

Negotiated Transportation Services of Natural Gas Pipelines, Docket No. RM96-7-000 issued January 31, 1996 (Policy Statement).

Trunkline proposes to establish a negotiated/recourse rate program applicable to Trunkline's Part 284 firm transportation and storage services under Rate Schedules FT, EFT, QNT, LFT, NNS-1 and FSS consistent with the Policy Statement as well as Commission pronouncements respecting negotiated rate filings of other pipelines. The proposed modifications to its tariff provide Trunkline the flexibility to negotiate a rate which may be greater than, less than or equal to the existing cost-based maximum rate for the applicable service, but which shall not be less than the minimum rate for that service set forth in Trunkline's tariff.

Trunkline states that a copies of this filing are being served on all jurisdictional customers and applicable state regulatory agencies.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 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 proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP97-143-000]

**Western Transmission Corporation;
Petition for Declaratory Order
Disclaiming Jurisdiction and Request
for Abandonment Authorization**

December 13, 1996.

Take notice that on December 6, 1996, Western Transmission Corporation (WESTRANS), 1625 Broadway, Suite 2200, Denver, Colorado 80202, filed in Docket No. CP97-143-000, a Petition for Declaratory Order Disclaiming Jurisdiction and Request for Abandonment Authorization regarding

all of its pipeline facilities, pursuant to Rule 207(a)(2) of the Commission's regulations, 18 CFR 385.207(a)(2) and Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act, 15 USC 717f(b), all as more fully set forth in the petition/request.

WESTRANS states that it owns and operates a small gas pipeline system in the Washakie Basin area Wyoming, consisting of a 26-mile 12³/₄-inch main pipeline, a 9.2 mile 4-inch line, and related gathering, dehydration and measuring facilities. WESTRANS states that the net book value of these facilities is \$688,000. WESTRANS explains that these facilities were originally constructed to purchase, gather, transport, and sell gas to Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG) under a contract executed in 1963. WESTRANS says that its system now gathers gas from some 155 wells into the interstate transmission systems of CIG and Williams Natural Gas Company.

WESTRANS asserts that its facilities have long-qualified as gathering under the Commission's primary function test, but that the Commission's "Tarpon" doctrine prohibited WESTRANS from seeking a gathering determination because its facilities were located in-between CIG's certificated interstate facilities. WESTRANS contends that since the CIG facilities upstream of WESTRANS' facilities were recently declared nonjurisdictional, the "Tarpon" prohibition no longer applies.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before January 3, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 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 and 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 in any proceeding herein 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 motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission

on its own review of the matter finds that permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are 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 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 WESTRANS to appear or to be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. EG97-20-000, et al.]

**Encogen Northwest, L.P., et al.;
Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation
Filings**

December 12, 1996.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

1. Encogen Northwest, L.P.

[Docket No. EG97-20-000]

On December 5, 1996, Encogen Northwest, L.P. ("Encogen Northwest"), c/o Enserch Development Corporation, 1817 Wood Street, Dallas, TX 75201, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to Part 365 of the Commission's Regulations.

Encogen Northwest owns one eligible facility (an existing natural gas-fired cogeneration facility, a transformer and appurtenant interconnecting equipment), which is also a qualifying facility, in Bellingham, Washington.

Comment date: January 2, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice. The Commission will limit its consideration of comments to those that concern the adequacy or accuracy of the application.

2. Encogen Four Partners, L.P.

[Docket No. EG97-21-000]

On December 5, 1996, Encogen Four Partners, L.P. ("Encogen Four"), c/o Enserch Development Corporation, 1817 Wood Street, Dallas, TX 75201, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to Part 365 of the Commission's Regulations.

Encogen Four owns one eligible facility (an existing natural gas-fired cogeneration facility, a transformer and appurtenant interconnecting