

Alternative B

Rebuild 30 miles of BPA's existing Rocky Reach to Maple Valley 345-kV transmission line to a double-circuit 500-kV line. The new towers would be about 175 feet tall. The new 500-kV line would be connected to the existing Schultz-Raver No. 2 500-kV transmission line just east of Stampede Pass and to Echo Lake Substation at the west end. The line would cross Interstate 90 (I-90) twice. Almost all of this route would be on existing right-of-way.

Alternative C

Construct a new single-circuit 500-kV line from near the community of Kangley, Washington, or from BPA's Raver Substation on mostly new 150-foot-wide right-of-way. New towers would be about 135 feet tall. The new line could pass through the Ravensdale and Hobart areas and would be connected to an existing vacant (unused) Echo Lake to Maple Valley 500-kV circuit. The vacant circuit would then need to be connected to a new bay in the Echo Lake Substation. This option would require the purchase of new right-of-way.

Alternative D

Construct a new single-circuit 500-kV transmission line from east of Stampede Pass to Echo Lake Substation. The new line would be adjacent to the existing Rocky Reach to Maple Valley 345-kV line. New towers would be about 135 feet tall. The line would cross I-90 twice. A new 150-foot-wide right-of-way would need to be acquired.

Public Participation and Identification of Environmental Issues

BPA has established a 30-day scoping period. Potentially affected landowners, concerned citizens, special interest groups, local governments, and any other interested parties are invited to comment on the scope of the proposed Supplemental Draft EIS. Scoping will help BPA ensure that a full range of issues related to this proposal is addressed in the Supplemental Draft EIS, and also will identify significant or potentially significant impacts that may result from the proposed project. When completed, the Supplemental Draft EIS will be circulated for review and comment, and BPA will hold public comment meetings for the Supplemental Draft EIS. BPA will consider and respond in the Final EIS to comments received on the Draft EIS and Supplemental Draft EIS.

Maps and further information are available from BPA at the address above.

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Stephen J. Wright,

Administrator and Chief Executive Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RP02-34-000]

Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

May 10, 2002.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference in this proceeding will be convened on Thursday, May 23, 2002 at 10 a.m. The settlement conference will be held at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, for the purpose of exploring the possible settlement of the above referenced docket.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant as defined in 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 385.214).

For additional information, contact Carmen Gastilo at 202-208-2182 or Anja M. Clark at 202-208-2034.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP02-204-000]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Application

May 10, 2002.

Take notice that on May 6, 2002, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco), P.O. Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251-1396, filed in Docket No. CP02-204-000, an application pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for certificates of public convenience and necessity, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. Copies of this filing are on

file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Transco states that the requested certificates of public convenience and necessity are for: (1) Authorizing Transco to construct and operate pipeline looping facilities on its existing Trenton Woodbury Line which will enable Transco to add, under existing firm transportation service agreements, certain points of delivery located on the Trenton Woodbury Line for two existing firm transportation customers (Trenton Woodbury Expansion); (2) approving an initial reservation rate surcharge for the costs associated with the Trenton Woodbury Expansion, and (3) authorizing Transco to construct and operate a new delivery lateral (including a meter station) from a point of interconnection with the Trenton Woodbury Line to a power generation plant being constructed on behalf of Fairless Energy in Bucks County, Pennsylvania (Fairless Delivery Lateral).

Transco states that the Trenton Woodbury Expansion will involve the construction and operation of new pipeline looping facilities on Transco's existing Trenton Woodbury Line thus enabling Transco to provide delivery flexibility for two shippers, PECO Energy Company (PECO) and Virginia Power Energy Marketing, Inc. (VAPEM), under existing Rate Schedule FT contracts to delivery points located on the Trenton Woodbury Line. Transco states that the Fairless Delivery Lateral will involve the construction and operation of a new delivery lateral (including a new meter station and appurtenant facilities) from Transco's Trenton Woodbury Line to a new power plant being constructed on behalf of Fairless Energy in Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

Transco states that in order to recover the costs of the Trenton Woodbury Expansion facilities, Transco requests approval of an initial reservation rate surcharge applicable to the transportation contract quantities under existing Rate Schedule FT Service Agreements with PECO and VAPEM. According to Transco, the costs to construct the Fairless Delivery Lateral will be funded entirely by the developers of the Fairless Energy power plant through advance reimbursement to Transco. The proposed in-service dates of the Trenton Woodbury Expansion and Fairless Delivery Lateral are November 1, 2003 and August 1, 2003, respectively.

Transco states that the Trenton Woodbury Expansion will include approximately 7.17 miles of 36-inch diameter pipeline loop and appurtenant facilities from milepost 8.23 to milepost 15.40 on Transco's existing Trenton Woodbury Line in Mercer and Burlington Counties, New Jersey. Transco estimates that the proposed Trenton Woodbury Expansion facilities will cost approximately \$19.6 million and will place these facilities into service on November 1, 2003.

Transco states that the Fairless Delivery Lateral will include approximately 2.48 miles of 24-inch diameter pipeline from a tap located near milepost 17.46 on Transco's Trenton Woodbury Line in Burlington County, New Jersey, to a point of interconnection with the Fairless Energy power generation plant in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, including a meter station and appurtenant facilities. Transco estimates that the proposed Fairless Delivery Lateral will cost approximately \$13 million and will place these facilities into service on August 1, 2003.

Transco states that it conducted an open season for the Trenton Woodbury Expansion in February 2001 and, as a result, Transco executed precedent agreements with PECO and VAPEM for the incremental firm transportation capacity to be created on Transco's Trenton Woodbury Line under the expansion.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to Gina L. Johnson, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation, P. O. Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251-1396, call (713) 215-4243 or fax (713) 215-2229. Transco has also established a toll-free telephone number (1-866-857-7094) for parties to call with questions.

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 May 31, 2002, 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 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.

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 under the "e-Filing" link.

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.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application for Surrender of License and Solicitation of Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

May 10, 2002.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. *Application Type*: Surrender of License.
- b. *Project No.*: 2069-007.
- c. *Date Filed*: April 30, 2002.
- d. *Applicant*: Arizona Public Service Company.
- e. *Name of Project*: Childs-Irving Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location*: On Fossil Creek, a tributary of the Verde River, in Yavapai and Gila Counties, Arizona. The project is located on 326.8 acres of the Coconino National Forest and 17.2 acres of the Tonto National Forest.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact*: Nick Svor, Arizona Public Service Company, P.O. Box 53933, Mail Station 3190, Phoenix, AZ 85072, (602)250-1253.
- i. *FERC Contact*: Dianne Rodman, (202)219-2830, e-mail at dianne.rodman@ferc.gov.
- j. *Cooperating agencies*: We are asking 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 environmental document. Agencies who would like to request cooperating status should follow the instructions for filing documents described in item k below.

k. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, protests, and requests for cooperating agency status*: 30 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.