

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.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-40-000]

East Tennessee Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application

October 27, 1997.

Take notice that on October 20, 1997, East Tennessee Natural Gas Company (East Tennessee), P.O. Box 2511, Houston, Texas 77252, filed in Docket No. CP98-40-000 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 authorizing East Tennessee to construct and operate facilities and uprate the operating pressure of portions of its system in order to provide additional capacity for the Roanoke Gas Company (Roanoke), all as more fully described in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, East Tennessee proposes to construct and operate approximately 9.95 miles of 12-inch diameter loop pipeline on its 3300-line in Washington and Wythe Counties, Virginia and upsize the existing Solar Saturn turbine compressor at Compressor Station 3313 on the 3300 line in Wythe County, Virginia from a T-1200 model to a T-1600 model. East Tennessee also proposes to test various segments of its 3100 and 3300 lines in order to increase the Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure (MAOP).

East Tennessee says that the proposed facilities and uprating will create 10,300 dth per day of new firm capacity. East Tennessee has provided a precedent agreement with Roanoke Gas for 5,150 dth per day, for a term of 20 years. East Tennessee says that it will use the remaining 5,150 dth per day for system reliability and flexibility until it has sold the capacity on a firm basis.

East Tennessee proposes to charge its existing Part 284 rates under Rates Schedule FT-A. Further, East Tennessee requests that the Commission make a determination that the costs of the facilities and uprating will qualify for

rolled-in rate treatment when East Tennessee files its next rate case.

East Tennessee estimates that the proposed facilities and uprating will cost \$8,642,366 and says that the project will be financed with funds on hand and funds generated internally.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before November 17, 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 East Tennessee to appear or be represented at the hearing.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-42-000]

Florida Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

October 27, 1997.

Take notice that on October 21, 1997, Florida Gas Transmission Company (FGT), 1400 Smith Street, P.O. Box 1188, Houston, Texas 77251-1188, filed in Docket No. CP98-42-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212) for authorization to construct and operate a new delivery point in Hillsborough County, Florida for TECO Peoples Gas (TECO), under FGT's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-553-000, 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.

FGT proposed to construct, operate, and own an additional delivery point for TECO at or near mile post 17.7 on its existing St. Petersburg/Sarasota Connector in Hillsborough County, Florida. FGT states that the subject delivery point will include a tap, minor connecting pipe, electronic flow measurement equipment, and any other related appurtenant facilities necessary for FGT to transport for and deliver to TECO up to 24,000 MMBtu per day and 8,760,000 MMBtu per year of natural gas. FGT states that TECO will reimburse FGT for the \$67,000 estimated construction costs. FGT further states that TECO will construct, own, and operate the meter and regulation station.

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