

ad valorem tax reimbursements on production between October 4, 1983, and June 28, 1988, and the Supreme Court's denial of cross-petitions for certiorari, filed in connection with the D.C. Circuit's decision in *Public Service Company of Colorado v. FERC*.

Plains requests that the Commission adjust Plains' potential liability for any refunds of Kansas *ad valorem* tax recoveries by: (i) waiving the payment of interest on any refund principal for which Plains is ultimately determined to be liable; (ii) reducing any refund obligation to account for sums taken by royalty owners who are now deceased or bankrupt or cannot be located, or sums which fall below a *de minimis* standard; (iii) granting relief where the original consumer who pay any tax reimbursements cannot be identified or located; and (iv) reducing any refund obligation by an amount equal to the taxes Plains paid on the value of the *ad valorem* tax reimbursements.

Plains states that copies of the filing have been served upon persons listed on the service list attached to the filing.

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 Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed with the Commission within 15 days after publication of this notice in the Federal Register. 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 participate in this proceeding must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-698-000]

Questar Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

August 27, 1997.

Take notice that on August 15, 1997, Questar Pipeline Company (Questar), 79

South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, filed in Docket No. CP97-698-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.216) for authorization to abandon and remove its Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG) Measuring and Regulating (M&R) Station receipt point located within a pipe storage yard in Sweetwater County, Wyoming, under Questar's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-491-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Questar states that the CIG M&R Station was historically used as a gas supply facility to receive natural gas volumes purchased from CIG into Questar's Main Line Nos. 1 and 13 at Crossover 19. Questar explains that the receipt point facilities proposed to be abandoned and removed are comprised of: (1) an 8-inch-diameter Daniel Senior meter run; (2) a 6-inch-diameter control valve; (3) a 4-foot by 6-foot meter building; (4) an 8-foot by 12-foot by 8-foot fiberglass telemetry building; (5) approximately 60 feet of buried 6-inch-diameter pipeline; and (6) miscellaneous valves, fittings and other appurtenances. Questar also states that the 6-inch-diameter pipeline will be disconnected from piping at Crossover 19, a 6-inch weld cap will be installed, and all buried pipelines will be removed as part of the abandonment work.

Questar further explains that the CIG M&R Station facilities have not been utilized for more than 10 years and it is anticipated that Questar will not resume receiving natural gas volumes from CIG at this site.

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 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

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[Docket Nos. RP95-197-031 and RP96-44-007]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Compliance Filing

August 27, 1997.

Take notice that on August 21, 1997, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) tendered for filing with the Commission the calculation of its return allowance as required by Opinion No. 414. Opinion No. 414 addresses Transco's capital structure and return allowance for the Docket No. RP95-197 rate period beginning September 1, 1995 through April 30, 1997.

Transco states that it has calculated its return allowance in accordance with the two-step DCF methodology specified in Opinion No. 414. The calculation of Transco's return allowance and the workpapers supporting those calculations are attached in Appendix A to the filing.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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