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Secretary.

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**[Docket No. RP97-3-000]**

**Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff**

October 3, 1996.

Take notice that on October 1, 1996, Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (Texas Eastern) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Pro Forma Sixth Revised Volume No. 1, the tariff sheets listed on Appendix A to the filing to become effective April 1, 1997.

Texas Eastern asserts that the purpose of the filing is to comply with the Commission's Order No. 587 issued July 17, 1996, in Docket No. RM96-1-000 and the "Notice Clarifying Procedures for Filing of Pro Forma Tariff Sheets", issued September 12, 1996.

Texas Eastern states that the purpose of the filing is to implement the requirements of Order No. 587 that interstate pipelines follow standardized procedures for critical business practices—nominations, allocations, balancing, measurement, invoicing, and capacity release.

Texas Eastern states that copies of the filing were served on firm customers of Texas Eastern, interested state commissions, and current interruptible customers.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed as provided in 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 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 in the Public Reference Room.

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**[Docket No. CP96-758-000]**

**Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Application**

October 3, 1996.

Take notice that on August 30, 1996, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) P.O. Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251, filed in Docket No. CP96-758-000 an application, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for (1) authorization to construct and operate a total of 77.58 miles of 30-inch pipeline and related facilities to expand the capacity of Transco's Southeast Louisiana Gathering System (SELGS) in offshore Louisiana and (2) approval of incremental initial rates for the firm transportation service to be rendered through the additional firm transportation capacity to be created by the expansion, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Transco states that in order to create new firm transportation capacity on the Southeast Louisiana Gathering System, Transco proposes to construct and operate the following facilities:

*Phase I*

- A platform in Ship Shoal Block 14, including associated piping modifications in Ship Shoal Blocks 14 and 28, offshore Louisiana, to connect the platform facilities to the west leg of the SELGS in Ship Shoal Block 28.

- Approximately 50.71 miles of 30-inch pipeline extending from the new platform in Ship Shoal Block 14 to a tie-in with the east leg of the SELGS in Ship Shoal Block 214.

*Phase II*

- A junction platform in South Timbalier Block 301.

- Approximately 26.87 miles of 30-inch pipeline extending from an interconnection with the Phase I facilities and Transco's Ship Shoal Block 214 junction platform to the new South Timbalier Block 301 junction platform.

Transco states that the proposed in-service dates for the Phase I and Phase II facilities are November 1, 1997 and November 1, 1998, respectively. Transco

estimates that the cost of the overall project will be \$129,054,498. Transco states that the proposed facilities will be installed entirely offshore.

Transco states that the Phase I facilities will create firm transportation capacity of 380,113 Mcf per day from receipt points of Transco's system upstream of Ship Shoal Block 214 to Transco's Station 62 in Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana. Transco further states that once the Phase II facilities are placed into service, the aggregate firm transportation capacity created by the project between Ship Shoal Block 214 to Station 62 will be 659,732 Mcf per day. Transco states that the firm transportation service to be rendered through the new capacity will be performed under its Rate Schedule FT and Part 284(G) of the Commission's regulations. Transco notes that under Rate Schedule FT, shippers using the expansion will have secondary firm rights to delivery points located in Transco's Rate Zone 3 downstream of Station 62.

Transco states it does yet have commitments for the firm capacity generated by the project. However, Transco states it intends to make the expansion capacity available to all shippers by means of an open season and that it will notify the Commission of the commitments received from customers as soon as possible after the end of the open season period.

Transco proposes to charge incremental rates for service through the proposed expansion. For Phase I, Transco proposes to charge a monthly reservation rate of \$3.6614 per Mcf, and for Phase II a monthly reservation rate of \$3.3990 per Mcf. These rates are based on (1) the straight fixed-variable rate design methodology, (2) an incremental cost of service (with an incremental cost of service for Phase I and with costs of service of Phases I and II being combined into a single, incremental cost of service commencing with Phase II service), and (3) billing determinants assuming full subscription of the firm transportation capacity to be made available as a result of the project. Transco states that the proposed rates will not affect the rates for Transco's existing services.

Transco notes that, consistent with its "spindown" proposal in Docket No. CP96-206-000, it believes the proposed facilities qualify as non-jurisdictional gathering facilities exempt from the Commission's regulations under Section 1(b) of the Natural Gas Act.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> On September 25, 1996, the Commission issued an order in Docket No. CP96-206-000, dismissing the application.