

of Line No. 1005. With the installation by El Paso of the larger diameter, high pressure pipelines for interstate mainline transmission service, lines like Line No. 1005, have been relegated to gas services that operationally support service on the mainline. More specifically, lines such as Line No. 1005 are utilized by El Paso to move gas at lesser volumes to either more optimally load the mainline or to provide gas as fuel for the operation of the mainline system. Such is the case for Line No. 1005.

El Paso states that based upon the age and condition of certain segments of Line No. 1005 and the reduced need and operational necessity for some segments of Line No. 1005, El Paso has determined that three segments of Line No. 1005 are no longer required in the operation of El Paso's interstate transmission pipeline system. El Paso proposes to abandon the three segments by removal, to the extent practicable.

Accordingly, El Paso proposes to abandon three segments of Line No. 1005 totaling 49.16 miles of pipeline, with appurtenances, and the related natural gas service rendered through such segments. El Paso indicates that eight sections of Segment 2 totaling 536.16 feet already have been removed. These sections were located in Dona Ana County.

El Paso further states there will be no adverse environmental effects from the proposed abandonment. Based upon El Paso's environmental review, there have been and will be no adverse environmental impacts from cutting and capping the pipeline segments and the proposed abandonment by removal, to the extent practicable. Abandonment by removal will be accomplished within existing previously disturbed right-of-way by trenching, cutting the pipe, removing the pipe, and filling the trench. The disturbed areas are returned to their natural state.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before September 10, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., 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 385.211 and 385.214) 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. The Commission's Rules require that protestors provide

copies of their protests to the party or parties against whom the protests are directed. 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.

A person obtaining intervenor status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by every one of the intervenors. An intervenor can file for rehearing of any Commission order and can petition for court review of any such order.

However, an intervenor must submit copies of comments or any other filings it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as an original and 14 copies with the Commission.

A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have environmental comments considered. A person, instead, may submit two copies of comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing 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 the requested abandonment 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 El Paso to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Midwestern Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

August 18, 1998.

Take notice that on August 12, 1998, Midwestern Gas Transmission Company (Midwestern), P.O. Box 2511, Houston, Texas 77252, filed Sub Fourth Revised Sheet No. 110A for inclusion in Midwestern's FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1. Midwestern requests that this revised tariff sheet be deemed effective August 1, 1998.

Midwestern states that Sub Fourth Revised Sheet No. 110A is filed in compliance with the Commission's July 28, 1998 Letter Order issued in the above-referenced docket and incorporates by reference the Gas Industry Standards Board Dataset 2.4.6 into Midwestern's tariff.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to this proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

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