

[Docket No. CP97-241-000]**Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization**

February 20, 1997.

Take notice that on February 11, 1997, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company (Transco), Post Office Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251, filed in Docket No. CP97-241-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.211) for authorization to construct, own, and operate a new sales tap, located in Delaware County, Pennsylvania, to Tosco Refining Company (Tosco), a refiner of crude oil products, under Transco's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-426-000, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Transco proposes to construct, own, and operate a sales tap to Tosco consisting of a 6-inch valve assembly, a meter station with two 6-inch meter runs, and other appurtenant facilities, located in Delaware County, Pennsylvania. Transco states Tosco will construct, or cause to be constructed, appurtenant facilities to enable it to receive gas from Transco at such point and move the gas to Tosco's refinery facilities.

Transco asserts the new sales will be used by Tosco to receive up to 24,000 Mcf of gas per day from Transco on a capacity release, secondary firm or interruptible basis. Transco declares upon completion of the sales tap, they will commence transportation service to Tosco or its suppliers pursuant to Transco's Rate Schedules FT, FT-R, or IT and Part 284(G) of the Commission's Regulations. Transco states the addition of the sales tap will have no significant impact on their peak day or annual deliveries, and is not prohibited by Transco's FERC Gas Tariff.

Transco states the estimated total cost of their proposed facilities to be approximately \$375,000, which Tosco will reimburse Transco for all costs associated with such facilities.

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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP92-236-0073]**Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company; Notice of Interim Refund**

February 20, 1997.

Take notice that on November 1, 1996, Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company (Williston Basin) filed its Report of the Interim refund and the amount of the refund broken out to show principal and interest.

Williston Basin states that the total refund amount distributed to customers is \$6,038,687.05.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests should be filed on or before February 27, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the public reference room.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Project No. 2009-000-NC]**North Carolina Power; Notice of Scoping Meetings Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969**

February 20, 1997.

Virginia Electric and Power Company operating in Virginia as Virginia Power and in North Carolina as North Carolina Power (NCP) is the licensee for the Roanoke Rapids and Gaston Project, FERC No. 2009. The license for the project expires on January 31, 2001.

On May 23, 1995, NCP held the first stage consultation meeting for the

project. The purpose of the meeting was to identify resource issues to be addressed during the relicensing process. Studies were initiated in January 1996 and are currently ongoing.

During 1996, NCP determined that an Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment (APEA) would facilitate the relicensing process, which was generally supported by the resource agencies and interested parties. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) approval to conduct the APEA process was granted on December 13, 1996. As part of the APEA process, NCP has prepared a Scoping Document I (SDI), which provides information on the scoping process, APEA schedule, background information, environmental issues, and proposed project alternatives. The issues contained in SDI are based on agency and public comments at the May 23, 1995, and other meetings.

The purpose of this notice is to: (1) advise all parties as to the proposed scope of the environmental analysis, including cumulative effects, and to seek additional information pertinent to this analysis; and (2) advise all parties of their opportunity for comment.

Scoping Process

The Commission's scoping objectives are to:

- identify significant environmental issues;
- determine the depth of analysis appropriate to each issue;
- identify the resource issues not requiring detailed analysis; and
- identify reasonable project alternatives.

The purpose of the scoping process is to identify significant issues related to the proposed action and to determine what issues should be addressed in the APEA document to be prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). The document, SDI, will be circulated to enable appropriate federal, state, and local resource agencies, developers, Indian tribes, nongovernmental organizations (NGO's), and other interested parties to effectively participate in and contribute to the scoping process. SDI provides a brief description of the proposed action, project alternatives, the geographic and temporal scope of a cumulative effects analysis, and a list of preliminary issues.

Scoping Meetings

NCP and FERC staff will conduct two scoping meetings. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend and assist in