

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before March 31, 2000. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine the appropriate action to be taken, but will be considered by the Commission to determine the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-125-000]

El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

March 20, 2000.

Take notice that on March 15, 2000, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso), Post Office Box 1492, El Paso, Texas 79987, filed a request with the Commission in Docket No. CP00-125-000, pursuant to Sections 157.216(b) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to abandon, by conveyance to GPM Gas Corporation (GPM), seven taps serving Westar Transmission Company (Westar) and the service rendered by means thereof authorized in blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-435-000, all as more fully set forth in the request 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).

El Paso proposes to abandon seven taps known as the Hanslik & Emens Tap, the Anna McCollum Tap, the Paul McCollum Tap, the Howard D. Oliver Tap, the Fred Belt Tap, the Bob J. Spears Tap and the R.T. Bedwell Tap (Delivery

Point Facilities). El Paso states that these facilities were required by El Paso to facilitate the sale and delivery of natural gas to Westar for resale to Energas Company, a Division of Atmos Energy Corporation (Energas), a local distribution company. El Paso further states that El Paso owns, operates and maintains the 4½-inch O.D., Fuel Line from Phillips-Seninole Plant to Riley Compressor Station (Line No. 6018), commencing in the Section 328, C.C.S.D. & R.G.N.G.R.R. Co. Block G, extending approximately 8.4 miles to the northeast, and terminating in Section 229, Waxahachie Tap R.R. Co., Block G, all in Gaines County Texas. El Paso reports that El Paso and GPM have agreed to the conveyance of line No. 6018 to GPM contingent upon El Paso's abandonment of the Delivery Point Facilities and the natural gas service they provide. El Paso further reports that by letter agreement dated October 21, 1999, Westar and Energas have consented to abandonment of the Delivery Point Facilities and GPM and Westar will provide natural gas service, pursuant to appropriate State regulatory requirements.

El Paso states that the abandonment would not cause any material change in El Paso's cost of service. El Paso continues the proposed abandonment would not result in or cause any interruption, reduction or termination of the transportation service presently rendered to the customers of the Delivery Point Facilities.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after the Commission has issued this notice, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the allowed time, the proposed activity 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 within 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 NGA.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER00-1258-000 and EL00-37-000]

First Electric Cooperative Corporation; Notice of Issuance of Order

March 20, 2000.

First Electric Cooperative Corporation (First Electric) made a rate filing in Docket No. ER00-1258-000 pertaining to arrangements under which it provides facilities to Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation to provide wheeling services to Entergy Arkansas and C&L Cooperative. Also, in Docket No. EL00-37-000, First Electric filed a request for certain waivers of the Commission's regulations. In particular, First Electric requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liabilities by First Electric. On March 15, 2000, the Commission issued an Order Granting Request for Waivers Of Order Nos. 888 And 889, Addressing Requests for Other Waivers And Accepting Rate Filing (Order), in the above-docketed proceedings.

The Commission's March 15, 2000 Order granted the request for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the conditions found in Ordering Paragraphs (C), (D), and (H):

(C) Within 30 days of the date of this order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the Commission's blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities by First Electric 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 Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice And Procedure, 18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214.

(D) Absent a request to be heard within the period set forth in Ordering Paragraph (C) above, First Electric is hereby authorized to issue securities and assume obligations and liabilities as guarantor endorser, surety or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issue or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of First Electric, compatible with the public interest, and reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

(H) The Commission reserves the right to modify this order to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued Commission approval of First