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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-260-000]

Texas Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Settlement Conference

October 24, 2000.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference will be convened in this proceeding on Wednesday, November 1 and possibly continuing to November 2, 2000 at 10 a.m., at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, for the purpose of discussing the possible settlement of issues in the proceeding.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 385.214).

For additional information, contact William J. Collins at (202) 208-0248.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-52-000]

Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc.; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

October 24, 2000.

An informal settlement conference in the above docket will be held on Monday, October 30, 2000, in the Wyandot Room, Hilton Kansas City Airport, 8801 NW 112th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64153. The informal settlement conference will begin at 9:30 a.m.

All interested parties in the above docket are requested to attend the informal settlement conference. If a party has any questions regarding the conference, please call Richard Miles,

the Director of the Dispute Resolution Service. His telephone number is 1 877 FERC ADR (337-2237) or 202/208-0702 and his e-mail address is richard.miles@ferc.fed.us. If you plan on attending the conference, please R.S.V.P. to Jamie Capps at Williams by e-mail at jamie.capps@williams.com, by fax at 918/573-4195 or by phone at 918/573-4218 so that appropriate accommodations may be made. Williams would also like to extend to all parties the option of attending in business casual attire.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice

October 25, 2000.

The following notice of meeting is published pursuant to Section 3(a) of the Government in the Sunshine Act (Pub. L. No. 94-409), 5 U.S.C. 552b:

AGENCY HOLDING MEETING: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

DATE AND TIME: November 1, 2000, 9 am

PLACE: Room 2C, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Docket No. EL00-95-000, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, v. Sellers of Energy and Ancillary Services Into Markets Operated by the California Independent System Operator and the California Power Exchange; Docket No. EL00-98-000, Investigation of Practices of the California Independent System Operator and the California Power Exchange; Docket No. EL00-107-000, Public Meeting in San Diego, California; Docket No. ER00-3461-000, California Power Exchange Corporation; Docket No. ER00-3673-000, California Independent System Operator Corporation.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Telephone (202) 208-0400.

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Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6893-4]

Reference Dose for Methylmercury

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of peer-review workshop and public comment period.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing that Versar, Inc., an EPA contractor for external scientific peer review, will convene a panel of experts and organize and conduct an external peer-review workshop to review the draft document titled, Reference Dose for Methylmercury (NCEA-S-0930). The EPA is also announcing a 30-day public comment period for the draft document. The document was prepared by the EPA's National Center for Environmental Assessment-Washington Office (NCEA-W) within the Office of Research and Development. NCEA will consider the peer-review advice and public comment submissions in revising the document.

DATES: The peer-review workshop will begin on Wednesday, November 15, 2000, at 9 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. Members of the public may attend as observers, and there will be a limited time for comments from the public in the afternoon. The 30-day public comment period begins October 30, 2000, and ends November 29, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The external peer-review panel workshop will be held at the Marriott Crystal Gateway Hotel, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202, (703) 920-3230. Versar, Inc., an EPA contractor, is organizing, convening, and conducting the peer-review workshop. To attend the workshop, register by November 6, 2000, by calling Versar, Inc. (Ms. Marit Espevik) at (703) 750-3000, ext. 460, or send a facsimile to (703) 642-6954. You also can register via e-mail at espevmar@versar.com. Space is limited, and reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. There will be a limited time for comments from the public during the afternoon of the workshop. Please let Versar, Inc. know if you wish to make comments.

The external review draft is available primarily via the Internet on the National Center for Environmental Assessment's home page at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea> under the What's New and Publications menus. A limited number of paper copies are available from NCEA's Technical Information Staff; telephone: (202) 564-3261; facsimile: (202) 565-0050. If you are

requesting a paper copy, please provide your name, mailing address, and the document title, Reference Dose for Methylmercury (NCEA-S-0930). Copies are not available from Versar, Inc.

Comments may be mailed to the Technical Information Staff (8623D), NCEA-W, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, or delivered to the Technical Information Staff at 808 17th Street, NW., 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20006; telephone: (202) 564-3261; facsimile: (202) 565-0050. Comments should be in writing and must be postmarked by November 29, 2000. Please submit one unbound original with pages numbered consecutively, and three copies of the comments. For attachments, provide an index, number pages consecutively with the comments, and submit an unbound original and three copies. Electronic comments may be e-mailed to: nceadc-comment@epa.gov.

