

work space will occupy 8.82 acres. Of this east side work space only 0.54 acre is presently forested (0.25 acres is forested wetland). The remainder of the work space on the east side is located either on existing permanent right-of-way or in a cultivated field, both of which have previously been cleared.

On the west side of the river (where crossing segment fabrication and pre-testing will occur) temporary work space will occupy 22.94 acres. Of this west side work space only 3.12 acres is presently forested (2.56 acres is forested wetland). The remainder of the work space on the west side is located either on existing permanent right-of-way or in a cultivated field, both of which have previously been cleared.

In summary, areas requiring additional clearing for the installation of Main Lines C and D are relatively minor. Of these additional cleared areas only 3.66 acres are forested and of those only 2.81 acres are forested wetland.

2. Clearance has been received with respect to endangered/threatened species from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Alabama Natural Heritage Program provided Transco with a list of candidate and protected species within the general area of the project. Transco evaluated this list in the context of the project to ensure that the project will not impact these species; the evaluation verified that the project will not impact these species.

3. Clearance has been received from the Alabama State Historical Preservation Officer ("SHPO") with respect to cultural resources related to the project area. There is a known archaeological site on the east bank of the Tombigbee River to the north of the project area that will not be impacted by this project; thus, the SHPO has no concern with regard to this site. Transco has contacted several Native American groups. Transco states that it does not consider in situ replacement a practical option because such conventional replacement would be subject to the same erosive forces of the river.

4. Transco states that the proposed installation and removals will improve the visual or aesthetic value of the river banks at the Tombigbee River crossing by allowing native revegetation and dynamics of the river to control the natural succession of the banks at the crossing. Transco will implement measures to restore and stabilize the construction work spaces and abandoned rights-of-way.

Therefore, Transco states that in view of (1) the essential need for the Tombigbee River crossings to be able to move gas from Transco's production areas to Transco's market areas, and (2)

the de minimis environmental impact of such project, Transco requests the Commission to issue a certificate and construction clearance by January 8, 1996 so that security of the Tombigbee River crossings can be assured as soon as possible. By this application, Transco also seeks authorization to abandon in place and by removal the portions of its Main Lines C and D at the Tombigbee River which will be replaced. Gas transmission across the Tombigbee River will be unaffected by these abandonments. The cost of the Line C removal work is estimated to be \$140,000. The cost of the Line D removal work is estimated to be \$201,540.

It is further stated that on the west bank at the location of the Tombigbee River crossings, Transco has interconnections on Main Lines C and D that enable gas to flow into a meter and regulator (M&R) station for downstream delivery to a plant owned by American Can Company ("American Can"), which is north of the crossings on the west bank. As a result of the replacements of Lines C and D, as above described, a reconfiguration of the American Can interconnections will be necessary. One new interconnection with the M&R station will involve conventional installation of approximately 1,200 feet of 4-inch diameter pipe from the M&R station west to a tap on the new segment of Line C. This will effectuate delivery of gas from of Line C to the M&R station. A second new interconnection will involve conventional installation of approximately 30 feet of 4-inch diameter pipe from a new tap on Line D to a tee near the western terminus of the above-described 1,200-foot 4-inch line. This will effectuate delivery of gas from Line D to the M&R station.

The estimated cost of installation of the 1,200-foot line is \$154,718. The estimated cost of installation of the 30-foot line is \$83,924.

By this application, Transco also seeks authorization to abandon by removal the interconnections between existing Main Lines C and D and the M&R station. Gas supply to the American Can plant will be unaffected by these abandonments. The estimated cost of removal of the interconnection between Main Line C and the M&R station is \$5,000. The estimated cost of removal of the interconnection between Main Line D and the M&R station is \$12,000.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before December 14 1995, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 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 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 157.10). 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 proceedings. 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 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and 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 not motion 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 certificate is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion 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 Transco to appear or be represented at the hearing.

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Secretary.

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#### **Transwestern Pipeline Company; Notice of Amendment to Application**

December 4, 1995.

Take notice that on November 29, 1995, Transwestern Pipeline Company (Transwestern), P.O. Box 1188, Houston, Texas 77251-1188 filed an amendment (Amendment) to its original application in Docket No. CP96-10-000, which was filed pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, the purpose of which is to conform Transwestern's application to the following: (1) The Purchase and Sale Agreement and Ownership and Operating Agreement executed November 3, 1995 between Transwestern and Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Northwest); and (2) Northwest's application for abandonment authorization filed on