

associated facilities. According to Transwestern, it amended its application to set forth certain corrections and to reflect the sale to third parties of certain of the facilities, the determination that certain of the facilities already had been abandoned, and the determination that gas was flowing through certain wellhead facilities.

Transwestern proposed to abandon the facilities in the original application through removal or abandonment in place because such facilities were no longer used to useful in its operations, or were uneconomical or otherwise unnecessary for continued operation of its pipeline. It is stated that the order authorized abandonment of such facilities subject to Transwestern's compliance with certain environmental conditions set forth in Appendix D to the order.

Transwestern states that, currently, certain non-jurisdictional third parties seek to acquire some of those facilities for their operations. Accordingly, Transwestern requests that the Commission modify its order to provide that such facilities for which abandonment was granted may be transferred to third parties, and, in such case, Transwestern is not required to comply with the environmental conditions of Appendix D, which would apply if Transwestern abandoned in place or removed such facilities. Transwestern contends that such third parties are the same entities identified in the order as acquiring related facilities for which abandonment authorization was granted in Docket No. CP95-70-000: Continental Natural Gas Inc. and GPM Gas Corporation.

According to Transwestern, it would be economically wasteful for Transwestern to undertake the burden and expense of disposing of such facilities only to have third parties undertake the burden and expense of replacing them. Transwestern contends that the purpose of Appendix D is to protect the environment. However, in the case of the facilities the third parties wish to acquire, Transwestern argues that it would be much more disruptive to the environment to comply with Appendix D and remove such facilities, only to have the third parties reinstall them, than to simply convey the facilities to the third parties in the first place.

Given that abandonment already has been authorized for such facilities, Transwestern states that no other change to the order is required or proposed, in order to allow the transfer of such facilities rather than removal or abandonment in place under Appendix

D. Transwestern states that it would receive no additional payment as the result of its transfer of such facilities and proposes that there would be no additional change in the accounting treatment for such facilities approved in the July 27, order.¹ Further, it is stated that such facilities would be subject to the default gathering contract applicable to the other related facilities transferred to third parties for which abandonment was authorized in Docket No. CP95-70-000.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said amendment should on or before January 28, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 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 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, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that permission and approval for the proposed abandonment 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

¹ Transwestern states that, inasmuch as the accounting treatment for the abandoned assets is an integral part of the Settlement rates and revenues as approved in Docket No. RP95-271-000 and to the extent deemed necessary by the Commission, Transwestern requests waiver of the Commission's regulations in order to obtain the authorization requested herein with no change in the accounting treatment approved in the order.

unnecessary for Transwestern to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP97-173-000]

Trunkline Gas Company; Notice of Application

January 8, 1997.

Take notice that on December 30, 1996, Trunkline Gas Company (Trunkline), P.O. Box 1642, Houston, Texas 77251-1642, filed in Docket No. CP97-173-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for permission and approval to abandon by transfer to PanEnergy Field Services, Inc. (Field Services), a wholly-owned subsidiary of PanEnergy Corp, under a transfer agreement dated December 20, 1996, certain pipeline and measuring facilities with appurtenances, located in Hidalgo, Brooks and Jim Wells Counties, Texas, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

By this application, Trunkline is seeking abandonment of approximately 105 miles of various diameter pipeline (ranging from 4 inches to 20 inches), measurement facilities and appurtenances, referred to as the South Texas Facilities, located in Hidalgo, Brooks, and Jim Wells Counties, Texas. The South Texas Facilities are located upstream of Field Services' LaGloria Processing Plant in Jim Wells County, Texas, situated approximately 80 miles south of Trunkline's Beeville Compressor Station in Bee County, Texas.

Trunkline states that the utilization of its facilities is changing as a result of Order No. 636 and the required unbundling of its transportation and gathering rates together with its customers' elections to cease purchasing natural gas from Trunkline. Trunkline states that it is proposing to transfer the facilities to Field Services for operation on an open access, non-jurisdictional basis. Trunkline states that Field Services will assume all future investment, operational and economic responsibilities for these facilities.

Trunkline states that coincident with this application for abandonment authority, Field Services is filing a Petition for Declaratory Order¹ seeking an affirmative declaration that the

¹ Field Services has filed a related petition for declaratory order in Docket No. CP97-174-000.

facilities behind the LaGloria Processing Plant and their subsequent ownership and operation by Field Services are gathering and thus exempt from NGA jurisdiction under Section 1(b) of the NGA.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before January 29, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 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 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, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that permission and approval for the proposed abandonment 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 Trunkline to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.

Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP96-129-000]

Trunkline Gas Company; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

January 8, 1997.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference will be convened in these proceedings on January 15, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,

888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C., 20426, for the purpose of exploring the possible settlement of the issues in this proceeding.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 385.214).

For additional information, contact Marc G. Denkinger (202) 208-2215 or Lorna J. Hadlock (202) 208-0737.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. ER96-3092-000]

United American Energy Corp.; Notice of Issuance of Order

January 7, 1997.

United American Energy Corp. (United Energy) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which United Energy will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. United Energy also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, United Energy requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 24 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by United Energy.

On January 3, 1997, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Applications, Office of Electric Power Regulation, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by United Energy should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, United Energy is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, endorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably

necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of United Energy's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is February 3, 1997.

Copies of the full text of the order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Linwood A. Watson Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. ER97-445-000]

Washington Water Power Company; Notice of Filing

January 7, 1997.

Take notice that on December 10, 1996, Washington Water Power Company tendered for filing a Certificate of Concurrence in the above-referenced docket.

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, 888 First 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 January 24, 1997. 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. EG97-24-000, et al.]

Petroelectrica de Panama LDC, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

January 7, 1997.

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