

Interest Rates for Direct Subsidized, Direct Unsubsidized, Direct Subsidized Consolidation, and Direct Unsubsidized Consolidation Loans

Loans first disbursed prior to July 1, 1995. Pursuant to section 455(b)(1) of the Act, the Assistant Secretary has determined the interest rate for the period July 1, 1996, through June 30, 1997, to be 8.25 percent.

Loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 1995. (a) During the in-school, grace, and deferment periods. Pursuant to section 455(b)(2) of the Act, the Assistant Secretary has determined the interest rate for the period July 1, 1996, through June 30, 1997, to be 7.66 percent.

(b) During all other periods. Pursuant to section 455(b)(1) of the Act, the Assistant Secretary has determined the interest rate for the period July 1, 1996, through June 30, 1997, to be 8.25 percent.

Interest Rates for Direct PLUS and Direct PLUS Consolidation Loans

Pursuant to section 455(b)(4) of the Act, the Assistant Secretary has determined the interest rate for the period July 1, 1996, through June 30, 1997, to be 8.72 percent. (20 U.S.C. 1087e).

Dated: July 1, 1996.

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Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP96-579-000]

Colorado Interstate Gas Company; Notice of Application

July 1, 1996.

Take notice that on June 18, 1996, Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG), P.O. Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80944, filed a request, pursuant to §§ 157.205, 157.212, and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations, for authorization: (1) to abandon its existing Amoco Delivery Line to Amoco's Wattenberg Plant and (2) to construct new pipeline delivery facilities in Adams County, Colorado, all under CIG's blanket certificate, issued in Docket No. CP83-21-000.

Take notice also that, by letter dated June 28, 1996, CIG requested that its June 18, 1996, request be converted into a combined application: (1) for

authorization to abandon its Amoco Delivery Line, pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act; and (2) for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct the aforementioned pipeline delivery facilities, pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations, all as more fully set forth in the application, which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

The Commission issued a certificate to CIG in an order issued December 8, 1992, in Docket No. CP92-470-000, authorizing it to: (1) Construct the existing Amoco Delivery Line, which consists of approximately 0.8 miles of 16-inch diameter pipeline and connects CIG'S 16-inch diameter 52-A line to Amoco's Wattenberg Plant; (2) construct CIG's Enterprise Lateral, which consists of approximately 21.5 miles of 16-inch diameter pipeline and connects to CIG's 52-A line; and (3) convert that segment of the 52-A line which lies between the Enterprise Lateral and Amoco Delivery Line connections (approximately 23.9 miles of the 52-A line) into a supply lateral.

The affected segment of 52-A had previously been used to transport gas in and out of CIG's Fort Morgan facility and Young Gas Storage Co., Ltd.'s Young Storage Field. In the December 8, 1992 order, the Commission held that lines 52-A and 52-B are facilities required to test, develop or utilize an underground storage field, and that (as such) the 52-A and/or 52-B may not be modified under the automatic authorization provisions of § 157.208 of the regulations. The Commission also stated that 52-A and 52-B are not eligible facilities under § 157.202(b)(2)(ii)(D) of the regulations, and that "CIG may not perform miscellaneous re-arrangement of either line absent case-specific certificate authorization."

CIG now proposes to abandon its 16-inch diameter Amoco Delivery Line and construct approximately 23.9 miles of 10-inch diameter pipeline that would parallel its 52-A and 52-B lines. CIG also proposes to construct a new 0.8 mile, 10-inch diameter delivery line to the Wattenberg Plant to replace the 16-inch Amoco Delivery Line. CIG plans to lay the new 10-inch delivery line in the right-of-way currently occupied by the 16-inch Amoco Delivery Line. CIG also proposes to convert the aforementioned segment of its 52-A line back to its original function. CIG estimates that the proposed facilities will cost \$2.9 million.

Any person desiring to be heard, or to make any protest with reference to said

application should, on or before July 22, 1996, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or 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 the 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, or if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that permission and approval for the proposed abandonment and/or a grant of the certificate 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 CIG to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96-596-000]

El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

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Take notice that on June 25, 1996, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso), P.O. Box 1492, El Paso, Texas 79978, filed in Docket No. CP96-596-000 a request pursuant to §§ 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212) for authorization to construct and operate a delivery point in Maricopa County, Arizona to permit the transportation and