

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 If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-599-000]

PanEnergy Field Services, Inc.; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order

June 24, 1997.

On June 20, 1997, PanEnergy Field Services, Inc. (Field Services), 370 Seventeenth Street, Suite 900, Denver, CO 80202, filed in the above docket, a petition for a declaratory order under Rule 207 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, wherein Field Services seeks a declaratory order from the Commission finding that neither Field Services' proposed acquisition, ownership and operation of certain natural gas gathering facilities currently owned by Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (Texas Eastern), nor any of Field Services' facilities or services related thereto will subject Field Services or any portion of its facilities, services or rates to the jurisdiction of the Commission under the Natural Gas Act.

The gathering facilities to be sold by Texas Eastern and purchased by Field Services consist of the Pointe Au Chien pipeline (Line 40-E) (the Facilities) as more fully set forth in the petition which is on file with the FERC and open to public inspection.

The Commission authorized abandonment of the Facilities in an order issued October 30, 1995 in Docket No. CP95-661-000 and 001 (by sale from Texas Eastern to Texaco Pipeline, Inc. (Texaco)). Texaco subsequently terminated the applicable purchase and sale agreement. On June 13, 1997, Texas Eastern filed to amend the abandonment authorization to substitute Field Services as the purchaser of the Facilities in lieu of Texaco. No wells are currently connected to the Facilities. Field Services states that it anticipates tying-in production to the Facilities thereby utilizing these assets and promoting competition for gathering

services in the producing area. This, it states, will increase the volume of natural gas available for delivery into the intrastate and interstate pipeline grids.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said petition should on or before July 15, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 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 proceedings. 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 Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this petition 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 petition 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 Field Services 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. CP95-661-002]

Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation; Notice of Application

June 24, 1997.

Take notice that on June 13, 1997 Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (Texas Eastern), 5400 Westheimer Court,

Houston, Texas 77056-5310, filed in Docket No. CP95-661-002 an abbreviated application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act to amend its existing authorization to abandon by sale, its Line 40-E facility in Lafourche and Terrebonne Parishes, Louisiana. Texas Eastern requests the Commission amend its Order Granting Abandonment issued October 30, 1995 so as to replace Texaco Pipeline Inc. (Texas) with PanEnergy Field Services, Inc. (Field Services), an affiliate, as the purchaser of Line 40-E.

Texas Eastern states that pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Purchase and Sale Agreement between Texas Eastern and Texaco, Texaco notified Texas Eastern on March 21, 1997, that it was exercising its right under the Purchase and Sale Agreement to terminate such agreement. Subsequently, Texas Eastern has entered into a Purchase and Sale Agreement ("Agreement") with Field Services pursuant to which Texas Eastern will sell, and Field Services will purchase, Line 40-E. Texas Eastern states the Agreement is substantially in the form of the agreement between Texas Eastern and Texaco. The price to be paid by Filed Services for Line 40-E, i.e., net book value at the date of closing, is a negotiated price. The option granted to Texaco to acquire 13 acres of land at Texas Eastern's Larose Compressor Station location in Louisiana ("Option") has been eliminated. Except for the Option, Texas Eastern further states that the Agreement provides for the sale of the exact same facilities as authorized in the Commission's October 30, 1995 order. The net book value of Line 40-E at the proposed closing date of October 1, 1997 will be \$3,023,062.

Texas Eastern also requests that the Commission issue the declaratory order petitioned for by Field Services in its filing with the Commission on June 20, 1997 in Docket No. CP97-599-000.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before July 15, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 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 proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a