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Northern states that it is submitting these tariff sheets to implement a Limited Firm Throughput Service under new Rate Schedule LFT. Under this Rate Schedule, firm transportation service would be available subject to Northern's right to not schedule service in whole or in part on any day (a Limited Day), but not more than a maximum number of Limited Days per month (not to exceed ten) agreed to by Northern and Shipper in the LFT Service Agreement. Northern is proposing this service to offer greatly flexibility to shippers, and to address the needs of shippers that generally require firm service but are able to accommodate periodic interruption of service.

Northern states that copies of the filing were served upon Northern's 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 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).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER00-536-000]

Southwestern Public Service Company; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

March 31, 2000.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference will be convened

in this proceeding on Tuesday, April 11, 2000, at 9:00 a.m., at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC, for the purpose of exploring settlement in the above-referenced docket.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant, as defined by 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 J. Carmen Gastilo at (202) 208-2182 or Anja M. Clark at (202) 208-2034.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-135-000]

Texas Gas Transmission Corporation, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Application

March 31, 2000.

Take notice that on March 23, 2000, Texas Gas Transmission Corporation (Texas Gas), P.O. Box 20008, Owensboro, Kentucky 42304, and Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee), 1001 Louisiana, P.O. Box 2511, Houston, Texas 77252-2511, filed in Docket No. CP00-135-000 an application pursuant to Sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act for permission and approval for Texas Gas to abandon by sale its interest in certain jointly owned supply lateral facilities in offshore Louisiana and for Tennessee to acquire and own these facilities, 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).

The joint application requests authorization for (1) Texas Gas to abandon by sale to Tennessee its interest in certain jointly owned supply lateral facilities and appurtenances in the Eugene Island and ship Shoal areas, offshore Louisiana, and (2) Tennessee to acquire and own Texas Gas' interest in such facilities.

Texas Gas declares that these facilities are no longer integral to their current role as an open access transporter and abandonment of its interest in the

subject facilities will enable Texas Gas to streamline its transmission operations. Tennessee states that after approval is granted for the acquisition by Tennessee of Texas Gas' interest in these facilities, any shippers desiring access to the supplies attached to these laterals will be able to obtain transportation service from Tennessee pursuant to its Commission-approved tariff, thus none of the interruptible shippers currently utilizing Texas Gas' capacity in these facilities will be subject to a diminution or termination of service.

Tennessee declares that it will pay \$102,870.79 for Texas Gas' interest in the identified supply lateral facilities. Texas Gas states that it has agreed to reimburse Tennessee for actual costs incurred by Tennessee not to exceed \$100,000 for reconditioning the Eugene Island 342C pipeline in return for Tennessee's assumption of all retirement and abandonment costs associated with the facilities.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to David N. Roberts, Manager of Certificates and Tariffs, at (270) 688-6712, Texas Gas Transmission Corporation, P.O. Box 20008, Owensboro, Kentucky 42304.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said Application should on or before April 21, 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 385.211 or 18 CFR 385.214) 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.

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 Natural Gas Act 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 petition to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the abandonment is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a petition 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 herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Applicant to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-392-000; Docket No. CP00-17-000]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corp.; South Carolina Public Service Authority; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Southcoast Expansion Project and Santee Cooper Natural Gas Pipeline Project

March 31, 2000.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) and the South Carolina Public Service Authority (Santee Cooper) in the above-referenced dockets.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the proposed underground gas pipeline loops and aboveground facilities including:

- About 11.3 miles of a 42-inch-diameter pipeline loop (designated as Loop E) in Choctaw and Marengo Counties, Alabama; installation of a pig launcher upstream of the loop in Choctaw County; and installation of a pig receiver and liquid scrubber at Station 90 in Marengo County;
- About 13.9 miles of a 48-inch-diameter pipeline loop (designated as Loop E) in Marengo, Perry and Dallas Counties, Alabama; and relocation of an existing pig receiver currently at the

origin of the loop in Marengo County to the ending point in Dallas County;

- About 19 miles of a 24-inch-diameter pipeline loop (designated as the North Georgia Extension Loop) in Walton and Gwinnett Counties, Georgia; installation of a new pig launcher and valve at Station 125 in Walton County; and installation of a new pig receiver and valve at the terminus of the loop in Gwinnett County;
- About 2.1 miles of a 16-inch-diameter pipeline (designated as the Santee Cooper pipeline) to connect the planned Rainey Generating Station in Anderson County, South Carolina, to the Transco system at a new delivery tap and meter station in Hart County, Georgia;
- Addition of a new 15,000 horsepower (hp) gas turbine-powered compressor unit at Compressor Station 105 in Coosa County, Alabama;
- Addition of a new 16,500 hp electric motor driven compressor unit and gas coolers at Compressor Station 115 in Coweta County, Georgia;
- Rewheeling of Compressor Unit 16 at Compressor Station 120 in Henry County, Georgia; and
- Installation of new suction piping at Compressor Station 100 in Chilton County, Alabama, to allow sufficient gas to flow to Compressor Unit 10.

The purpose of the proposed facilities would be to provide about 204,099 dekatherms per day of new firm transportation capacity on Transco's existing system, and to provide up to 80,000 dt/day to Santee Cooper's planned Rainey Generating Station. Transco is proposing the project in order to meet projected growth needs of twelve of its natural gas customers in the southeastern market. The proposed Rainey Generating Station is needed to meet current and future growth in Santee Cooper's marketing area while maintaining adequate reserve of electric power.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, state and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. To ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that we receive your comments before the date specified below. Please

carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send two copies of your comments to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch, PJ-11.2;
- Reference Docket Nos. CP99-392-000 and CP00-17-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before May 1, 2000.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commenter a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-224-000]

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

March 31, 2000.

Take notice that on March 27, 2000, Transwestern Pipeline Company (Transwestern), tendered for filing in its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets proposed to be effective March 27, 2000:

Third Revised Sheet No. 18
Seventh Revised Sheet No. 19
Third Revised Sheet No. 27
Seventh Revised Sheet No. 95A
Sixth Revised Sheet No. 95E
Sixth Revised Sheet No. 95F
Third Revised Sheet No. 95I
Third Revised Sheet No. 95J
Fifth Revised Sheet No. 95K