

Public Participation and Scoping Meetings

You can make a difference by sending a letter with your specific comments or concerns about the project. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative sites), 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:

- Address your letters to:

Lois Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol St., NE., Washington, DC 20426

Luis Frias, Secretary, Puerto Rico Planning Board, P.O. Box 41119, Santurce, PR 00940-1119

- Reference Docket No. CP95-35-000 (FERC)
- Reference Docket No. 94-62-1219-JPU (PRPB)

- Send a *copy* of your letter to the following individuals:

Mr. Chris Zerby, FERC EIS Project Manager, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol St., NE, Room 7312, Washington, DC 20426

Mrs. María Gordillo, PRPB EIS Project Manager, Puerto Rico Planning Board, P.O. Box 41119, Santurce, Puerto Rico 00940-1119

- Mail your comments so that they are received in Washington, D.C. or Santurce, PR on or before April 17, 1995.

Beside seeking your written comments, we invite you to attend any of the joint public scoping meetings the FERC and the PRPB will conduct. The locations and times for these meetings are listed below. Requests to hold additional public scoping meetings will be considered.

The public meetings will be designed to give you more detailed information and another opportunity to offer your comments on the proposed project. Those wanting to speak at the meetings can call the EIS Project Manager to pre-register their names on the speaker list. Those people on the speaker list before the date of the meeting will be allowed to speak first. A second speaker list will be developed at each meeting. Priority will be given to people representing groups. A transcript of each meeting will be made so that your comments will be accurately recorded. This transcript will be available in both Spanish and English.

Schedule for Joint EIS Public Scoping Meetings

April 18, 1995 (5:00-7:00 pm)

Puerto Rico Planning Board, Minillas Governmental Center, De Diego Avenue, Stop 22, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00940

April 19, 1995 (5:00-7:00 pm)

City Hall, Peñuelas, Puerto Rico

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EIS process, you may want to become an official party to the proceedings or an "intervenor." Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related FERC documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide copies of its filings to all other parties. If you want to become an intervenor, you must file a Motion To Intervene according to Rule 214 of FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) which is attached as appendix B.

The date for filing of timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your scoping comments considered.

Environmental Mailing List

This notice is being sent to all potential interested parties to solicit focused comments regarding environmental considerations related to the proposed project. As details of the project become established, representatives of EcoElectrica will directly contact communities, and public agencies concerning any other matters, including acquisition of permits and rights-of-way.

If you do not want to send comments at this time but still want to keep informed and receive copies of the Draft/Preliminary and Final EIS, please return the Information Request (appendix C). If you do not return the Information Request, you will be taken off the mailing list.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Mr. Chris Zerby, FERC Project Manager, at (202) 208-0111. Information concerning the involvement of the Puerto Rico Planning Board can be obtained from

Mrs. Maria Gordillo, PRPB Project Manager, at (809) 727-4444.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Project No. 8835-019 California]

Dewey B. Smith; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

March 14, 1995.

An environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review. The EA is for the termination of the license of the Dewey Smith Hydroelectric Project. The EA finds that termination of the license would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The Dewey Smith Project is located on the Shasta River in Siskiyou County, California.

The EA was prepared by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the EA can be viewed at the Commission's Reference and Information Center, Room 3308, 941 North Capitol Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Copies can also be obtained by calling the project manager listed below.

Please submit any comments within 45 days from the date of this notice. Any comments, conclusions, or recommendations that draw upon studies, reports or other working papers of substance should be supported by appropriate documentation.

Comments should be addressed to Lois D. Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please denote "Comments: Project No. 8835-019" on all comments. For more information, please contact the project manager, John Mudre, at (202) 219-1208.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP95-217-000, et al.]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation, et al.; Natural Gas Certificate Filings

March 10, 1995.

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

1. Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation

[Docket No. CP95-217-000]

Take notice that on February 22, 1995, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 1700 MacCorkle Avenue, SE., Charleston, West Virginia 25314, filed in Docket No. CP95-217-000 an application pursuant to Sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act for permission and approval to abandon a portion of a pipeline located in Gilmer, Lewis and Doddridge Counties, West Virginia, and to construct and operate replacement facilities, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Columbia proposes to replace a deteriorating portion of Line 1740, totaling approximately 17.2 miles of 16-, and 20-inch pipeline, with five sections of 20-inch pipeline totaling approximately 17.5 miles. Columbia states that the involved portion of Line 1740 (6.45 miles of 16-inch and 10.75 miles of 20-inch pipeline) was constructed in 1947,¹ and should be replaced to enable Columbia to continue to maintain safe and reliable service to its existing customers at current levels. Columbia describes the pipe to be abandoned as beginning in Gilmer County at the Barbarow Valve Setting, just south of County Route 2/2, and proceeding northeast and terminating in Doddridge County near Long Run just south of County Route 38/4.

