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Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-404-001]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Tariff Filing

July 9, 1997.

Take notice that on July 2, 1997 Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) tendered for filing certain revised tariff sheets to its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, which tariff sheets are enumerated in Appendix A attached to the filing. The proposed effective date of such tariff sheets is August 1, 1997.

Transco states that the purpose of the instant filing is to supplement Transco's Annual Great Plains Adjustment filing of June 30, 1997 in Docket No. RP97-404-000 (June 30 Filing), which filing inadvertently omitted certain tariff sheets containing the Great Plains Volumetric Surcharge (GPS). The revised tariff sheets included therein reflect the same GPS rate of 0.10¢ per dt as contained in Transco's June 30 Filing.

Transco states that copies of the instant filing are being mailed to affected customers and interested State Commissions.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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. 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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-619-000]

Viking Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

July 9, 1997.

Take notice that on July 3, 1997, Viking Gas Transmission Company (Viking), 825 Rice Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55117, filed in Docket No. CP97-619-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.212) for authorization to increase the metering capacity of an existing delivery point for transportation services for Northern States Power Company—Wisconsin (NSPW), for delivery at the Wheaton delivery point in Chippewa County, Wisconsin, under the blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-414-000,¹ pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Viking proposes to install an additional 6" turbine meter run, associated piping, and fittings at the Wheaton delivery point. Viking states that the proposed change is needed to provide additional metering capacity for the transportation services currently provided to NSPW under Viking's Rate Schedule FT-A, Rate Schedule AOT and Rate Schedule IT. Viking currently provides a maximum daily summertime quantity of 12,185 Dth and wintertime quantity of 37,000 Dth of firm transportation service to NSPW under Viking's Rate Schedule FT-A, pursuant to Gas Transportation Agreements dated June 1, 1994 and November 1, 1994. NSPW has requested an increase in metering capacity up to 120,000 Mcf/d at the existing Wheaton delivery point.

Viking estimates that the proposed cost to upgrade the delivery point is \$45,000 and NSPW will reimburse Viking for the cost of upgrading the delivery point.

Viking states that the delivery of NSPW's volumes will not exceed the presently authorized quantities, and the changes proposed are not prohibited by

¹ On April 6, 1989, in Docket No. CP88-679-000 the Commission authorized Viking to acquire and operate Midwestern Gas Transmission Company's (Midwestern) Northern System as Midwestern's successor. The Commission issued Midwestern blanket certificate authority for construction of facilities on September 1, 1982, in Docket No. CP82-414-000.

Viking's tariff. Viking claims that it has sufficient capacity in its system to accomplish delivery of gas to the proposed delivery point without detriment or disadvantage to any of its other customers. Viking states that there will be no impact on its peak day or average day deliveries.

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 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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP96-655-001, et al. and CP97-291-000]

Destin Pipeline Company, L.L.C.; Southern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Destin Pipeline Project

July 9, 1997.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Destin Pipeline Company, L.L.C. and Southern Natural Gas Company in the above-referenced dockets and referred to as the Destin Pipeline Project.

The staff prepared the draft EIS to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would have limited adverse environmental impact.

The draft EIS assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the