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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER01-687-000]

#### Reliant Energy Aurora, LP; Notice of Issuance of Order

January 29, 2001.

Reliant Energy Aurora, LP (Reliant Aurora) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which Reliant Aurora will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions at market-based rates. Reliant Aurora also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, Reliant Aurora requested that the commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Reliant Aurora.

On January 17, 2001, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Corporate Applications, Office of Markets, Tariffs and Rates, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by Reliant Aurora 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).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, Reliant Aurora is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably

necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of Reliant Aurora's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is February 16, 2001.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The Order may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP01-67-000]

#### Southwest Gas Storage Company; Notice of Application

January 29, 2001.

On January 17, 2001, Southwest Gas Storage Company (Southwest), P.O. Box 4967, Houston, Texas 77210-4967, filed in Docket No. CP01-67-000 an application pursuant to sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and subpart A of Part 157 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing Southwest to abandon by removal and replace certain pipeline facilities, and to recomplete five existing injection/withdrawal wells in the Howell Storage Field in Livingston County, Michigan, all as more fully set forth in the application which is open to the public for inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm>. (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Specifically, Southwest proposes to re-enter five existing wells and drill a horizontal lateral wellbore extension from each well and to replace existing 4-inch storage lines with 8-inch lines in two Phases. Southwest asserts that the completion of the wellbore extensions will improve the ratio of working gas to base gas, with working gas increasing by approximately 1.25 Bcf and the amount of base gas decreasing by a corresponding amount. Southwest

further states the reworking of the wells will yield higher maximum withdrawal and maximum injection rates toward the beginning of withdrawal season, with the maximum withdrawal rate increasing from 360 MMcf/d to 410 MMcf/d and the maximum injection rate increasing from 120 MMcf/d to 150 MMcf/d, thus allowing Southwest to improve operation of the Howell Storage Field.

Southwest estimates the cost of Phase I, which involves the re-entering of two of the five existing wells, excluding the segment of pipe to be abandoned by removal, at approximately \$1,683,500, while the estimated cost of Phase II, which involves the re-entering of the remaining three wells, is approximately \$2,222,100. Southwest states that the cost of abandonment of the existing 4-inch storage lines is approximately \$11,000.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to William W. Grygar, Vice President of Rates and Regulatory Affairs, 5444 Westheimer Road, Houston, Texas 77056-5306 at (713) 989-7000.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before February 20, 2001, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 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.

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