Columbia explains that, to the extent that 16-inch pipe is being replaced by 20-inch pipe, the 20-inch pipe is being utilized to provide a continuous pipe size for efficient maintenance. Columbia further explains that a singularly sized line would minimize the number of pig launchers and receivers necessary to pig the line. Columbia estimates that its proposal would permit it to avoid incurring an expense of approximately \$250,000 to install pig launchers and receivers to accommodate the pigging of different diameter pipelines as opposed to a continuous 20-inch pipeline. The estimated cost of the proposed construction is \$16,700,000.

Columbia states that the proposal would result in an increase in pipeline capacity of approximately 28,200 Dekatherms per day at the suction side of the Smithfield Compressor Station which would diminish to zero with distance from that point due to other system constraints. Columbia does not request authorization for any new or additional service and states that any additional capacity made available by

the replacement pipe would be posted in accordance with applicable tariffs.

Comment date: March 31, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

2. Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company

[Docket No. CP95-235-000]

Take notice that on March 2, 1995, Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company (Williston), 200 North Third Street, Suite 300, Bismarck, North Dakota 58501 filed an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations requesting permission and approval to abandon certain facilities (and related services) located on its pipeline system in Custer, Powder River, Stillwater and Carbon Counties, Montana; Burke and Divide Counties, North Dakota; Harding County, South Dakota; and Park, Hot Springs and Big Horn Counties, Wyoming, all as a result of the sale of property to Interenergy Corporation (Interenergy), all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Williston seeks authorization to abandon by sale to Interenergy gathering facilities, certain transmission functionalized as transmission, and related land rights and services, associated with its existing operations. Williston states that Interenergy is currently conducting negotiations for replacement service agreements with Williston's existing gathering customers. Williston states that the total allocated net book value of the gathering facilities to be sold is \$5,100,924; and, the total net book value of the transmission facilities to be sold is \$626,550, as of January 1, 1995. Williston has indicated that Interenergy has filed concurrently a petition that the Commission declare the subject facilities exempt from jurisdiction pursuant to Section 1(b) of the Natural Gas Act.

Comment date: March 31, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

3. Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company

[Docket No. CP95-236-000]

Take notice that on March 2, 1995, Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company (Williston), 200 North Third Street, Suite 300, Bismarck, North Dakota 58501 filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act. The application requests authority to transfer from the

gathering function to the transmission function the Frannie-Deaver meter station; a portion of the Elk Basin to South Elk Basin gathering line; the Hiland Plant meter station; and, the Perry Gas meter station, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Williston states that the above-referenced facilities were either purchased or constructed by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., now MDU Resources Group, Inc., the parent of Centennial Energy Holdings, Inc., Williston's parent. Williston states that as a result of an extensive review and examination of its plant accounting records for gathering facilities and/or to rationalize the facilities which are to remain with Williston after receipt of the necessary abandonment authority sought for certain facilities and services in a companion application,² Williston has determined that certain facilities classified as gathering should be classified as transmission.

Comment date: March 31, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

4. Interenergy Corporation

[Docket No. CP95-239-000]

Take notice that on March 2, 1995, Interenergy Corporation (Interenergy) 1700 Broadway, Suite 1150, Denver, Colorado 80202 filed a petition for declaratory order requesting that the Commission declare that facilities to be acquired from Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company (Williston) are gathering facilities exempt from Commission jurisdiction under Section 1(b) of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Interenergy states it is engaged in the gathering and marketing of natural gas. Interenergy states that it has agreed to purchase³ from Williston certain facilities located on Williston's pipeline system in Custer, Powder River, Stillwater and Carbon Counties, Montana; Burke and Divide Counties, North Dakota; Harding County, South Dakota; and Park, Hot Springs and Big Horn Counties, Wyoming. Subject to the Commission's grant of Interenergy's Petition, Interenergy intends to operate the facilities to points of interconnection with Williston for transportation to markets. It is also indicated that Williston has sought

² Filed March 2, 1995, in Docket No. CP95-235-000.

³ Purchase and sales agreement dated January 3, 1995, as amended.

