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Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-331-000]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Cherokee Expansion Project

November 28, 1997.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) in the above-referenced docket.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA addresses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the following facilities:

- construction of about 11.2 miles of 48-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline loop (Alabama Mainline Loop) in Marengo County, Alabama;
- uprating of the 16-inch-diameter Georgia Extension (Georgia Extension Uprating) in Walton and Gwinnett Counties, Georgia from a maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) of 780 pounds per square inch (psi) to a MAOP of 960 psi. The uprating would include:
 - a. replacement of about 3.7 miles of 16-inch-diameter pipeline;
 - b. expansion and/or uprating of four metering and regulating (M&R) stations;
 - c. hydrostatic testing of about 26.9 miles of 16-inch-diameter pipeline; and
 - d. abandonment in place of about 0.1 mile of 16-inch-diameter pipeline.
- construction of a new 15,000 horsepower (HP) compressor station in Coweta County, Georgia (Compressor Station 115);
- installation of two 4,000-HP compressor units at an existing

compressor station in Walton County, Georgia (Compressor Station 125);

- rewheeling compressor units at existing compressor stations in Chilton County, Alabama (Compressor Station 100) and in Henry County, Georgia (Compressor Station 120); and
 - installation of additional gas cooling capacity at an existing compressor station in Randolph County, Alabama (Compressor Station 110).
- The purpose of the proposed facilities is to provide additional firm transportation capacity of up to 87,070 dekatherms per day of natural gas to two existing customers.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Room 2A, Washington, D.C. 20426, (202) 208-1371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. To ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that we receive your comments before the date specified below. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send two copies of your comments to: Lois Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch II, PR-11.2;
- Reference Docket No. CP97-331-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before December 29, 1997.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentor a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late

intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5931-9]

Models-2000 Workshop; Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

The Ecosystems Research Division of the National Exposure Research Laboratory of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is hosting a workshop on the development and use of computer models in risk assessment, including both dose-response and exposure modeling. The workshop will be held at the EPA Ecosystems Research Division, 960 College Station Rd. in Athens, GA from December 15-17, 1997, convening no earlier than 8:30 a.m. and adjourning no later than 6:00 p.m. For further information, contact Dr. Rosemarie Russo, Director of EPA's Ecosystems Research Division at (706) 355-8001 (russo.rosemarie@epamail.epa.gov).

Background

In March 1994, the Deputy Administrator endorsed the recommendations of the *ad hoc* Agency Task Force on Environmental Regulatory Modeling (ATFERM) that were designed to improve the procedures by which the Agency adopts and utilizes computer models in generating risk assessments. Following subsequent discussion in the Science Policy Council Steering Committee, the senior science policy body in the Agency, and in correspondence between the Agency's Science Advisory Board (SAB) Chair and the Administrator, a further effort is being undertaken to (a) facilitate Agency adherence to existing guidance on modeling and (b) define and implement improvements to the way in which the Agency develops and uses modeling. A key aspect of this new effort is the convening of a workshop, aimed primarily at Agency modelers and risk assessors.

The intended goal of the workshop is to recommend to the Science Policy Council (SPC) and the Administrator/Deputy Administrator of EPA a Models Implementation and Improvement Plan

for enhancing modeling within EPA. The Plan is likely to include the following: model development and application, peer review and quality assurance/control, training, technical support, applications acceptability criteria, and identification and penetration of barriers to improved use of models within EPA.

The Agency will convene experts in a workshop format to critically review existing EPA and other appropriate guidance, policies and procedures, plus recent analyses of associated problems, such as the ATFERM report. The aim is to improve adherence to existing policies; identify needed guidance changes (additions or deletions) to those policies; identify barriers to effective implementation of policies; and recommend actions to overcome these barriers (e.g., training in model use, organizing a standing model users support group).

The workshop is designed primarily for EPA scientists. Some outside scientists are being invited to attend, including some who may have been members of past Science Advisory Board panels. They will be participating as individuals, not as SAB members, and the SAB will not be making any advice on the basis of this meeting. There is some limited space for observers from the public.

Robert R. Swank, Jr.,

Acting Director, Ecosystems Research Division, Athens, GA.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

FEDERAL REGISTER NUMBER: 97-31384.

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED DATE AND TIME: Thursday, December 4, 1997, 10:00 a.m., Meeting Open to the Public.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS ADDED TO THE AGENDA: Establishment of Filing Requirements for the Pennsylvania Special Election in the 1st Congressional District.

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DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, December 9, 1997 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

STATUS: This meeting will be closed to the public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Compliance matters pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437G.

Audits conducted pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g, § 438(b), and Title 26, U.S.C.

Matters concerning participation in civil actions or proceedings or arbitration.

Internal personnel rules and procedures or matters affecting a particular employee.

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DATE AND TIME: Thursday, December 11, 1997 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. (Ninth Floor).

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Correction and Approval of Minutes.
Election of Officers.

Future Meeting Dates.

Advisory Opinion 1997-21: Firebaugh for Congress Committee by counsel, Judith Corley. (Reconsideration of issued opinion on use of campaign funds to restore candidate's funds used to pay bank loan owed by her committee.)

Administrative Matters.

Service pins.

PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION:

Mr. Ron Harris, Press Officer,
Telephone: (202) 219-4155.

Marjorie W. Emmons,

Secretary of the Commission.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisitions of Shares of Banks or Bank Holding Companies

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notices also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Comments must be received not later than December 18, 1997.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (Karen L. Grandstrand, Vice President) 90 Hennepin Avenue,

P.O. Box 291, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480-0291:

1. *Betty Lou Johnson Trust*, Betty Lou Johnson, Trustee, Winthrop, Minnesota; and Mark L. Johnson, Dassel, Minnesota to acquire voting shares of Winthrop Bancshares, Inc., Winthrop, Minnesota, and thereby indirectly acquire Winthrop State Bank, Winthrop, Minnesota.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (D. Michael Manies, Assistant Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198-0001:

2. *Fred C. and Kellie P. Harlan*, Okmulgee, Oklahoma; to acquire voting shares of First Okmulgee Corporation, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, and thereby indirectly acquire First National Bank & Trust Company, Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, November 28, 1997.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act. Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank