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However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission may issue a preliminary determination on non-environmental issues prior to the completion of its review of the environmental aspects of the project. This preliminary determination typically considers such issues as the need for the project and its economic effect on existing customers of the applicant, on other pipelines in the area, and on landowners and communities. For example, the Commission considers the extent to which the applicant may need to exercise eminent domain to obtain rights-of-way for the proposed project and balances that against the non-environmental benefits to be provided by the project. Therefore, if a person has comments on community and landowner impacts from this proposal, it is important either to file comments or to intervene as early in the process as possible.

Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

If the Commission decides to set the application for a formal hearing before an Administrative Law Judge, the Commission will issue another notice describing that process. At the end of the Commission's review process, a final Commission order approving or denying a certificate will be issued.

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP01-112-000]

#### Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

November 28, 2000.

Take notice that on November 22, 2000, Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (Texas Eastern) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff Sixth Revised Volume No. 1, Sixth Revised Volume No. 1 and Sixth Revised Sheet No. 647 to be effective on January 1, 2001.

Texas Eastern states that the purpose of this filing is to remove from Section 16 of the General Terms and Conditions of its FERC Gas Tariff certain provisions that are no longer applicable, to revise the phone number of the person to

whom complaints should be directed regarding Texas Eastern's compliance with the Commission's gas marketing affiliate rules and to provide for the posting on Texas Eastern's Internet Web site of information regarding shared operating employees and shared facilities, as well as any physical office space barriers and card key protections that may be necessitated by virtue of shared office space, consistent with Commission precedent.

Texas Eastern states that copies of its filing have been mailed to all affected customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with 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. 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 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). Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP01-34-000]

#### Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Application

November 30, 2000.

Take notice that on November 20, 2000, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco), Post Office Box 1396, Houston, Texas 42301, in Docket No. CP01-34-000 filed an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for permission and approval for

Transco to abandon certain pipeline facilities, located in offshore Texas, which are portions of the North Padre Island Gathering System and the Central Texas Gathering System (North Padre and Central Texas Gathering Systems), by transfer to Williams Gas Processing-Gulf Coast Company, L.P. (WGP), an affiliate of Transco, 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).

Transco proposes to abandon 3.83 miles of 10-inch pipeline and 18.79 miles of 20-inch pipeline of the North Padre Gathering System, located in the North Padre Island Area and the North Padre Island Area East Addition, offshore Texas by transfer to WFP. Transco also proposes to abandon 4.96 miles of 6-inch pipeline, 4.19 miles of 8-inch pipeline, 3.77 miles of 10-inch pipeline, 64.79 miles of 12-inch pipeline, 11.56 miles of 16-inch pipeline, 116.48 miles of 20-inch pipeline, 23.42 miles of 24-inch pipeline, and 41.15 miles of 30-inch pipeline of the Central Texas Gathering System, located in the Galveston Area, the Brazos Area, the Brazos Area South Addition, the Matagorda Island Area, and the Mustang Island Area East Addition, offshore Texas by transfer to WGP. Transco advises that the facilities will be transferred at net book value, which has been calculated at \$34,893,250 as of October 31, 2000.

Transco also requests authorization to abandon its Rate Schedule X-66, under which Transco states that gas has not flowed since 1989. Transco asserts that it has either notified or has caused the notification of the affected parties of its intent to terminate and abandon the affected services, and WGP will begin discussions with the affected parties for continued service.

WGP has concurrently filed a petition for a declaratory order in Docket No. CP01-32-000 requesting that the Commission determine that WGP's acquisition, ownership, and operation of the facilities at issue not subject WGP or any portion of WGP's facilities, rates, or services to the jurisdiction of the Commission under the Natural Gas Act.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Randall R. Conklin, Vice President and General Counsel, and Gisela Chermes, Senior Attorney at (713) 215-2000, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation, P.O. Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251.

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this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before December 21, 2000, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene 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 NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party 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 all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

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Beginning November 1, 2000, comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

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**David P. Boergers,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP01-32-000]

#### Williams Gas Processing—Gulf Coast Company, L.P.; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order

November 30, 2000.

Take notice that on November 20, 2000, Williams Gas Processing—Gulf Coast Company, L.P. (WGP), P.O. Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251, in Docket No. CP01-32-000 filed a petition for a declaratory order requesting that the Commission declare that certain pipeline facilities located almost entirely in offshore waters on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), offshore Texas to be acquired from WGP's affiliate, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco), would have the primary function of gathering of natural gas and would thereby be exempt from the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Section 1(b) of the Natural Gas Act,