

declares that due to its age, obsolescence, and deterioration, replacement is required in order to ensure safe, reliable operation and service to Columbia Gulf's existing customers at current levels.

Columbia Gulf proposes to replace the existing compressor unit with a Solar Mars 100-T15000S turbine driven compressor unit, to be designated as Columbia Gulf's Unit 108, with a rating of 14,470 HP. Columbia Gulf asserts that the construction of the new unit will be within the existing compressor station site and the replacement will not change the design day/certificated capacity of 2,156,334 Mmcf/d winter, and 2,056,334 Mmcf/d summer.

Columbia Gulf states that the proposed construction is estimated to cost \$13,000,000 and the associated net debit to accumulated provision for depreciation for the abandonment is \$1,702,000. Columbia Gulf asserts that upon completion of the construction, the existing unit will be removed. Columbia Gulf states that the proposed age and condition replacement qualifies for rolled-in rate treatment under the Commission's *Pricing Policy for New and Existing Facilities Constructed by Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines*, 71 FERC Paragraph 61,241 (1995) (Pricing Policy Statement) as interpreted by the Commission in *Columbia Gas Transmission Corp.*, 75 FERC Paragraph 61,158 (1996). Therefore, Columbia Gulf requests all project costs should be permitted rolled-in treatment in Columbia Gulf's next rate case.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Lee M. Beckett, Counsel at (713) 267-4741 (voice) and (713) 267-4755 (telecopier), Columbia Gulf Transmission Company, 2603 Augusta, Suite 125, Houston, Texas 77057-5637.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said Application should on or before September 8, 2000, 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 proceedings. 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.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-389-001]

Cove Point LNG Limited Partnership; Notice of Tariff Filing

August 18, 2000.

Take notice that on August 15, 2000, Cove Point LNG Limited Partnership (Cove Point) tendered for filing Substitute Original Sheet No. 7 to Second Revised Volume No. 1 of its FERC Gas Tariff. The proposed effective date of the enclosed tariff sheet is June 14, 2000.

Cove Point states that the purpose of the instant filing is to replace the tariff sheet accepted by a letter order issued August 8, 2000 which was inadvertently filed in the referenced docket without reflecting Cove Point's fuel retainage percentages accepted by the letter order issued March 24, 2000 in Docket No. RP00-210-000. In order to reflect the correct fuel retainage percentages, Cove Point is submitting Substitute Original Sheet No. 7 to replace the current effective Original Sheet No. 7.

Cove Point respectfully requests that the Commission grant a waiver of the notice requirements in Section 154.207 of its regulations, and any other waivers that may be necessary, in order that the tariff sheets be made effective as proposed herein.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 154.23(d) of the Commission's Regulations, copies of this filing are available for public inspection, during regular business hours, in a convenient form and place at Cove Point's main office at 2800 Post Oak Boulevard in Houston, Texas.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such 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 the proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web 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. CP00-437-000]

El Paso Natural Gas Company; Application

August 18, 2000.

Take notice that on August 11, 2000, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso), a Delaware corporation, whose mailing address is Post Office Box 1492, El Paso, Texas, 79978, filed an application at Docket No. CP00-437-000, pursuant to Sections 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Sections 157.7, et seq., of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Regulations under the NGA, for permission and approval to transfer to El Paso Field Services Company (Field Services) certain existing compression facilities, with appurtenant facilities, and the related service at the Waha Compressor Station located in Reeves County, Texas, 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).