

1. Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation

[Docket No. CP95-217-000]

Take notice that on February 22, 1995, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 1700 MacCorkle Avenue, SE., Charleston, West Virginia 25314, filed in Docket No. CP95-217-000 an application pursuant to Sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act for permission and approval to abandon a portion of a pipeline located in Gilmer, Lewis and Doddridge Counties, West Virginia, and to construct and operate replacement facilities, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Columbia proposes to replace a deteriorating portion of Line 1740, totaling approximately 17.2 miles of 16- and 20-inch pipeline, with five sections of 20-inch pipeline totaling approximately 17.5 miles. Columbia states that the involved portion of Line 1740 (6.45 miles of 16-inch and 10.75 miles of 20-inch pipeline) was constructed in 1947,¹ and should be replaced to enable Columbia to continue to maintain safe and reliable service to its existing customers at current levels. Columbia describes the pipe to be abandoned as beginning in Gilmer County at the Barbarow Valve Setting, just south of County Route 2/2, and proceeding northeast and terminating in Doddridge County near Long Run just south of County Route 38/4.

Columbia explains that, to the extent that 16-inch pipe is being replaced by 20-inch pipe, the 20-inch pipe is being utilized to provide a continuous pipe size for efficient maintenance. Columbia further explains that a singularly sized line would minimize the number of pig launchers and receivers necessary to pig the line. Columbia estimates that its proposal would permit it to avoid incurring an expense of approximately \$250,000 to install pig launchers and receivers to accommodate the pigging of different diameter pipelines as opposed to a continuous 20-inch pipeline. The estimated cost of the proposed construction is \$16,700,000.

Columbia states that the proposal would result in an increase in pipeline capacity of approximately 28,200 Dekatherms per day at the suction side of the Smithfield Compressor Station which would diminish to zero with distance from that point due to other system constraints. Columbia does not request authorization for any new or additional service and states that any additional capacity made available by

the replacement pipe would be posted in accordance with applicable tariffs.

Comment date: March 31, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

2. Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company

[Docket No. CP95-235-000]

Take notice that on March 2, 1995, Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company (Williston), 200 North Third Street, Suite 300, Bismarck, North Dakota 58501 filed an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations requesting permission and approval to abandon certain facilities (and related services) located on its pipeline system in Custer, Powder River, Stillwater and Carbon Counties, Montana; Burke and Divide Counties, North Dakota; Harding County, South Dakota; and Park, Hot Springs and Big Horn Counties, Wyoming, all as a result of the sale of property to Interenergy Corporation (Interenergy), all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Williston seeks authorization to abandon by sale to Interenergy gathering facilities, certain transmission functionalized as transmission, and related land rights and services, associated with its existing operations. Williston states that Interenergy is currently conducting negotiations for replacement service agreements with Williston's existing gathering customers. Williston states that the total allocated net book value of the gathering facilities to be sold is \$5,100,924; and, the total net book value of the transmission facilities to be sold is \$626,550, as of January 1, 1995. Williston has indicated that Interenergy has filed concurrently a petition that the Commission declare the subject facilities exempt from jurisdiction pursuant to Section 1(b) of the Natural Gas Act.

Comment date: March 31, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

3. Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company

[Docket No. CP95-236-000]

Take notice that on March 2, 1995, Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company (Williston), 200 North Third Street, Suite 300, Bismarck, North Dakota 58501 filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act. The application requests authority to transfer from the

gathering function to the transmission function the Frannie-Deaver meter station; a portion of the Elk Basin to South Elk Basin gathering line; the Hiland Plant meter station; and, the Perry Gas meter station, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Williston states that the above-referenced facilities were either purchased or constructed by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., now MDU Resources Group, Inc., the parent of Centennial Energy Holdings, Inc., Williston's parent. Williston states that as a result of an extensive review and examination of its plant accounting records for gathering facilities and/or to rationalize the facilities which are to remain with Williston after receipt of the necessary abandonment authority sought for certain facilities and services in a companion application,² Williston has determined that certain facilities classified as gathering should be classified as transmission.

Comment date: March 31, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

4. Interenergy Corporation

[Docket No. CP95-239-000]

Take notice that on March 2, 1995, Interenergy Corporation (Interenergy) 1700 Broadway, Suite 1150, Denver, Colorado 80202 filed a petition for declaratory order requesting that the Commission declare that facilities to be acquired from Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company (Williston) are gathering facilities exempt from Commission jurisdiction under Section 1(b) of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Interenergy states it is engaged in the gathering and marketing of natural gas. Interenergy states that it has agreed to purchase³ from Williston certain facilities located on Williston's pipeline system in Custer, Powder River, Stillwater and Carbon Counties, Montana; Burke and Divide Counties, North Dakota; Harding County, South Dakota; and Park, Hot Springs and Big Horn Counties, Wyoming. Subject to the Commission's grant of Interenergy's Petition, Interenergy intends to operate the facilities to points of interconnection with Williston for transportation to markets. It is also indicated that Williston has sought

² Filed March 2, 1995, in Docket No. CP95-235-000.

³ Purchase and sales agreement dated January 3, 1995, as amended.

¹ See 6 FPC 627 (1947).