

naturally caused landslides have occurred on the face of this bluff. Although the A-Line has not suffered any physical damage, Northern cannot predict the timing, location, and magnitude of a future landslide. Consistent with Northern's goal to provide safe and reliable natural gas service, Northern states that it has decided to remove the A-Line river crossing. Northern further states that it will be able to provide the capacity required to meet current firm obligations through existing facilities. Thus, the proposed abandonment of facilities would not result in the abandonment of service to any of Northern's existing customers. Northern estimates it would spend \$410,000 to remove the 2,200 feet of 16-inch diameter pipe on the A-Line and the appurtenant bridge structure.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before December 21, 2000, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., 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 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (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 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. Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Keith L. Petersen, Director, Certificates and Reporting for Northern, 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124, phone number (402) 398-7421, or Don Vignaroli, Senior Regulatory Analyst at (402) 398-7139.

A person obtaining intervenor status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents issued by the Commission, filed by the applicant, or filed by all other intervenors. An intervenor can file for rehearing of any Commission order and can petition for court review of any such order. However, an intervenor must serve copies of comments or any other filing it makes with the Commission to every

other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as filing an original and 14 copies with the Commission. A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have comments considered. A person, instead, may submit two copies of such comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of environmental documents, and will be able to participate in meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Comments will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission, and will not have the right to seek rehearing or appeal the Commission's final order to a Federal court.

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 NGA 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 the proposal 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 provide for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Northern to appear or be represented at the hearing.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**[Docket No. CP01-35-000]**

#### **Southern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application**

November 30, 2000.

Take notice that on November 21, 2000, Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern), Post Office Box 2563, Birmingham, Alabama 35202-2563, filed in Docket No. CP01-35-000 an

application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate certain pipeline looping facilities on its South Georgia Facilities, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance).

Southern states that on August 1, 2000, South Georgia Natural Gas Company (South Georgia), which had been a wholly owned subsidiary of Southern, was merged into Southern. Southern states that the former South Georgia facilities are now owned and operated by Southern as part of its system and known as the South Georgia Facilities. Southern further states that customers benefiting from the South Georgia Facilities continue to pay rates applicable only to the South Georgia Facilities pursuant to the May 31, 2000, Order on Uncontested Settlement and Granting Certificate Authorization in Docket No. RP99-496-000, *et al.*

Southern states that South Georgia conducted an open season that expired on July 14, 2000, to determine whether any shippers were interested in acquiring long-term Rate Schedule FT service on the South Georgia Facilities. As a result of the open season, Southern states that it has entered into long-term service agreements with seven shippers who have collectively subscribed for a total of 17,000 Mcf per day of firm transportation service on Southern's South Georgia Facilities. Southern states that in order to provide this service, it seeks authorization to construct and operate 7.1 miles of 16-inch pipeline looping on the 12-inch main line of the South Georgia Facilities. Southern further states that the pipeline looping will extend from the discharge side of Southern's Holy Trinity Compressor Station in Russell County, Alabama to the beginning of its 16-inch loop in Stewart County, Georgia.

Southern states that the estimated cost of the proposed project is \$6.0 million. Southern further states that the project will be financed through the use of available cash on hand and cash from operations. Southern states that it plans to include the costs and revenues attributable to the proposed facilities in the cost of service and revenues for its South Georgia Facilities on a rolled-in basis in future rate proceedings.

Questions regarding the details of this proposed project should be directed to John Griffin, Southern Natural Gas Company, Post Office Box 2563,

Birmingham, Alabama 35202-2563, call (205) 325-7133.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before December 21, 2000, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene 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 NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission may issue a preliminary determination on non-environmental issues prior to the completion of its review of the environmental aspects of the project. This preliminary determination typically considers such issues as the need for the project and its economic effect on existing customers of the applicant, on other pipelines in the area, and on landowners and communities. For example, the Commission considers the extent to which the applicant may need to exercise eminent domain to obtain rights-of-way for the proposed project and balances that against the non-environmental benefits to be provided by the project. Therefore, if a person has comments on community and landowner impacts from this proposal, it is important either to file comments or to intervene as early in the process as possible.

Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

If the Commission decides to set the application for a formal hearing before an Administrative Law Judge, the Commission will issue another notice describing that process. At the end of the Commission's review process, a final Commission order approving or denying a certificate will be issued.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP01-112-000]

#### Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

November 28, 2000.

Take notice that on November 22, 2000, Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (Texas Eastern) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff Sixth Revised Volume No. 1, Sixth Revised Volume No. 1 and Sixth Revised Sheet No. 647 to be effective on January 1, 2001.

Texas Eastern states that the purpose of this filing is to remove from Section 16 of the General Terms and Conditions of its FERC Gas Tariff certain provisions that are no longer applicable, to revise the phone number of the person to

whom complaints should be directed regarding Texas Eastern's compliance with the Commission's gas marketing affiliate rules and to provide for the posting on Texas Eastern's Internet Web site of information regarding shared operating employees and shared facilities, as well as any physical office space barriers and card key protections that may be necessitated by virtue of shared office space, consistent with Commission precedent.

Texas Eastern states that copies of its filing have been mailed to all affected customers and interested state commissions.

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, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 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 proceedings. 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. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm>. (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP01-34-000]

#### Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Application

November 30, 2000.

Take notice that on November 20, 2000, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco), Post Office Box 1396, Houston, Texas 42301, in Docket No. CP01-34-000 filed an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for permission and approval for