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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-394-000]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

September 4, 1998.

Take notice that on September 1, 1998, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, certain revised tariff sheets listed on Appendix A attached to the filing, with an effective date of November 1, 1998.

Transco states that the purpose of the instant filing is to (1) implement new Rate Schedules WSS-Open Access (Washington Storage Service-Open Access) and WSS-Open Access-R (Released Washington Storage Service-Open Access) (2) modify the General Terms and Conditions to provide for storage transfers between Rate Schedules WSS-Open Access and ISS (3) modify Rate Schedule WSS to reflect outdated information regarding injected base gas requirements and the designed ratio of injected base gas requirements to top gas storage capacity (4) modify language in Rate Schedule ISS to enable that portion of the Washington Storage Field dedicated to Part 284 service to be utilized for ISS service upon authorization of the conversion and (5) revise the revenue sharing provision in Rate Schedule ISS to include Buyers under Rate Schedule WSS-Open Access.

Transco states that it is serving copies of the instant filing to its 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, N.E., Washington, D.C. 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.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; StarTrack Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit the following proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): StarTrack Program, EPA ICR Number 1825.01. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before November 10, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Marge Miranda, U.S. EPA Region 1, JFK Federal Building—Mailcode SPE, Boston, MA 02203. Interested persons may obtain a copy without charge by calling Marge Miranda at 617/565-1002. The ICR will be available on the StarTrack website at <http://www.epa.gov/region01/steward/startrack>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marge Miranda, 617/565-1002 or David W. Guest, Esq., 617/565-3348. Fax number: 617/565-4939

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those that choose to participate in the full-scale StarTrack Program.

Title: StarTrack Program.

Abstract: U.S. EPA's New England Region office (Boston, MA), in conjunction with participating states and, in some cases, local agencies, is developing a third-party certification system for environmental performance as part of its StarTrack Program. Participants in StarTrack will develop, demonstrate, and/or test compliance

tools and principles associated with third-party certification of environmental performance. The goal of the program is to expand the use of compliance and environmental management systems to improve protection of the environment, increase the public's understanding of a company's environmental performance, and further promote efficient use of public and private resources.

StarTrack is one of many reinvention initiatives within EPA. EPA's reinvention philosophy is focused on improving environmental results while allowing flexibility in how the improved results are achieved; sharing information and decision-making with all stakeholders; creating market place incentives for compliance with environmental requirements; and lessening the red-tape and paperwork burden of complying with environmental requirements.

Reinventing environmental protection means addressing the everyday inefficiencies and limitations associated with environmental regulations and managing for better environmental results. It includes designing and testing fundamentally new systems, such as those encouraged in StarTrack, and considering alternative approaches to address environmental challenges.

In each year of participation in StarTrack, a company agrees to audit its environmental compliance and management system and to prepare and publish a comprehensive environmental performance report. During every third year of participation, the company will have its compliance and management system audit results reviewed and certified by an independent third party. Follow-up certification may be required on a more frequent basis for facilities not meeting full certification requirements.

To participate, a company must have an established compliance auditing program and a demonstrated commitment to compliance, pollution prevention, and continuous improvement of environmental performance.

Applicants to the program must submit information addressing the selection factors (commitment to compliance, continuous improvement, and pollution prevention), using examples, quantitative data, and existing documentation, where applicable. An applicant may submit information such as a compliance audit protocol, auditors' qualifications, and a sample of previous audit findings and corrective action plans to support a claim to an established compliance