

that the Service Agreement be allowed to become effective as of February 21, 1997.

Copies of this filing have been sent to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor.

*Comment date:* April 17, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

#### 49. NewCorp Resources Inc.

[Docket No. OA97-14-000]

Take notice that on March 27, 1997, NewCorp Resources Inc. tendered for filing its revised Open Access Tariff. NewCorp states that this tariff has been revised to reflect the name change from NewCorp Resources, Inc. to NewCorp Resources Electric Cooperative, Inc.

*Comment date:* April 17, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

#### Standard Paragraph

E. 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 the comment date. 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.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

#### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP96-477-000]

#### K N Interstate Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Pony Express Pipeline Project

April 4, 1997.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared this

environmental assessment (EA) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by K N Interstate Gas Transmission Company (KNI) in the above-referenced docket.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The primary components of the project include:

- Conversion of approximately 804 miles of existing crude oil pipeline from the Lost Cabin, Wyoming area east to Freeman, Missouri (the Pony Express Mainline), including removal and/or replacement of oil pipeline valves, pig launcher/receiver sets, and interconnections along the length of the pipeline;
- Construction of four short segments of new pipeline (totaling 10.2 miles) to connect existing KNI facilities to the Pony Express Mainline and to route the mainline around the Casper, Wyoming area;
- Installation of additional and new compression facilities totaling 50,500 horsepower at five locations along the Pony Express Mainline in Wyoming, Colorado, and Kansas;
- Construction of a new 62.6-mile-long lateral extending between the Pony Express Mainline in southwest Nebraska and northern Colorado; and
- Upgrading 26 segments of an existing KNI pipeline at road crossings in southwest Nebraska to allow the pipeline to operate at a higher pressure.

The existing pipeline, which extends 914 miles between Riverton, Wyoming and Freeman, Missouri, was previously owned and operated by Amoco Pipeline Company (Amoco) and used to transport crude oil. K N Energy Incorporated (KNI's parent company) is acquiring the existing Amoco pipeline, and is presently displacing the oil, cleaning the pipeline's interior, and hydrostatically testing the pipeline by segments. Following FERC certification, approximately 804 miles of the Amoco pipeline would be transferred to KNI. Activities to convert the pipeline to natural gas service would begin following receipt of the necessary authorizations from the various Federal, state, and local authorities.

Also included in this EA is a review of facilities which KNI plans to construct in the Kansas City area under section 311 of the Natural Gas Policy Act. These facilities include about 36.4

miles of 12-, 16-, and 20-inch-diameter pipeline and appurtenant facilities in Miami and Johnson Counties, Kansas, and Cass and Jackson Counties, Missouri. The project is designed to deliver up to 230,700 MMBtu of natural gas per day to Missouri Gas Energy and Western Resources Inc., two local distribution companies which serve Kansas City, Missouri, and Kansas City, Kansas, respectively.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies; public interest groups; interested individuals; local libraries and newspapers; and parties to this proceeding.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. To ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on this proposal, it is important that we receive your comments before the date listed below. Please carefully follow the instructions below to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Reference Docket No. CP96-477-000.
- Send two copies of your comments to: Lois Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.
- Please mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before May 5, 1997.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentator a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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