

the Commission's review process, a final Commission order approving or denying a certificate will be issued.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP01-429-000]

Transwestern Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

June 1, 2001.

Take notice that on May 25, 2001, Transwestern Pipeline Company (Transwestern) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheet; proposed to be effective June 25, 2001:

Thirteenth Revised Sheet No. 96

Transwestern states that the revised tariff sheet adds another permissible type of transportation discount to Transwestern's General Terms and Conditions by providing for upward or downward adjustments to rate components to achieve an agreed-upon overall rate so long as all rate components remain within their respective minimum and maximum amounts.

Transwestern further states that copies of the filing have been mailed to each of its customers and interested States 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, protests, and

interventions 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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP01-180-000]

Cypress Natural Gas Company, L.L.C.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Cypress Pipeline Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Public Scoping Meetings and Site Visit

June 1, 2001.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Cypress Pipeline Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Cypress Natural Gas Company, L.L.C. (Cypress) in Chatham, Bryan, Liberty, Long, McIntosh, Glynn, Camden, and Charlton Counties, Georgia and Nassau, Duval, and Clay Counties, Florida.¹ These facilities would consist of about 166 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline and 13,000 horsepower (hp) of compression. This EIS will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a pipeline company representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The pipeline company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas

Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" should have been attached to the project notice Cypress provided to landowners. This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is available for viewing on the FERC Internet website (www.ferc.gov).

This notice is being sent to Federal, state, and local government agencies; affected landowners; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Indian tribes that might attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties in the area of potential effect; local libraries and newspapers; and the Commission's list of parties to the proceeding. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

Additionally, with this notice we² are asking other Federal, state, local and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to cooperate with us in the preparation of the EIS. These agencies may choose to participate once they have evaluated Cypress' proposal relative to their responsibilities. Agencies who would like to request cooperating status should follow the instructions for filing comments described later in this notice.

Summary of the Proposed Project

Cypress proposes to construct and operate new pipeline facilities to provide approximately 310 million cubic feet per day of natural gas capacity to the project area in southeastern Georgia and northern Florida. Cypress seeks authority to construct and operate:

- About 166 miles of 24-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline in Chatham, Bryan, Liberty, Long, McIntosh, Glynn, Camden, and Charlton Counties, Georgia, and Nassau, Duval, and Clay Counties, Florida;
- 13,000 hp of electric-drive compression at the new Waynesville Compressor Station in Glynn County, Georgia;
- Five new meter stations, including:
 - Port Wentworth Meter Station in Chatham County, Georgia;
 - Atlanta Gas Light Meter Station in Glynn County, Georgia;
 - South Georgia Natural Gas Meter Station in Nassau County, Florida;

¹Cypress' application was filed with the Commission under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

²"We," "us," and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP).