

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP98-84-000]

**The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company; Notice of Application**

November 19, 1997.

Take notice that on November 12, 1997, The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company (Peoples Gas), 130 East Randolph Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601, filed in Docket No. CP98-84-000, an application pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, as amended, and Section 284.224 of the Commission's Regulations, for a blanket certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing Peoples Gas to provide firm and interruptible transportation services in interstate commerce, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Peoples Gas is a public utility and its rate and tariffs are subject to regulation by the Illinois Commerce Commission. Peoples Gas is engaged in the business of purchasing and storing natural gas and distributing and selling natural gas to approximately 840,000 retail customers within the City of Chicago, Illinois. Peoples Gas owns and operates a distribution system within the City of Chicago and it owns and operates a storage field located in central Illinois. Peoples Gas states that it owns and operates a looped pipeline (30-inch and 42-inch) which connects the storage field with its distribution system. Peoples Gas claims that these facilities are subject to the Illinois Commission's jurisdiction. Peoples Gas asserts that these facilities currently serve only retail customers in Illinois and that it is not authorized to provide interstate services subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

Peoples Gas notes that its facilities interconnect with four interstate pipelines, namely ANR Pipeline Company, Midwestern Gas Transmission Company, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America and Trunkline Gas Company. Peoples Gas claims that it could also have interconnections with Northern Border Pipeline Company and Alliance Pipeline Company if these projects are approved and completed. Since these pipelines are tied to major gas producing regions in the United States and Canada, Peoples Gas feels that it is strategically located to provide transportation service in the Chicago, Illinois market area. By transporting gas on behalf of other local distribution

companies, producer/marketers and end users, Peoples Gas claims that it will enhance competition in the Chicago market by facilitating pooling, providing additional options for shippers serving midwest markets and for end users in those markets by linking existing and proposed pipelines, and improving liquidity in the commodity market at the Chicago citygate.

Peoples Gas asserts that during the twelve-month period ending September 30, 1997, it received 287,644 Mdt of gas from all sources into its system within or at the boundary of the State of Illinois. Peoples Gas states that it does not currently provide wholesale transportation services and none of the gas received during the most recent period was exempt from the Commission's regulation by reason of Section 1(c) of the NGA. Peoples Gas states that all of the gas received was exempt from the Commission's jurisdiction by reason of section 1(b) of the NGA since all of such gas was purchased for the purpose of distribution to end users within Illinois and was subject to the Illinois Commission jurisdiction. Peoples Gas filed its proposed rates in its contemporaneously filed application in Docket No. PR98-1-000 for approval of rates pursuant to Sections 284.123 and 284.224 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 284.123 and 284.224) Peoples Gas states that it will comply with the conditions of Section 284.224(e) of the Commission's regulations.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before December 10, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., 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 the 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 permission and approval for the proposed abandonment and grant of certificate 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 Peoples Gas to appear or be represented at the hearing.

**Lois D. Cashell,***Secretary.*

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[Docket No. ER98-85-000]

**Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation; Notice of Application for Abandonment**

November 19, 1997.

Take notice that on November 12, 1997, Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (Texas Eastern), 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, Texas (77056-5310, filed an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations for an order granting permission and approval to abandon certain facilities in place and by removal, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, Texas Eastern requests authorization to abandon the Point Au Chien compressor station; lateral lines 40-E-11, 40-E-12, 40-E-13, and 40-F; and certain meter stations and appurtenant facilities. All of the facilities for which Texas Eastern seeks abandonment authority for are located in Lafourche and Terrebonne Parishes, Louisiana. Texas Eastern states that neither it nor its customers are utilizing the subject facilities. In addition, Texas Eastern states that it does not propose to attach any new sources of natural gas to the subject facilities.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before December 10, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 1st Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426, a