

water balance model for application to the PVP EIS.

For additional information on this workshop, please contact the FERC Project Manager, Dr. John M. Mudre at (202) 219-1208.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project Nos. 10942-001 and 10416-003]

#### Skykomish River Hydro, Washington Hydro Develop. Corp.; Notice of Meetings

July 16, 1998.

A meeting will be convened by staff of the Office of Hydropower Licensing on Tuesday, August 11, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. at the Lynwood City Hall, 19100 44th Avenue West, Lynwood, Washington. The purpose of this meeting is to learn the status of the applicant's response to the Commission's March 19, 1998, additional information request on the proposed Martin Creek Project (P-10942-001). In particular, the meeting will focus on the project's consistency with the President's Forest Plan.

Following the first meeting, the Commission will attend a meeting at the same location on the proposed licensing of the Anderson Creek Project (P-10416-003). The meeting will involve the Forest Service and the applicant, Washington Hydro Development Corporation, who will discuss the possibility of redesigning the project to minimize environmental impacts.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact Mr. Carl Keller at (202) 219-2831 or e-mail at [carl.keller@ferc.fed.us](mailto:carl.keller@ferc.fed.us), or Mr. Alan Mitchnick at (202) 219-2826 or e-mail at [alan.mitchnick@ferc.fed.us](mailto:alan.mitchnick@ferc.fed.us).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-659-000]

#### Texas Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

July 16, 1998.

Take notice that on July 8, 1998, Texas Gas Transmission Corporation (Applicant), 3800 Frederica Street, Owensboro, Kentucky, 42304, filed in docket No. CP98-659-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.216(b) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.216) for approval to abandon a receipt meter located in Hopkins County, Kentucky, under Applicant's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-407-000, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Applicant proposes to abandon by removal the Reynolds-Narge Creek receipt meter station, which was constructed in 1992. Applicant asserts that it is requesting such authorization because the producer has discontinued deliveries of natural gas at this meter. Applicant further asserts that the producer, Wisner Oil Company (Wisner), which had been delivering natural gas to this meter, has been acquired by Orbit Gas Company (Orbit), and the natural gas from Wisner's wells in this area is now being delivered to Orbit. It is also asserted that Wisner has cut and capped its line to the meter station.

Any person or the Commission's Staff may, within 45 days of the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214), a motion to intervene 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 activities 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 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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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. GP98-38-000]

#### Vastar Gas Marketing, Inc. and Atlantic Richfield Company; Notice of Petition for Dispute Resolution

July 16, 1998.

Take notice that, on July 7, 1998, Vastar Gas Marketing, Inc. (VGM) and Atlantic Richfield Company (ARCO) filed a petition requesting the Commission to resolve VGM and ARCO's dispute with El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso) over El Paso's revised \$3,619,181.55 Kansas ad valorem tax refund claim in Docket No. RP98-44-000. VGM and ARCO seek rulings: 1) That VGM has no Kansas ad valorem tax refund liability to El Paso; 2) that El Paso has failed to substantiate its refund claim against ARCO and, therefore, that ARCO has no Kansas ad valorem tax refund obligation to El Paso; and 3) that El Paso waived any refund claim attributable to Kansas ad valorem tax overcharges in a March 1, 1988 settlement with ARCO Oil & Gas Company. In the alternative, if the Commission finds that ARCO does owe Kansas ad valorem tax refunds to El Paso, VGM and ARCO request a ruling that such refund liability is limited to ARCO's own working interest and the attributable royalties. VGM and ARCO's petition is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

The Commission, by order issued September 10, 1997, in Docket No. RP97-369-000 *et al.*,<sup>1</sup> on remand from the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals,<sup>2</sup> required First Sellers to refund Kansas ad valorem tax reimbursements to pipelines, with interest, for the period from 1983 to 1988. In its January 28, 1998 Order Clarifying Procedures [82 FERC ¶ 61,059 (1998)], the Commission stated that producers (i.e., First Sellers) could file dispute resolution requests with the Commission, asking the Commission to resolve the dispute with

<sup>1</sup> See 80 FERC ¶ 61,264 (1997); order denying rehearing issued January 28, 1998, 82 FERC ¶ 61,058 (1998).

<sup>2</sup> *Public Service Company of Colorado v. FERC*, 91 F.3d 1478 (D.C. 1996), cert. denied, Nos. 96-954 and 96-1230 (65 U.S.L.W. 3751 and 3754, May 12, 1997).