¹ See 6 FPC 627 (1947).

authorization to abandon these facilities.⁴

Interenergy states that the facilities, which consist of pipeline totalling approximately 211 miles, separation and dehydration equipment, field compressors and associated facilities (including wellhead metering stations), display the characteristics the Commission has historically held to be indicative of gathering. Interenergy states that facilities will be used to perform services in the production area prior to transportation in interstate commerce. It states that through the facilities it will offer gathering, treating, dehydrating and compression services to producers and shippers seeking such services and will provide such services on an open-access, non-discriminatory basis.

Comment date: March 31, 1995, in accordance with the first paragraph of Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

5. Parker & Parsley Gas Processing Company

[Docket No. CP95-244-000]

Take notice that on March 6, 1995, Parker & Parsley Gas Processing Co. (Parker & Parsley) 303 West Wall Avenue, Suite 101, Midland, Texas 79701, filed a petition for a declaratory order in Docket No. CP95-244-000 requesting that the Commission declare that certain facilities Parker & Parsley proposes to acquire from CNG Transmission Corporation (CNGT) are gathering facilities exempt from Commission jurisdiction under Section 1(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and that Parker & Parsley's ownership and operation of those facilities will not subject Parker & Parsley to Commission jurisdiction under the NGA, all as more fully set forth in the petition which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Parker & Parsley states that it has agreed to purchase approximately 352 miles of various sized pipelines, ranging in length from approximately 12 feet to approximately 17 miles, with approximately 95 percent of the lines no more than 5 miles in length. Parker & Parsley explains that while CNGT is seeking abandonment of 322 miles of pipeline, Parker & Parsley seeks an order from the Commission declaring to be non-jurisdictional gathering facilities: (1) The 322 miles of pipeline CNGT is seeking to abandon, plus (2) an additional 30 miles of pipeline to be conveyed to Parker & Parsley by CNGT. Parker & Parsley states that the

Commission authorized the abandonment of the 30 miles of pipeline in Docket No. CP91-554-000.

CNGT has, concurrently herewith, filed a related abandonment application in Docket No. CP95-245-000.

Comment date: March 31, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

6. CNG Transmission Corporation

[Docket No. CP95-245-000]

Take notice that on March 6, 1995, CNG Transmission Corporation (CNGT), 445 Main Street, Clarksburg, West Virginia 26301, filed in Docket No. CP95-245-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for permission and approval to abandon 322 miles of various diameter pipeline by sale to Parker & Parsley Development, LP. (Parker & Parsley) or an affiliate, and to abandon an exchange service between CNGT and Equitrans Inc. (Equitrans), all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, CNGT proposes to abandon by sale, 322 miles of pipeline ranging in diameter from 2 to 18 inches, and minor amounts of 20 and 30 inch line located in Harrison, Marion, Marshall, Monongalia, Doddridge, Wetzel, and Tyler Counties, West Virginia. All of CNGT's interest in the facilities were transferred to Consolidated Gas Transmission Corporation (now CNGT) from its predecessor, Consolidated Gas Supply Corporation (now Hope Gas, Inc.) effective January 1, 1984. The transfer and classification of assets was approved by the Commission in Docket No. CP80-346-000 on December 20, 1983 (25 FERC ¶ 61,397). All of the lines make up a discrete gathering system feeding the Hastings extraction plant. The system is characterized by a web-like configuration of gathering lines and approximately 106 third party transport meters and 160 CNGT wells are located on this system. The CNGT wells are also being sold to Parker & Parsley.

Parker & Parsley Gas Processing Co. has, concurrently herewith, filed a Petition for Declaratory Order Disclaiming Jurisdiction in Docket No. CP95-244-000.

The exchange service CNGT seek to abandon with Equitrans is under a February 9, 1972 exchange agreement on file as CNGT's Rate Schedule X-9.

Comment date: March 31, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

7. Koch Gateway Pipeline Company

[Docket No. CP95-246-000]

Take notice that on March 7, 1995, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (KGPC), 600 Travis Street, Houston, Texas 77002, filed in Docket No. CP95-246-000, an abbreviated application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for an order granting permission and approval to abandon certain natural gas facilities, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

In its application, KGPC proposes to abandon by sale to Western Gas Resources Storage, Inc. (Western) an offsystem gathering line, designated as Katy Field FPL No. 1 (Katy Line), located in Waller County, Texas. The Katy Line, consisting of 1.23 miles of 10-inch pipeline including all valves and appurtenances, connects an Exxon Corp. gasoline plant with a 30-inch Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company transmission line. KGPC states that it sold the Katy Line to Excel Resources, Inc. (Excel) for \$110,000 on April 1, 1994 but that Excel assigned all of its contractual rights and obligations under the sales agreement with KGPC to Western.

