

Copies of the filing were served upon the appropriate state and local regulators in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

Comment date: June 7, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraphs:

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street, N.E., 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 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. 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. 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.

Lois D. Cashell

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP95-327-000]

Transwestern Pipeline Company; Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for Transwestern Pipeline Company's Proposed Rio Grande River Crossing Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

May 24, 1995

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the facilities proposed in the Rio Grande River Crossing Project. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether an environmental impact statement is necessary and whether to approve the project.¹

Summary of the Proposed Project

Transwestern Pipeline Company (Transwestern) proposes to construct and operate approximately 3,200 feet of

30-inch-diameter pipeline under the Rio Grande River in Valencia County, New Mexico. The proposed pipeline segment would replace one of Transwestern's two 30-inch-diameter pipelines that originally crossed over the Rio Grande River on a steel structure pipeline bridge. On August 20, 1994, an explosion ruptured one of these two pipelines and the bridge were replaced under § 2.55 of the Commission's Regulations but the second pipeline was not replaced at that time.

The proposed segment would be installed from an existing block valve on Transwestern's existing pipeline located about 1,100 feet southeast of the Upper San Juan Riverside Drain. It would cross the Upper San Juan Riverside Drain, the Rio Grande River, and the Upper Sabinal Riverside Drain, and end at another existing block valve located about 350 feet northwest of the Upper Sabinal Riverside Drain.

The general location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.²

Land Requirements for Construction

Transwestern proposes to use an existing 150-foot-wide pipeline corridor for construction but may require up to a 250-foot-wide construction work space. Based on a 150-foot-wide construction work space, about 11 acres of land would be affected by construction.

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 us to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. 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 taken into account during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

²The 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, Room 3104, 941 North Capitol Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project. These impacts may include, but are not limited to:

- Geology and soils.
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands.
- Vegetation and wildlife.
- Endangered and threatened species.
- Land use.
- Cultural resources.
- Public safety.

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 this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we recommend that the Commission approve or not approve the project.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified three issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Transwestern. Keep in mind that this is a preliminary list. The list of issues may be added to, subtracted from, or changed based on your comments and our analysis. Issues are:

- The proposed project would cross three waterbodies, the Upper Sabinal Riverside Drain, the Rio Grande River and the Upper San Juan Riverside Drain.
- Two federally listed and two state endangered species may occur in the proposed project area.
- The proposed project would cross the Casa Colorado Waterfowl Management Area.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by sending a letter addressing 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 routes), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please follow

¹ Transwestern Pipeline Company's application was filed with the Commission pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations.

the instructions below to ensure that your comments are received and properly recorded:

- Address your letter to: Lois Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street, NE., Washington, D.C. 20426.

- Reference Docket No. CP95-327-000;

- Send a copy of your letter to: Ms. Mary Hertling, EA Project Manager, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street, NE., Room 7312, Washington, D.C. 20426; and

- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, D.C. on or before July 5, 1995.

If you wish to receive a copy of the EA, you should request one from Ms. Hertling at the above address.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding or become an "intervenor". 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 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 the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 2).

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by § 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.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Ms. Mary Hertling, EA Project Manager, at (202) 208-0874.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP95-498-000, et al.]

Colorado Interstate Gas Company, et al.; Natural Gas Certificate Filings

May 24, 1995.

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

1. Colorado Interstate Gas Company

[Docket No. CP95-498-000]

Take notice that on May 15, 1995, Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG), P.O. Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80944, filed in Docket No. CP95-498-000 an abbreviated application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to change the deliverability of the Flank and Latigo Storage Fields all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Pursuant to Commission orders issued in Docket No. CP92-154-000, et al., CIG constructed certain facilities at its Flank and Latigo Storage Fields designed to enhance the deliverability from these two storage fields. CIG estimated that the additional facilities would increase the maximum deliverability of each field to 150 Mmcf per day. After construction and operation of the facilities authorized in Docket No. CP92-154, et al., CIG claims that the deliverability of Flank and Latigo Storage Fields is actually 165 Mmcf per day and 140 Mmcf per day, respectively. Therefore, CIG requests a change in the certificated deliverability for these two storage fields. No new facilities are required to effect the proposed deliverability changes.

Comment date: June 14, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

2. Northern Natural Gas Company

[Docket No. CP95-499-000]

Take notice that on May 15, 1995, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124-1000 filed in Docket No. CP95-944-000 a request pursuant to § 157.205 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) for authorization to install and operate five (5) new small volume customer delivery points to accommodate natural gas deliveries to UtiliCorp United, Inc. (UCU), under Northern's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-401-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Northern states that it requests authority to install and operate these small volume delivery points to accommodate natural gas deliveries for UCU under Northern's existing transportation rate schedules. It is said that the estimated total volumes

proposed to be delivered to UCU at the proposed new delivery points are expected to result in an increase in Northern's peak day deliveries of approximately 49 MMBtu per day and 5,123 MMBtu on an annual basis.

Northern states further that the estimated cost to install the delivery points is \$10,975, UCU, it is said, would reimburse Northern for the cost to install the facilities.

Comment date: July 10, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

3. Southern Natural Gas Company

[Docket No. CP95-505-000]

Take notice that on May 19, 1995, Southern Natural Gas Company ("Southern") filed in the above-captioned docket an application pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act ("NGA"), as amended, and pursuant to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's ("Commission") Regulations under the NGA for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the construction, installation, modification and operation of compressor stations, meter stations and related appurtenant facilities, more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

In order to provide incremental firm transportation services totaling 26,810 Mcf per day for fifteen (15) customers on Southern's system in Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee, Southern requests authorization to (1) construct and install a new compressor station consisting of a turbine compressor, ISO-rated at 5,680 horsepower, to be located in Tuscaloosa and Jefferson Counties, Alabama, at or around mile post 286 on Southern's north pipeline system, (2) install compressor cylinder unloaders at its Tarrant Compressor Station in Jefferson County, Alabama, (3) install an additional turbine compressor unit, ISO-rated at 1,452 horsepower, at Southern's existing Pell City Compressor Station in St. Clair County, Alabama, and (4) uprate an existing turbine compressor engine at Southern's DeArmanville Compressor Station in Calhoun County, Alabama, from 1,080 rated horsepower to 1,200 ISO-rated horsepower. In addition, Southern will uprate the pressure at one meter station serving one of the customers in this expansion project and uprate the pressure of its Gadsden Branch Line to accommodate the increased firm contract quantities of four other customers. The total cost of these facilities is estimated to be \$13,055,800.