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COMMISSION APPROVES EXPANSION PROJECT, INCREASING NATURAL GAS CAPACITY IN WEST

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission today approved an expansion of Cheyenne Plains Gas Pipeline Company's (Cheyenne Plains) pipeline, a 380-mile interstate natural gas pipeline that will transport natural gas supplies from northern Colorado to southwestern Kansas.

The expansion involves the installation of an additional 10,310 horsepower of compression at the Cheyenne Plains Compressor Station. The additional compression will create 170,000 dekatherms (Dth) per day of additional firm transportation service, bringing the total capacity on the Cheyenne Plains pipeline to 730,000 Dth per day.

Upon completion, the expanded pipeline project will provide needed transportation of Rocky Mountain gas supplies to interconnections with existing, underutilized interstate and intrastate gas pipelines serving mid-continent gas markets, the Commission said.

"This is another step forward in our effort to make sure critical Rocky Mountain supplies are available to help meet our nation's growing appetite for gas," said FERC Chairman Pat Wood, III.

Cheyenne Plains is currently constructing the pipeline, approved by Commission order issued March 24, 2004, from the Cheyenne Hub, a confluence of pipelines in northern Colorado near Cheyenne, Wyoming, to a terminus near Greensburg, Kansas, where it will interconnect with several existing pipelines.

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