazard detection, fire protection, and electrical systems;
- refurbish the third gas-turbine electrical generator;
- replace the ten LNG vaporizers within the existing concrete tanks;
- refurbish the third first-stage LNG pump and four cold vapor blowers;
- restage the ten second-stage LNG sendout pumps;
- replace glycol-water heaters for the boiloff gas and fuel gas heater system;
- install nitrogen fire suppressant systems on all LNG storage tank relief valves; and
- decommission the existing 15 million cubic feet per day liquefaction system upon resumption of LNG imports.

Cove Point LNG also seeks authorization to construct and operate the following new facilities at its existing site:

- 850,000-barrel (2.8 billion cubic feet of gas equivalent) double-wall LNG storage tank with spill containment dike;
- 485,000 standard cubic feet per hour nitrogen separation plant to be used for Btu reduction of sendout gas;
- meter station on the 36-inch-diameter transmission pipeline; and
- addition to the administration building.

¹ Cove Point LNG's application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

The location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.²

In a related application filed under Docket No. CP01-77-000, Cove Point LNG seeks authorization to construct, site and modify the import terminal facilities at the terminal under Section 3(a) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 153 of the Commission's regulations.

Enhancements are also planned for the existing 87-mile-long Cove Point Pipeline, from Calvert County, Maryland to Loudon County, Virginia, pursuant to the Commission's blanket certificate authority and prior notice requirements in Part 157 Subpart F. Cove Point LNG plans to install pig³ launchers and receivers on the Cove Point Pipeline; smart pig the entire pipeline; replace sections as needed; and uprate the pipeline pressure to 1,250 pounds per square inch under its blanket certificate authority. Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) plans to install: hot taps on the Cove Point Pipeline and Transco's B and C Lines; a meter and regulating station; and 2 miles of 36-inch-diameter pipeline under prior notice procedures.

Land Requirements for Construction

The Cove Point LNG terminal property consists of 1,017 acres on the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay, of which 108 acres are developed for onshore terminal operations. The proposed new onshore facilities would occupy about 6.0 acres within the developed site. Contractor staging and storage would temporarily affect an additional 18.2 acres of land in areas that were used during the initial construction of the facility.

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. NEPA also requires us⁴ to discover and address concerns the

² The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available on the Commission's website at the "RIMS" link or from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. For instructions on connecting to RIMS refer to the last page of this notice. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

³ A pipeline pig is a device used to internally clean or inspect the pipeline. A pig launcher/receiver is a surface facility where pigs are inserted or retrieved from the pipeline.

⁴ "We", "us", and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP).