

list, will receive copies of environmental documents and will be able to participate in meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission and will not have the right to seek rehearing or appeal the Commission's final order to a federal court.

The Commission will consider all comments and concerns equally, whether filed by commenters or those requesting intervenor status.

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 a grant of the certificate 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 Northern to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-136-000]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Application

December 22, 1997.

Take notice that on December 16, 1997, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco), P.O. Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77252, filed in Docket No. CP98-136-000 a request pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for approval to abandon a firm transportation service provided for Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BG&E) under Transco's Rate Schedule FT, all as more fully set forth in the

request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Transco states that it currently delivers 3,881 Dekatherms of natural gas to BG&E on a firm basis pursuant to Transco's blanket certificate authorized under Part 284(G) of the Commission's Regulations. Transco asserts that it seeks abandonment authorization for the service described above because the subject FT service for BG&E was previously converted from firm sales service to firm transportation service under Transco's Rate Schedule FT pursuant to Transco's revised Stipulation and Agreement in Docket Nos. RP88-68, *et al.*, and that settlement provides that pre-granted abandonment shall not apply to such conversions. It is indicated that by letter dated July 17, 1997, BG&E provided notice to Transco that BG&E was electing to terminate the service agreement effective as of the end of the primary term of the agreement, February 2, 1998. It is further asserted that one shipper, The Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia, submitted a binding nomination for all of such capacity for a primary term of 25 years in an open season that extended from October 21 through November 20, 1997.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make protest with reference to said application should on or before January 5, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20426, a petition to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 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 the proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a petition 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 on this application if no petition to intervene is filed within the time required herein, and if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that the application is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a petition 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 Transco to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP98-131-000, CP98-133-000, CP98-134-000, and CP98-135-000]

Vector Pipeline L.P.; Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity, and for a Presidential Permit and Section 3 Authorization

December 22, 1997.

Take notice that on December 15, 1997, Vector Pipeline L.P. (Vector), 2900 421-7th Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2P 4K9, filed applications pursuant to Sections 3 and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA). In Docket No. CP98-131-000, Vector seeks a Presidential Permit and Section 3 authorization pursuant to Part 153 of the Commission's Regulations. In Docket No. CP98-133-000, Vector seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate natural gas pipeline facilities under Part 157, Subpart E of the Commission's Regulations. In Docket No. CP98-134-000, Vector seeks a blanket certificate pursuant to 18 CFR Part 284, Subpart G of the Commission's Regulations for self-implementing transportation authority. Finally, in Docket No. CP98-135-000, Vector seeks a blanket certificate for certain blanket construction and operation authorization under 18 CFR Part 157, Subpart F of the Commission's Regulations. Vector's proposal is more fully set forth in the applications which are on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Vector is a limited partnership organized under the laws of the State of Delaware. The managing general partner is Vector Pipeline Inc. At present, the only limited partner of Vector is IPL Vector (USA). Vector states that other entities are considering joining the partnership and that vector will supplement its application if this occurs.