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Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-92-000]

CNG Transmission Corporation; Notice of Application

March 1, 2000.

Take notice that on February 22, 2000, CNG Transmission Corporation (CNG), 445 Main Street, Clarksburg, West Virginia 26301, tendered for filing in Docket No. CP00-92-000 an application, pursuant to Sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations seeking permission and approval to abandon Well 9081 and associated facilities and to drill up to five new replacement wells (13059, 13060, 13061, 13062, and 13063) all within the Bridgeport Storage Pool located in Harrison and Taylor Counties, West Virginia, all as 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.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

CNG states that this authorization is necessitated by the proposed construction of the Bridgeport Bypass Project by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways. CNG also states that it will construct and abandon storage gathering lines pursuant to blanket certificate authority granted in Docket No. CP82-537-000 (21 FERC ¶ 62,172 (1982)).

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Sean R. Sleight, Manager, Certificates, CNG Transmission Corporation, 445 West Main Street, Clarksburg, WV 26301 (304) 623-8462 (voice) and (304) 623-8305 (fax).

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before March 22, 2000, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) and the regulations under the NGA (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 proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party in any proceeding must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's rules.

A person obtaining intervenor status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents issued by the Commission, filed by the applicant, or filed by all other intervenors. An intervenor can file for rehearing of any Commission order and can petition for court review of any such order. However, an intervenor must serve copies of comments or any other filing it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as filing an original and 14 copies with the Commission.

A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have comments considered. A person, instead, may submit two copies of such comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of environmental documents, and will be able to participate in meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission, and will not have the right to seek rehearing or appeal the Commission's final order to a Federal court.

The Commission will consider all comments and concerns equally, whether filed by commenters or those requesting intervenor status.

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 NGA 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 motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that the proposal is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion 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 provide for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for CNG to appear or to be represented at the hearing.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-64-001]

CNG Transmission Corporation; Notice of Amendment

March 1, 2000.

Take notice that on February 17, 2000 CNG Transmission Corporation (CNG), 445 West Main Street, Clarksburg, West Virginia 26301, filed in Docket No. CP00-64-001 an amendment to the pending application filed on December 29, 1999, in Docket No. CP00-64-000, pursuant to Sections 7(c) and 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate certain pipeline and compression facilities located in Pennsylvania and New York and approval to abandon a segment of a pipeline located in Pennsylvania, 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).

By the pending application in Docket No. CP00-64-000, CNG proposes to construct and operate facilities in order to substitute its own transportation capacity for market area service entitlements that CNG currently holds on Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company pursuant to Contract No. 3919. Specifically, CNG proposes to: (1) Construct 13 miles of 30-inch pipeline, known as TL 474x2, to loop CNG's existing pipeline in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania; (2) install 4,450 horsepower (hp) of additional

compression at Punxsutawney Station in Jefferson County, Pennsylvania; (3) install 2,400 hp of additional compression at Ardell Station in Elk County, Pennsylvania; (4) install 6,400 hp of compression at a new station, Little Greenlick Relay Station, in Potter County, Pennsylvania; (5) install 7,000 hp of compression at a new station site, Brookman Corners Station, in Montgomery County, New York; and (6) construct 800 feet of 30-inch pipeline, known as the Connector Line (TL-510), between TL-474x2 and LN-26 and LN-380 in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. In addition, CNG proposes to abandon in place 12.9 miles of 12-inch pipeline in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania known as LN-9 and physically remove 700 feet of that line.

In the subject amendment, CNG seeks to modify its original request. CNG states that it now seeks approval to abandon by removal 9,600 feet of LN-9 instead of 700 feet as originally proposed.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Sean R. Sleight, Manager of Certificates at (304) 623-8462, CNG Transmission Corporation, 445 West Main Street, Clarksburg, West Virginia 26301.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said amendment should on or before March 22, 2000, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) 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 proceeding. 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. All persons who have heretofore filed need not file again.

David P. Boegers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-97-000]

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

March 1, 2000.

Take notice that on February 23, 2000, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso), P.O. Box 1492, El Paso, Texas 79978-1492, filed in Docket No. CP00-97-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.16(b) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.208(b)) for authorization to uprate the Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure (MAOP) of the Ramsey Plant Line (Line 3152),¹ originating in Eddy County, New Mexico, and terminating in Reeves County, Texas, and to thereafter operate Line 3152 at the higher MAOP under the blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-435-000, pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The application may be viewed on the web at www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm. Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance.

El Paso states it received a request from Huntington Energy, L.L.C. (Huntington) to deliver gas from high pressure gas sources to El Paso's California Mainline System and that the requested uprate will permit it to receive up to 30 MMcf/d of gas for transportation to Huntington. El Paso states that Line No. 3152 currently has a certificated operating limit of 650 psig. El Paso seeks authorization to uprate the MAOP to 960 psig. El Paso states that estimated cost to uprate Line No. 3152 with the installation of pressure regulators is \$88,900, which Huntington will reimburse El Paso for all costs associated with the uprating. El Paso plans an in-service date for the operation of Line No. 3152 at the higher MAOP of 960 psig of no later than May 1, 2000.

El Paso states that Line No. 3152 was originally used to deliver gas from the former Continental Ramsey Oil Plant Receipt Point (Continental) into its 16" Jal-El Paso "A" Line. In 1993, Continental was converted to a delivery

¹Line No. 3152 is a 6 $\frac{5}{8}$ " O.D. lateral line approximately 8.7 miles long, which was originally constructed as a gas supply lateral and was designed to operate at an MAOP of 650 psig in order to receive up to approximately 10 MMcf/d of natural gas under budget-type authority in Docket No. G-17256 (21 FPC 474).

point and became the Conoco Ramsey Plant Delivery Point (Concoc) and El Paso reversed the flow of gas in Line No. 3152. In 1997, the Orla Petco Delivery Point (Orla) was installed adjacent to Conoco. According to El Paso, the reversal of the flow on Line No. 3152 will not adversely affect deliveries to Conoco and Orla, since they will be served by natural gas supplies from the Huntington Receipt Point.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Robert T. Tomlinson, Director, Tariff and Certificate Department for El Paso, 100 North Stanton, El Paso, Texas 79901 at (915) 496-5959, or Michael D. Moore, Director, Federal Agency Relations for El Paso, 601 13th Street, NW., Suite 850 South, Washington, DC 20005 at (202) 662-4310.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, 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 Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed 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 Natural Gas Act.

David P. Boegers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-163-002]

Kern River Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

March 1, 2000.

Take notice that on February 25, 2000, Kern River Gas Transmission Company (Kern River), in compliance with the order issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) on February 10, 2000, in Docket Nos. RP00-163-000 and 001, tendered its responses to concerns raised by intervening parties related to its imbalance netting and trading proposal.