

approximately 75.4 miles of new pipeline construction or about 10% of the pipeline's overall 751-mile length. Moreover, it is stated, six of the seven new compressor stations will be installed at existing pump-station sites. Nevertheless, Southern Trails states that it has embarked on the process of retaining a third-party contractor to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report for the project to meet both National Environmental Policy Act and California Environmental Quality Act requirements, with the FERC acting as lead agency for environmental review.

Southern Trails states that, between September 8 and October 8, 1998, it held an open season to determine the demand for Southern Trails' capacity. It explains that, during this open season, 15 companies submitted 22 bids totaling 810,000 Dth per day of demand. After review of the bids, Southern Trails explains that it is finalizing service agreements with certain parties for all or most of the capacity of the pipeline system.

Southern Trails seeks authority to provide open-access transportation service in accordance with tariff sheets that are submitted with its application. Southern Trails states that the proposed tariff includes (1) Rate Schedules FT (firm transportation service) and IT (interruptible transportation service) for both the East (Blanco/Chaco to Topock) and West (Topock to Long Beach) Zones; (2) General Terms and Conditions that delineate the specific operating procedures to be followed by Southern Trails and its customers; (3) maximum and minimum zone rates based on the Commission's straight fixed-variable rate design and a provision for negotiated rates consistent with the Commission's recourse-rate policy; and (4) forms of service agreements applicable to service provided under these rate schedules. Southern Trails specifies that the maximum \$11.46084 reservation rates, \$0.00967 usage rates and \$0.38647 interruptible rates are proposed to apply to transportation service provided by Southern Trails in the East and West Zones.

Any person desiring to participate in the hearing process or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before April 6, 1999, 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 385.214 and 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. The Commission's rules require that protestors provide copies of their protests to the party or parties directly involved. Any person wishing to become a party in any proceeding 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 filing it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as 14 copies with the Commission.

A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have 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 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 granting the certificates 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 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 Southern Trails to appear or to be represented at the hearing.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Wyoming Interstate Company, Ltd.; Notice of Site Visit

March 16, 1999.

On April 7 and 8, 1999, the Office of Pipeline Regulation (OPR) staff will conduct an inspection of the pipeline route proposed by Wyoming Interstate Company, Ltd. (WIC) for the Medicine Bow Lateral Project. The inspection will begin from at the southern terminus of the project on the morning of April 7, 1999, and proceed northward along the proposed pipeline route through Weld County, Colorado and Laramie and Platte Counties, Wyoming. On April 8, 1999, the inspection will begin near Wheatland, Wyoming, at about 9:00 a.m., and continue northward along the proposed pipeline route in Platte and Converse Counties, Wyoming. Representatives of WIC will accompany the OPR staff.

All parties may attend. Anyone interested in participating in the site visit must provide their own transportation.

For further information, please contact Paul McKee of the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-1088.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Certain Chemicals; Premanufacture Notices

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.