Comment date: March 31, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

8. Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company

[Docket No. CP95-247-000]

Take notice that on March 7, 1995, Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company (Williston Basin), Suite 300, 200 North Third Street, Bismarck, North Dakota 58501, filed in Docket No. CP95-247-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.211) for authorization to construct and operate a new metering station and associated appurtenant facilities under Williston Basin's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-1-000 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.

Williston Basin proposes to construct and operate a new metering station and associated appurtenant facilities to provide deliveries of up to 6,500 Mcf per day of gas to Conoco, Inc. The facilities will be located in Burke County, North Dakota.

Comment date: April 24, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

⁴ Filed March 2, 1995, in Docket No. CP95-235-000.

9. NorAm Gas Transmission Company

[Docket No. CP95-249-000]

Take notice that on March 8, 1995, NorAm Gas Transmission Company (NGT), 1600 Smith Street, Houston, Texas 77002, filed in Docket No. CP95-249-000 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 delivery tap on NGT's Line BT-14 in Yell County, Arkansas, under NGT's blanket certificate issued in Docket Nos. CP82-384-000 and CP82-384-001, pursuant to Section 7(c) 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.

NGT proposes to construct and operate a new 2-inch rural domestic tap for delivery of natural gas to ARKLA, a division of NorAm Energy Corp. for redelivery to its customer, Bessie Jo Meers. The tap will be located in Section 35, Township 7 North, Range 21 West, Yell County, Arkansas and approximately 85 MMBtu annually and 1 MMBtu per day are estimated to be delivered through the tap. NGT states that the estimated cost of construction is \$2,700 and ARKLA will reimburse NGT for all construction costs. NGT further states that the volumes to be delivered are within ARKLA's certificated entitlement and NGT's tariff does not prohibit the addition of new delivery points.

Comment date: April 24, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraphs

F. Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before the comment date, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 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 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 a grant of the certificate and/or permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are 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 applicant to appear or be represented at the hearing.

G. 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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[Docket No. CP95-253-000, et al.]

NorAm Gas Transmission Company, et al.; Natural Gas Certificate Filings

March 14, 1995

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

1. NorAm Gas Transmission Company

[Docket No. CP95-253-000]

Take notice that on March 9, 1995, NorAm Gas Transmission Company (NGT), P.O. Box 21734, Shreveport, Louisiana 71151, filed a request with the Commission in Docket No. CP95-253-000 pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization

to replace certain metering and regulating facilities in Union Parish, Louisiana, with upgraded facilities in order to increase natural gas deliveries to Arkla, a division of NorAm Energy Corp. (Arkla), under NGT's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-384-000, *et al.* pursuant to Section 7 of the NGA, all as more fully set forth in the request which is open to the public for inspection.

NGT proposes to abandon an above ground 2-inch meter station and a 1-inch regulator and replace them with a 4-inch meter station and a 2-inch regulator at Arkla's request. NGT states that it would increase its natural gas deliveries to Arkla's Rural Extension No. 292 in Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana. NGT would deliver to Arkla approximately 440,500 MMBtu equivalent annually and 2,400 MMBtu equivalent per peak day, all within Arkla's certificated entitlements. NGT states that it would cost approximately \$58,700 to remove the old facilities and to construct the new facilities. NGT also states that Arkla has agreed to reimburse NGT for the cost of this project.

Comment date: April 28, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

2. Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America

[Docket No. CP95-254-000]

Take notice that on March 9, 1995, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural), 701 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois 60148, filed in Docket No. CP95-254-000 an abbreviated application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for permission and approval to abandon an offshore metering facility which was authorized in Docket No. CP76-80, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Natural proposes to abandon a dual 4-inch meter that is located on Mesa Petroleum Company's platform in East Cameron Block 322, offshore Louisiana. Natural states that the metering facilities are no longer needed and will be abandoned in place.

Comment date: April 4, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

3. Stingray Pipeline Company

[Docket No. CP95-255-000]

Take notice that on March 9, 1995, Stingray Pipeline Company (Stingray), 701 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois 60148, filed in Docket No. CP95-255-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for