

continued Commission approval of Southern Energy's issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities.

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Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is October 30, 1995.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, Room 3308, 941 North Capitol Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96-10-000]

**Transwestern Pipeline Company;
Notice of Application**

October 11, 1995.

Take notice that on October 4, 1995, Transwestern Pipeline Company (Transwestern), Post Office Box 1188, Houston, Texas 77251-1188, filed in Docket No. CP96-10-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the construction, installation and operation of certain compression and related facilities, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, Transwestern seeks authorization to (1) Construct and operate a compressor station near Bisti, New Mexico (Bisti Compressor Station), consisting of a 10,000 horsepower (hp) electric motor driven compressor and related facilities, located near Mile Post 36 on Transwestern's San Juan Lateral in San Juan County, New Mexico; (2) construct and operate a 7,000 hp electric motor driven compressor, and related facilities at Transwestern's existing Bloomfield Compressor Station located on Transwestern's San Juan Lateral in San Juan County, New Mexico; (3) operate, as discussed in the application, an existing 4,132 hp gas compressor at Transwestern's Bloomfield Compressor Station originally certificated as a back-up compressor; (4) adjust its capacity on its mainline and San Juan Lateral facilities on a flexible basis in response to market demands for San Juan gas by changing the pressure in its mainline facilities from the current level of 950 psig to as low as 800 psig, to the extent required to meet reduced market demand for firm transportation capacity to California, but high demand for San Juan gas in Arizona, California and

Transwestern's eastern markets; and (5) purchase from Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Northwest) a 77.7 percent ownership interest in Northwest's south end mainline extension facilities extending from the Ignacio Compressor Station near Ignacio, Colorado to the Blanco Hub near Bloomfield, New Mexico (the La Plata Facilities), acquire capacity in such facilities, as provided in the Northwest-Transwestern Letter of Intent (Agreement), and operate such jointly-owned La Plata facilities.

Transwestern states that the agreement between Transwestern and Northwest provides that the exact levels of the ownership interest and capacity to be acquired by Transwestern are subject to change based on the amount of capacity retained by Northwest in order to serve changes in receipt and delivery points made by Northwest's customers as of October 20, 1995. Transwestern further states that Northwest will use reasonable efforts to file its abandonment application no later than November 3, 1995 reflecting customer's elections and Transwestern will supplement its application, if necessary, on or about November 3, 1995, to also reflect such elections.

Transwestern states that the cost of compressors and related facilities proposed to be constructed is \$14.6 million, and such additional compression facilities will allow Transwestern to add 170,000 Dth/day of capacity to the San Juan Lateral. It is stated that such 170,000 Dth/day is the amount of additional firm capacity on the San Juan Lateral requested by shippers under newly executed long-term, firm transportation agreements. According to Transwestern, granting it the flexibility to adjust the pressure, and thereby the capacity, on its mainline at Thoreau, to the extent necessary to meet reduced market demand for firm mainline capacity to California, and high market demand for San Juan gas in California and Transwestern's eastern markets, would allow Transwestern to add up to an additional 85,000 Dth/day of capacity on the San Juan Lateral from the compression facilities proposed herein. While capacity on the San Juan Lateral would be increased by up to 85,000 Dth/day as a result of reducing mainline capacity on a firm basis. However, Transwestern states that it would maintain its ability to fully serve all of its firm customers.

Transwestern states that with the flexibility to adjust the pressure, and thereby the capacity, on the mainline to respond to market demand, the additional compression facilities proposed herein would result in a total capacity increase of 255,000 Dth/day on

the San Juan Lateral. It is stated that with such additional capacity, the capacity of the San Juan Lateral would total up to 775,000 Dth/day on an annual basis, as compared to the current design capacity of 520,000 Mcf/day. On a peak day, Transwestern contends that the increased capacity on the San Juan Lateral could reach up to 275,000 Dth/day, for a total peak day capacity of up to 795,000 Dth/day.

