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Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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**[Docket No. CP97-89-000]**

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

November 21, 1996.

Take notice that on November 12, 1996, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso), Post Office Box 1492, El Paso, Texas 79978, filed in Docket No. CP97-89-000, a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.216) for authorization to abandon a delivery point (Chamberino Meter Station) and the service related thereto in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, under the blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-435-000, pursuant to Section 7(b) 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.

El Paso states that it provides firm transportation service for the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico (Las Cruces) at the Chamberino Meter Station pursuant to the terms and conditions of a Transportation Service Agreement dated August 15, 1991.

El Paso further states that by letter dated June 3, 1996, Las Cruces notified El Paso of its desire to cease the receipt of natural gas service at the Chamberino Meter Station because Las Cruces has completed the construction of its Afton Transmission Line and is therefor able to receive all of the natural gas requirements formerly received at the Chamberino Meter Station at El Paso's existing Afton Meter Station. Subsequently, by letter agreement dated July 3, 1996, El Paso and Las Cruces

agreed that the Chamberino Meter Station would be abandoned and the facilities removed upon receipt of the appropriate authorization from the Commission.

El Paso says there will be no adverse environmental effects from the proposed abandonment. El Paso states that the metering facility will be removed with only minimal ground disturbance which will be limited to existing, previously-disturbed right-of-way.

El Paso states that it has provided written notification of the proposed abandonment to the New Mexico Public Service Commission.

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. RP97-82-000]**

**GPM Gas Corporation v. El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Complaint**

November 21, 1996.

Take notice that on November 14, 1996, in accordance with Rules 206, 209 and 212 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Commission, 18 CFR 385.206, 385.209, and 385.212, GPM Gas Corporation (GPM) tendered for filing a complaint against El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso) and moves that the Commission issue an order to show cause why El Paso should not be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Commission's regulations, policies and orders.

GPM contends El Paso is unduly favoring El Paso Field Services (El Paso's gathering/marketing affiliate) with respect to compression charges to access El Paso's mainline.

GPM states that on September 13, 1995, in Docket No. CP94-183-000 72 FERC ¶ 61,220 (1995) the Commission issued an order approving the abandonment by El Paso of certain gas gathering assets, which are now owned and operated by El Paso Field Services, El Paso's unregulated affiliate. El Paso did not, however, abandon its South Carlsbad compression station, which GPM argues has been an integral part of the gathering systems.

GPM argues that El Paso requires GPM's (and others') gas to be delivered at about twice the pressure as gas delivered by El Paso Field Services, so that Field Services' costs of compression are much lower than GPM's. GPM claims that it is also assigned other South Carlsbad compression costs, because El Paso's transportation rates include some of the "gathering" compression costs that GPM argues should be properly allocated to Field Services.

GPM asks that the Commission issue a show cause order to make El Paso show why it should not remove all South Carlsbad (and other) compression costs from its mainline transmission and fuel rates, and recover compression costs only from the gas that flows through the compression facilities. GPM also requests that the Commission convene an expedited technical conference or hearing, if appropriate, to determine any fact issues that may be in dispute.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said complaint should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 214 and 211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure 18 CFR 385.214, 385.211. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before December 13, 1996. 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. Answers to this complaint shall be due on or before December 13, 1996.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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