

following tariff sheets, to become effective November 2, 1998.

Fourth Revised Sheet No. 46  
Second Revised Sheet No. 46A  
Original Sheet No. 46B  
Original Sheet No. 46C  
Second Revised Sheet No. 47  
Sub Ninth Revised Sheet No. 73  
Sub Fourth Revised Sheet No. 73A  
Sub Third Revised Sheet No. 73B

U-TOS asserts that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission's July 15, 1998, letter order in the captioned proceeding regarding Order No. 587-G. Pipelines must comply with the adoption of Version 1.2 of the GISB standards (284.10(b)) and the standards regarding the posting of information on websites and retention of electronic information (284.10(c)(3)(ii) through (v)).

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.314 or 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.

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-25-005]

#### West Texas Gas, Inc.; Notice of Compliance Filing

October 7, 1998.

Take notice that on October 2, 1998, West Texas Gas, Inc. (WTG) tendered for filing revised tariff sheets implementing a May 18, 1998 Settlement approved by the Commission's September 17, 1998 letter order in this proceeding. In accordance with the Settlement and the Commission's order, the revised tariff sheets are to be effective May 1, 1998.

*First Revised Volume No. 1*

First Revised Sheet No. 1  
Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 2  
Substitute Twenty-Sixth Revised Sheet No. 4  
Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 5  
First Revised Sheet No. 6  
Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 7  
First Revised Sheet No. 8  
First Revised Sheet No. 10  
First Revised Sheet No. 11  
First Revised Sheet No. 12  
Original Sheet No. 12A  
First Revised Sheet No. 14  
Second Revised Sheet No. 22  
Substitute Third Revised Sheet No. 23  
Original Sheet No. 23A  
Original Sheet No. 23B  
Substitute Third Revised Sheet No. 24  
Substitute Third Revised Sheet No. 25  
Substitute Third Revised Sheet No. 26  
First Revised Sheet No. 33

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in 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 proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

**David P. Boergers,**  
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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-761-000]

#### Viking Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed 1999 Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

October 7, 1998.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the facilities proposed in the Viking Gas Transmission Company's 1999 Expansion Project.<sup>1</sup> This EA will be

<sup>1</sup> Viking Gas Transmission Company's application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a Viking Gas Transmission Company (Viking) representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. Viking would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, Viking could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law. A fact sheet addressing a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain, is attached to this notice as appendix 2.<sup>2</sup>

#### Summary of the Proposed Project

Viking proposes to construct the 1999 Expansion Project to provide firm winter capacity to serve new loads at various delivery points and to increase system reliability and flexibility for existing Viking shippers. Viking seeks authority to construct and operate:

1. Five loops of 24-inch-diameter pipeline totaling 45.0 miles as follows:

- a. Hallock Loop—about 8.2 miles long, extending from milepost (MP) 2202 - 1+0.0<sup>3</sup> to MP 2202 - 1+8.2 in Kittson and Marshall Counties, Minnesota;
- b. Angus Loop—about 8.3 miles long, extending from MP 2204 - 1+11.8 to MP 2204 - 1+20.1 in Polk County, Minnesota;
- c. Ada Loop—about 10.1 miles long, extending from MP 2208 - 1+0.0 to MP 2208 - 1+10.1 in Clay County, Minnesota;
- d. Frazee Loop—about 7.4 miles long, extending from MP 2210 - 1+0.0 to MP 2210 - 1+7.4 in Otter Tail County, Minnesota; and
- e. Staples Loop—about 11.0 miles long,<sup>4</sup> extending from MP 2213 - 1+9.9 to MP 2213 - 1+21.0 in Morrison County, Minnesota;

2. Minor permanent aboveground ancillary facilities:

<sup>2</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

<sup>3</sup> Viking's mileposting resets to 0.0 at each mainline valve. Therefore, each pipeline section between Viking's mainline valves is mileposted independently. For example: MP 2202 - 1-8.2 denotes a physical location 8.2 miles downstream of mainline valve number 2201 - 1.

<sup>4</sup> The numerical discrepancy is due to rounding.