

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 a grant of the certificate and 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 Southern to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-516-000]

Transwestern Pipeline Company; Notice of Application

June 2, 1997.

Take notice that on May 19, 1997, Transwestern Pipeline Company (Transwestern), 1400 Smith Street, Houston, Texas 77002, filed in Docket No. CP97-516-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct, own, and operate

compression facilities on its existing San Juan Lateral, all as more fully described in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, Transwestern proposes to: (1) construct and operate a new compressor station near Standing Rock, New Mexico (Standing Rock Compressor Station) consisting of a 15,000 ISO rated horsepower gas turbine compressor and appurtenant facilities, located on Transwestern's San Juan Lateral in McKinley County, New Mexico; and (2) construct and operate an additional 2,000 ISO rated horsepower electric compressor unit and appurtenant facilities at Transwestern's existing La Plata "A" Compressor Station in La Plata County, Colorado.

Transwestern states that the proposed facilities will provide incremental capacity of 115,000 dth per day on its existing San Juan Lateral from Ignacio to Blanco and 130,000 dth per day from Blanco to Thoreau. Transwestern estimates the cost for the proposed facilities to be approximately \$17.2 million which will be financed with internally generated funds.

Transwestern requests certificate authorization by November 15, 1997 in order to place the facilities into service by April 1, 1998.

Transwestern says that it held an open season for additional San Juan Lateral capacity between May 7, 1996 and June 14, 1996. Transwestern says that it is currently in the process of finalizing contracts with interested parties.

The Commission staff will defer all processing of Transwestern's application until Transwestern demonstrates contract commitments in support of the project.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before June 23, 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 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 approval for the proposed application is 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 Transwestern to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-539-000]

Williams Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application

June 2, 1997.

Take notice that on May 21, 1997, Williams Natural Gas Company (WNG), One Williams Center, P.O. Box 3288, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101, filed in Docket No. CP97-539-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Regulations for permission and approval to abandon by reclaim the Beloit compressor station consisting of two 169 horsepower Cooper compressor units, one 500 horsepower White Superior compressor unit, miscellaneous coolers and piping, all in Mitchell County, Kansas, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

WNG states that the Beloit compressor station was authorized pursuant to Docket No. G-1795 and placed in service on January 6, 1952. The Beloit compressor station was constructed on the Superior 8-inch line to provide the Holnam Cement plant with increased pressure needed to produce cement. WNG notes that at the time of construction, the annual volume of gas