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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EF08-5171-000]

#### Western Area Power Administration; Notice of Filing

September 15, 2008.

Take notice that on September 8, 2008, the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Energy submitted Rate Order No. WAPA-137, confirmed and approved on an interim basis, effective October, 2008, Rate Schedule SLIP-F9 for firm power from Salt Lake City Area Integrated Projects, SP-PTP7 for firm point-to-point transmission, SP-NW3 for network integration transmission service, SP-NFT6 for non-firm transmission on the Colorado River Storage Project and SP-SD3, SP-RS3, SP-EI3, SP-FR3 and SP-SSR for ancillary services, and submitted for confirmation and approval on a final basis, under the authority vested in the Commission by Delegation Order No. 00-037.00, Rate Schedules SLIP-F9, SP-PTP7, SP-NW3, SP-NFT6, SP-DS3, SP-RS3, SP-EI3, and SP-SSR3, effective October 1, 2008 and ending September 30, 2013.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). 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 proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

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Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP08-430-000]

#### Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Eminence Enhancement Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

September 15, 2008.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation's (Transco) Eminence Enhancement Project (Project) involving installation of additional compression by Transco in Covington County, Mississippi.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process we will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. Your input will help the Commission staff determine which issues need to be evaluated in the EA. Please note that the scoping period will close on October 15, 2008.

This notice is being sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local

government representatives and agencies; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties in this proceeding; and local libraries and newspapers. We encourage government representatives to notify their constituents of this planned project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" was attached to the project notice Transco provided to landowners. This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is available for viewing on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>).

#### Summary of the Proposed Project

The proposed project would involve installation of one gas-fired engine-driven compressor unit consisting of a Caterpillar Model 3616 engine driving an Ariel reciprocating gas compressor. This would be installed at the existing Compressor Station 77 facility in a new 30 ft by 50 ft compressor building. Additionally, an engine cooling facility, gas coolers and misc. gas piping would be installed and/or modified at the station. This additional compression would provide an additional 46,161 dekatherms per day of incremental storage injection capacity, thereby allowing six injection/withdrawal cycles per year, an increase from the currently available two per year. The project would not create any additional storage or withdrawal capacity.

The location of the project facilities is shown in Appendix 1.<sup>1</sup>

#### Nonjurisdictional Facilities

There are no non-jurisdictional facilities associated with this project.

#### Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would be contained within or immediately adjacent to Compressor Station 77, located in the existing fenced Eminence storage field. Approximately 5.2 acres of the 450 acre field would be disturbed during the construction.

<sup>1</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of all appendices, other than Appendix 1 (maps), are available on the Commission's Web site at the "eLibrary" link or from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary refer to the last page of this notice. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

## The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. This process is referred to as "scoping." The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission staff requests public comments on the scope of the issues to address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. 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.

In the EA we<sup>2</sup> will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils
- land use
- water resources, fisheries, and wetlands
- cultural resources
- vegetation and wildlife
- air quality and noise
- endangered and threatened species
- hazardous waste
- public safety

We will also evaluate reasonable alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section below.

## Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Transco. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- The project may have air emissions and noise impacts.
- Safety of the storage field.

## Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the Eminence Enhancement Project. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please send in your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before October 15, 2008.

For your convenience, there are three methods in which you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. In all instances please reference the project docket number CP08-430-000 with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has dedicated eFiling expert staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or [efiling@ferc.gov](mailto:efiling@ferc.gov).

(1) You may file your comments electronically by using the Quick Comment feature, which is located on the Commission's internet Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the link to Documents and Filings. A Quick Comment is an easy method for interested persons to submit text-only comments on a project;

(2) You may file your comments electronically by using the eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission's internet Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the link to Documents and Filings. eFiling involves preparing your submission in the same manner as you would if filing on paper, and then saving the file on your computer's hard drive. You will attach that file as your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "Sign up" or "eRegister." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making. A comment on a particular project is considered a "Comment on a Filing;" or

(3) You may file your comments via mail to the Commission by sending an

original and two copies of your letter to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;

Label one copy of the comments for the attention of Gas Branch 3, PJ11.3.

## Environmental Mailing List

An effort is being made to send this notice to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project. This includes all landowners whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes, who have existing easements from the pipeline, or who own homes within distances defined in the Commission's regulations of certain aboveground facilities. By this notice we are also asking governmental agencies, especially those in Appendix 2, to express their interest in becoming cooperating agencies for the preparation of the EA.

If you do not want to send comments at this time but still want to remain on our mailing list, please return the Information Request (Appendix 3). If you do not return the Information Request, you will be taken off the mailing list.

## Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor." Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must send one electronic copy (using the Commission's eFiling system) or 14 paper copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding.

If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214). Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

The Notice of Application for this proposed project issued on July 1, 2008 identified the date for the filing of interventions as July 22, 2008. However, affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted late intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be

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

adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered.

#### Availability of Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1-866-208-FERC or on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission now offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries and direct links to the documents. Go to <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm>.

Finally, public meetings or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx> along with other related information.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Western Area Power Administration

#### Parker-Davis Project-Rate Order No. WAPA-138

**AGENCY:** Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of Order Concerning Firm Electric and Transmission Service Formula Rates.

