

Chewuch rivers, and the Methow mainstem. The Methow is a tributary to the Columbia River and is located in North Central Washington. It is the intent of the BPA, the Yakama Indian Nation and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to restore extirpated coho salmon to the mid-Columbia River basin. By experimenting with releases at different life stages and release locations using acclimation ponds, more knowledge will be gained about the benefits of acclimation and the rearing of hatchery-influenced fish in more natural environments. This knowledge will help resource managers to make better decisions about how best to implement supplementation to further the goal of rebuilding coho salmon populations throughout the mid-Columbia River basin.

In accordance with DOE regulations for compliance with floodplain and wetlands environmental review requirements, BPA will prepare a floodplain and wetlands assessment and will perform this proposed action in a manner so as to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within the affected floodplain and wetlands. After BPA issues the assessment, a floodplain statement of findings will be published if necessary, in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Comments are due to the address below no later than August 20, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments to Communications, Bonneville Power Administration—ACS-7, P.O. Box 12999, Portland, Oregon, 97212. Internet address: comment@bpa.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Yvonne E. Boss—ECP-4, Bonneville Power Administration, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon, 97208-3621, phone number 503-230-3596, fax number 503-230-5699.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Because the experimental strategy is to utilize acclimation sites that reflect a strong natural influence such as river side channels, canals, and existing ponds, some sites may be located in the floodplain and/or wetlands. The typical ponds constructed at each site will have earthen bottoms with concrete inlet and outlet structures and PVC water pipelines. Several sites on the Methow mainstem between the town of Carlton and the Lost River, T33N, R21E, Section 3 (approximately RM 20 to RM 60) are being considered. Other potential sites in the floodplain are located on the Twisp River, T33N, R21E, Section 10, T33N, R21E, Section 8 (RM 1 to RM 25) and the Chewuch River, (RM 0 to RM 1). To provide rearing/acclimation space for the coho salmon, as much as 35,700 cubic feet of earth may be removed from

each site to construct the ponds in accordance with biological criteria.

Maps and further information are available from BPA at the address above.

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**Thomas C. McKinney,**  
*NEPA Compliance Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-667-000]

#### El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application

July 30, 1997.

Take notice that on July 25, 1997, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso), P.O. Box 1492, El Paso, Texas 79978, filed in Docket No. CP97-667-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations for permission and approval to abandon the firm transportation and delivery of 1,140,000 Mcf per day of natural gas to Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) at the Topock Delivery Point, effective January 1, 1998, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

El Paso states that El Paso and PG&E are parties to a Transportation Service Agreement dated October 10, 1990, as amended and restated November 1, 1993 (TSA). El Paso notes that Article V, Section 5.2 of the TSA provides for a primary term ending December 31, 1997, and thereafter from year to year until terminated by written notice given no less than twelve months in advance by either party to the other. El Paso indicates that PG&E, by letter dated June 20, 1995, gave notification to El Paso of its intention to terminate the TSA as of December 31, 1997. El Paso further notes that because the transportation and delivery service provided to PG&E is a converted certificated gas sales arrangement, in accordance with the preamble of the TSA, El Paso requires Section 7(b) permission and approval to abandon the firm transportation and delivery of up to 1,140,000 Mcf per day of natural gas to PG&E at the Topock Delivery Point.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before August 20, 1997, file with the Federal Energy

Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., 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 protectants 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 Regulation 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 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 El Paso to appear or be represented at the hearing.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-157-005]

#### Gas Transport, Inc.; Notice of Compliance Filing

July 30, 1997.

Take notice that on July 25, 1997, Gas Transport, Inc. (GTI) tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheets:

*Effective August 1, 1997*

Second Revised Sheet No. 1

Third Revised Sheet No. 162

Second Revised Sheet No. 162A