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-ofway.

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. Issued in Portland, Oregon, on May 7, 2002.

Stephen J. Wright,

Administrator and Chief Executive Officer. [FR Doc. 02–12251 Filed 5–15–02; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6450–01–P

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 wection 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.