**SUMMARY:** The Deputy Secretary of Energy confirmed and approved Rate Order No. WAPA-138 and Rate Schedules PD-F7, PD-FT7, PD-FCT7, and PD-NFT7 placing firm electric and transmission service formula rates for the Parker-Davis Project (P-DP) of the Western Area Power Administration (Western) into effect on an interim basis.

The provisional rates will be in effect until the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) confirms, approves, and places them into effect on a final basis or until they are replaced by other rates. The provisional formula rates will provide sufficient revenue to pay all annual costs, including interest expense, and repayment of investment, within the allowable periods.

**DATES:** Rate Schedules PD-F7, PD-FT7, PD-FCT7, and PD-NFT7 will be placed into effect on an interim basis on the first day of the first full billing period beginning on or after October 1, 2008, and will be in effect until FERC confirms, approves, and places the rate schedules in effect on a final basis through September 30, 2013, or until the rate schedule is superseded.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr.

J. Tyler Carlson, Regional Manager, Desert Southwest Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, AZ 85005-6457, (602) 605-2453, [carlson@wapa.gov](mailto:carlson@wapa.gov), or Mr. Jack Murray, Rates Manager, Desert Southwest Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, AZ 85005-6457, (602) 605-2442, [jmurray@wapa.gov](mailto:jmurray@wapa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Rate Schedules PD-F6, PD-FT6, PD-FCT6, and PD-NFT6 were approved under Rate Order No. WAPA-75 for the period beginning November 1, 1997, and ending September 30, 2002.<sup>1</sup> These rate schedules were extended through September 30, 2004, by the approval of Rate Order No. WAPA-98 on September 13, 2002.<sup>2</sup> These rate schedules were extended again through September 30, 2006, by the approval of Rate Order No. WAPA-113 approved on September 2, 2004.<sup>3</sup> These rate schedules were extended again through September 30, 2008, by Rate Order No. WAPA-131 approved on September 22, 2006.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> WAPA-75 was approved by the Deputy Secretary of Energy on November 18, 1997 (62 FR 63150), and confirmed and approved by FERC on a final basis on March 10, 1998, in Docket No. EF98-5041-000 (82 FERC 62164).

<sup>2</sup> WAPA-98 was approved by the Secretary of Energy on September 13, 2002 (67 FR 60655), filed with FERC for informational purposes only, and docketed by FERC on September 24, 2002, in Docket No. EF02-5041-000.

<sup>3</sup> WAPA-113 was approved by the Deputy Secretary of Energy on September 2, 2004 (69 FR 55429), filed with FERC for informational purposes only, and docketed by FERC on September 3, 2004, in Docket No. EF04-5042-000.

<sup>4</sup> WAPA-131 was approved by the Deputy Secretary of Energy on September 22, 2006 (71 FR 57941), and filed with FERC for informational purposes only, and docketed by FERC on September 22, 2006, in Docket No. EF06-5042-000.

Rate Schedule PD-F6 for firm electric service is being superseded by Rate Schedule PD-F7. Under Rate Schedule PD-F7, the capacity rate is \$17.45 per kilowattyear (kWyear), and the energy rate is 3.32 mills per kilowatthour (mills/kWh). The provisional rates in Rate Schedule PD-F7 equal the existing rates under Rate Schedule PD-F6.

Rate Schedules PD-FT6 and PD-FCT6 for firm point-to-point transmission service and firm transmission of Salt Lake City Area/Integrated Projects power are being superseded by Rate Schedules PD-FT7 and PD-FCT7. The provisional transmission rates under Rate Schedules PD-FT7 and PD-FCT7 are \$12.96/kWyear, which is equal to the existing rates under Rate Schedules PD-FT6 and PD-FCT6.

Rate Schedule PD-NFT6 for nonfirm transmission service is being superseded by Rate Schedule PD-NFT7. Under Rate Schedule PD-NFT6, the existing nonfirm transmission rate is 2.47 mills/kWh. The provisional nonfirm transmission rate under Rate Schedule PD-NFT7 is 1.48 mills/kWh. A change to the existing formula for calculating the nonfirm transmission rate resulted in a 40 percent decrease when compared to the existing rate. The modification to the nonfirm transmission rate formula ensures that the nonfirm transmission rate will not exceed the firm transmission rate.

By Delegation Order No. 00-037.00, effective December 6, 2001, the Secretary of Energy delegated: (1) The authority to develop power and transmission rates to Western's Administrator; (2) the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Deputy Secretary of Energy; and (3) the authority to confirm, approve, and place into effect on a final basis, to remand or to disapprove such rates to FERC. Existing DOE procedures for public participation in power rate adjustments (10 CFR part 903) were published on September 18, 1985.

Under Delegation Order Nos. 00-037.00 and 00-001.00C, 10 CFR part 903, and 18 CFR part 300, I hereby confirm, approve, and place Rate Order No. WAPA-138, the proposed P-DP firm electric and transmission service formula rates, into effect on an interim basis. The new Rate Schedules PD-F7, PD-FT7, PD-FCT7, and PD-NFT7 will be promptly submitted to FERC for confirmation and approval on a final basis.