Based on existing receipt and delivery points (which are subject to change as provided in the Agreement),

Transwestern states that it will acquire a 77.7 percent ownership interest in the La Plata Facilities, and, in addition to other capacity defined in the Agreement, 276,000 Dth/day of north to south capacity through the La Plata A compressor station. It is stated that Northwest will retain an ownership interest of 22.3 percent, and with respect to the north to south capacity, 24,000 Dth/day of capacity, and sufficient south to north capacity to meet its customers' needs. Transwestern states that the cost of its 77.7 percent ownership interest is \$21.0 million, based on the estimated book value at the projected closing date. According to Transwestern, the 276,000 Dth/day of north to south capacity through the La Plata A compressor station includes contracts for 201,000 Dth/day capacity previously subscribed by Northwest which are intended to be assigned to Transwestern. Transwestern states that the Agreement provides that Transwestern will attempt to negotiate such assigned contracts, but that if such contracts cannot be renegotiated and/or assigned, Northwest will retain such contracts, and the capacity and ownership percentage retained by Northwest will be adjusted to the extent that Northwest will retain north to south capacity. In addition, Transwestern contends that such 276,000 Dth/day includes 75,000 Dth/day of capacity newly subscribed by Transwestern under long-term firm transportation agreements.

Transwestern respectfully requests expedited action by the Commission in light of the following circumstances: (1) The need to meet the market demand evidenced by the executed firm transportation agreements submitted with the application; (2) the need to provide San Juan producers with the means to transport their gas to market and avoid the shut-in of gas; (3) submission with the application of a complete environmental report; (4) the limited construction window of July 1 through mid-February due to the environmental factors discussed in such report; and (5) the fact that no

determination of rolled-in versus incremental rate treatment is required in light of Transwestern's use of its existing Part 284 rates. Accordingly, Transwestern respectfully requests that the Commission provide for a shorter notice period for the filing of protests or motions to intervene so that the Commission could issue a preliminary determination by January 19, 1996, and a final certificate by March 31, 1996.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before October 26, 1995, 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 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 with 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 is 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 Transwestern to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Project No. 459-051 & -060 Missouri]

Union Electric Company; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

October 11, 1995.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47910), the Office of Hydropower Licensing (OHL) reviewed two applications for dredging two sites on the Lake of the Ozarks at the Osage Project. The applicants propose to excavate:

459-051: approximately 1,700 cubic yards (cy) of material from two areas, for the purpose of providing boat access to an existing boat dock and proposed boat ramp.

459-060: approximately 1,284 cy of material for three existing single family boat docks, one existing multi-family boat dock, and boat access lanes for each dock.

The proposed excavations will occur on project lands on the Lake of the Ozarks, in Camden and Morgan Counties, Missouri. The primary purpose of the excavation activities is to provide boat access to project waters for private recreational use. The staff prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the actions. In the EA, staff concludes that approval of the non-project use of project lands would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the EA are available for review in the Reference and Information Center, Room 3308, of the Commission's offices at 941 North Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Project No. 11442-001 Washington]

Weeden's Hydro; Notice of Surrender of Preliminary Permit

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Take notice that Weeden's Hydro, Permittee for the West Cady Creek Project No. 11442, has requested that its preliminary permit be terminated. The preliminary permit for Project No. 11442 was issued February 3, 1994, and would have expired January 31, 1997. The project would have been located in the Snoqualmie—Mt. Baker National Forest, on West Cady Creek, in Snohomish County, Washington.

The Permittee filed the request on September 18, 1995, and the preliminary permit for Project No. 11442 shall remain in effect through the thirtieth day after issuance of this notice unless that day is a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday as described in 18 CFR 385.2007, in which case the permit shall remain in effect through the first business day following that day. New applications involving this project site, to the extent provided for under 18 CFR Part 4, may be filed on the next business day.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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Western Area Power Administration

Parker-Davis Project—Notice of Rate Order No. WAPA-68

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Rate Order—Parker-Davis Project Firm Electric Service Rate and Firm and Non-Firm Transmission Rate Adjustments.

SUMMARY: Notice is given of the confirmation and approval by the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Energy (DOE) of Rate Order No. WAPA-68 and Rate Schedules PD-F5, PD-FT5, PD-NFT5, and PD-FCT5 placing decreased firm power rates for capacity and energy and decreased firm and non-firm transmission rates from the Parker-Davis Project (P-DP) of the Western Area Power Administration (Western) into effect on an interim basis. The interim rates, called the provisional rates, will remain in effect on an interim basis until the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) confirms, approves, and places them into effect on a final basis, or until they are replaced by other rates.

Western is requesting approval to place into effect a rate decrease in the firm power rates for capacity and energy and a rate decrease for firm and nonfirm transmission service from the P-DP. Four major changes are affecting the rates for the P-DP system.

The first change is in the costs apportionment study. This change was suggested by the P-DP customers and was a collaborative effort between all of Western's P-DP customers, Western and the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation). The new costs apportionment study more accurately allocates the P-DP's total power related costs and revenue between generation and transmission. In the previous