

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP99-553-000]

Reliant Energy Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Application

June 16, 1999.

Take notice that on June 11, 1999, Reliant Energy Gas Transmission Company (REGT), P.O. Box 21734, Shreveport, Louisiana 71151, filed in Docket No. CP99-553-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for permission and approval to abandon certain facilities in Kay County, Oklahoma, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

REGT proposes to abandon and reclaim a deteriorated delivery lateral line, Line A-3-C, comprised of approximately 2,814 feet of 2-inch dresser-coupled pipe, and a 1-inch rural domestic tap, located in Kay County, Oklahoma, because of safety and economic reasons. REGT states that Line A-3-C has functioned only to deliver gas to one rural customer served by Reliant Energy-Arkla, a distribution division of Reliant Energy Resources Corporation (Arkla). REGT declares that Line A-3-C is deteriorated and exposed, and REGT has experienced annual gas losses of approximately 576 dth (when priced at current gas prices equates to an annual value of \$1,354). REGT asserts that comparatively, in 1998, REGT delivered approximately 123 dth annually to Arkla and received annual revenues of approximately \$26. REGT states that to continue safe and reliable service through Line A-3-C and eliminate the loss of gas, REGT would have to replace this line at an estimated cost of \$22,558, which does not take into account the future costs to operate and maintain such line.

REGT states that Line A-3-C delivers gas to Arkla for further deliveries to a single rural customer, Mr. Elbert Urban. REGT asserts that it has offered \$1,500 as compensation to Mr. Urban for converting his existing gas service to an alternate source of fuel. REGT declares that Mr. Urban has rejected their offer. REGT states that alternatively, Mr. Urban requested that REGT relocate his meter and purchase, at its sole expense, an inactive plastic line along a county road adjacent to Mr. Urban's property. REGT declares that this alternative is unacceptable and uneconomical, due to

the addition of the unknown cost of purchasing the pipe, two road crossings would have to be constructed, requiring the purchase of new pipe, at an estimated cost of \$7,403. Despite the lack of agreement, REGT requests authority to abandon the pipe for safety and economic reasons.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said Application should on or before July 7, 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 385.211 or 18 CFR 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. 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.

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 petition 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 abandonment 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 Applicant to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,*Acting Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP99-547-000]

Reliant Energy Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Application

June 15, 1999.

Take notice that on June 8, 1999, Reliant Energy Gas Transmission Company (REGT), 1111 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas 77210, filed an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for permission approval to abandon pipeline facilities located in Caddo and Bossier Parishes, Louisiana, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

REGT proposes to abandon by sale and transfer to Reliant Energy Field Services Corp. (REFS) a 4.3 mile segment of an 8-inch line identified as Line LIT-1 in Louisiana. It is stated that the line was installed as an intrastate pipeline used to transport gas supply to REGT's interstate system for delivery to the Shreveport and Bossier City, Louisiana, markets. REGT asserts that it acquired the line from NorAm Intrastate in 1994. REGT requests a determination that following the sale and transfer to REFS the line will be used as a gathering facility and thus exempt from Commission regulation.

REGT proposes to sell the line to REFS at the net book value at the time of closing. It is stated that REGT has no firm transportation services on this line segment. It is asserted that the proposed abandonment would not affect REGT's ability to meet its customer obligations and that no customer would lose service as a result of the abandonment. REGT states that the abandonment to REFS would benefit customers because a non-jurisdictional gatherer has more flexibility to acquire gas supplies and furnish them to customers at competitive prices.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before July 6, 1999, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 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 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