

additional TRU waste that contains PCBs during the process of characterizing their TRU waste for disposal at WIPP. Subject to further NEPA review, as appropriate, DOE would dispose of this waste at WIPP if it meets all of the acceptance criteria for placement in the repository. DOE's decision in this ROD to dispose of this waste at WIPP constitutes the designation of that waste for purposes of section 9(a)(1)(H) of the WIPP Land Withdrawal Act.

DOE needs to safely and securely dispose of the TRU waste containing PCBs that has accumulated at its facilities and to provide for the disposal of such waste that it may generate in the future. DOE has requested and received the primary regulatory authorizations necessary to proceed with this decision. EPA has granted DOE's request for authorization to operate WIPP as a chemical waste landfill in accordance with TSCA, having confirmed that most of DOE's TRU waste with PCBs is remediation waste that can be disposed of at WIPP. Further, the State of New Mexico has approved a modification to WIPP's hazardous waste facility permit that removed language reciting the prohibition on disposal of TRU waste with PCBs. For the reasons discussed above, and in light of the finding that no further NEPA review is required, DOE can now safely isolate these wastes from the environment by disposing of them at WIPP.

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**Jessie Hill Roberson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP04-362-000]

#### Colorado Interstate Gas Company; Notice of Application

June 23, 2004.

Take notice that Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG), Post Office Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80944, filed in Docket No. CP04-362-000 on June 14, 2004, an application pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), as amended, to abandon, convert, and reclassify certain natural gas storage assets in the Boehm Storage Field in Morton County, Kansas. Specifically CIG proposes to plug and

abandon nine wells and to convert and reclassify 12 other wells which will be placed into revised use in the storage field. CIG states that the plugging and abandoning activities are being undertaken to remove from service certain wells which are operationally obsolete and that these activities must be completed in order for CIG to comply with the underground storage regulations recently promulgated by the Kansas Corporation Commission, 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 also viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call (202) 502-8659 or TTY, (202) 208-3676.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Robert T. Tomlinson, Director, Regulatory Affairs Department, Colorado Interstate Gas Company, as operator for Young Gas Storage Company, Ltd., P.O. Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80944; at (719) 520-3788, fax (719) 667-7534.

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 the comment date stated below, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 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.

Comments, protests and interventions 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 under the "e-Filing" link.

*Comment Date:* July 14, 2004.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP04-328-000]

#### El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

June 23, 2004.

Take notice that on June 9, 2004, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1A, Third Revised Sheet No. 290A, with an effective date of July 12, 2004.

El Paso states that the tariff sheet establishes procedures for demonstrating the availability of capacity prior to re-sale.

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 § 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with § 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. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the eLibrary. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the e-Filing link.

Magalie R. Salas,  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP04-229-001]

#### Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Amendment to Tariff Filing

June 23, 2004.

Take notice that on May 28, 2004, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural) tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Sixth Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheet, to be effective as soon as feasible:

Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 280B

Natural states that the purpose of this filing is to revise the General Terms and Conditions in Natural's Tariff relating to shipper creditworthiness. Natural further states that specifically, the proposed changes would allow Natural to obtain security from non-creditworthy customers on gas loaned under any park and loan service.

Natural states that copies of the filing are being served on all parties to this proceeding.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,

888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with § 385.211 of the Commission's rules and regulations. All such protests must be filed on or before the protest date as shown below. 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. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the eLibrary link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the e-Filing link.

Protest Date: June 29, 2004.

Magalie R. Salas,  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP04-343-000]

#### Paiute Pipeline Company; Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Paiute Wadsworth Compressor Station, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Site Visit

June 23, 2004.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of Paiute Pipeline Company's (Paiute) proposed Wadsworth Compressor Station Project. Paiute proposes to abandon operation and use of a liquefied natural gas (LNG) peak-shaving facility near the town of Lovelock in Pershing County, Nevada and an associated pipeline, modify existing valve assemblies, and construct and operate a new compressor station near the town of Wadsworth in Washoe

County, Nevada.<sup>1</sup> The EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the projects are in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice (NOI) is being sent to affected and adjacent landowners; Federal, State and local representatives and agencies; local newspapers and libraries; potentially interested Indian tribes; public interest and environmental groups; and parties to the proceeding. Government representatives and agencies are encouraged to notify their constituents of the proposed projects and encourage them to comment.

Additionally, with this NOI we<sup>2</sup> are asking government agencies and tribes with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to cooperate with us in the preparation of the EA. Agencies may choose to participate once they evaluate Paiute's proposal relative to their responsibilities. Agencies that would like to request cooperating status should follow the directions for filing comments described below.

If you are a landowner receiving this NOI, you may be contacted by a representative of Paiute about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The company 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, the company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" should have been attached to the project notice Paiute is required to provide to landowners. This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is available for viewing on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>).

#### Summary of the Proposed Project

Paiute seeks authority to:

- Abandon operation, use, and storage services at the H.G. Laub LNG facility near Lovelock, in Pershing

<sup>1</sup> Paiute's application was filed with the Commission, on May 21, 2004, under sections 7(b) and (c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and part 157 of the Commission's regulations. The Commission issued a notice of the application on May 28, 2004.

<sup>2</sup> "We", "us", and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the FERC's Office of Energy Projects (OEP).