Please note that all technical comments received in response to this notice will be placed in a public record. For that reason, commentors should not submit personal information (such as medical data or home address), Confidential Business Information, or information protected by copyright. Due to limited resources, acknowledgments will not be sent.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For workshop information, registration, and logistics, contact Versar Inc., (Ms. Marit Espevik, telephone: (703) 750-3000, ext. 460; facsimile: (703) 642-6954).

For information about the draft document, contact the Technical Information Staff, NCEA-Washington Office; telephone: (202) 564-3261; facsimile: (202) 565-0050; or e-mail: nceadc-comment@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 1997, U.S. EPA issued the Mercury Study Report to Congress (MSRC). Among the assessments in the MSRC was a state-of-the-science evaluation of the health effects of methylmercury. There has been considerable discussion within the scientific community regarding the level of exposure to methylmercury that is likely to be without appreciable risk of adverse health effects. Congress directed EPA through the House Appropriations Report for FY99 to contract with the National Research Council to evaluate the body of data on the health effects of methylmercury, with particular emphasis on new data since the 1997 Mercury Study Report to Congress, and provide recommendations regarding issues relevant to the derivation of an appropriate RfD for methylmercury. EPA has thoroughly reviewed this

document, and concurs with the NRC findings and recommendations. The NRC document is used as the basis for the current EPA derivation of the RfD for methylmercury.

Methylmercury is a highly toxic substance; there are a number of adverse health effects associated with methylmercury exposure. Most extensive are the data for neurotoxicity, particularly in developing organisms. Therefore the brain is considered to be the most sensitive target organ for which there are data suitable for derivation of an RfD. The NRC considered three epidemiological longitudinal developmental studies suitable for quantitative risk assessment: the Seychelles Islands, the Faroe Islands, and New Zealand. The Seychelles study has yielded no evidence of impairment related to methylmercury exposure, while both the other studies have found dose-related adverse effects on a number of neuropsychological endpoints. The Faroe Islands study, the larger of the latter two studies, has been extensively peer-reviewed and is used for the derivation of the RfD. The NRC's major finding is that the results of the Faroe Islands study provide a scientifically credible basis on which to base EPA's RfD.

The RfD derived in this assessment is 0.1 ug/kg per day. This is the same as the RfD derived by EPA in 1995 based on an earlier study of a poisoning episode in Iraq, in which data on adverse neurological effects in infants was used as the point of departure for derivation of the RfD.

Dated: October 24, 2000.

William H. Farland,

Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.

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EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

Notice of Open Special Meeting of the Sub-Saharan Africa Advisory Committee of the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Export-Import Bank)

SUMMARY: The Sub-Saharan Africa Advisory Committee was established by Pub. L. 105-121, November 26, 1997, to advise the Board of Directors on the development and implementation of policies and programs designed to support the expansion of the Bank's financial commitments in Sub-Saharan Africa under the loan, guarantee and insurance programs of the Bank.

Further, the committee shall make recommendations on how the Bank can facilitate greater support by U.S. commercial banks for trade with Sub-Saharan Africa.

TIME AND PLACE: Wednesday, November 15, 2000, at 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Export-Import Bank in Room 1143, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20571.

AGENDA: This meeting will include a review of Export-Import Bank activities in sub-Saharan Africa.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The meeting will be open to public participation, and the last 10 minutes will be set aside for oral questions or comments. Members of the public may also file written statement(s) before or after the meeting. If any person wishes auxiliary aids (such as a sign language interpreter) or other special accommodations, please contact, prior to November 10, 2000, Teri Stumpf, Room 1215, Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20571, Voice: (202) 565-3502 or TDD (202) 565-3377.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, contact Teri Stumpf, Room 1215, 811 Vermont Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20571, (202) 565-3502.

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General Counsel.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[Report No. 2448]

Petitions for Reconsideration and Clarification of Action in Rulemaking Proceedings

October 23, 2000.

Petitions for Reconsideration and Clarification have been filed in the Commission's rulemaking proceedings listed in this Public Notice and published pursuant to 47 CFR Section 1.429(e). The full text of this document is available for viewing and copying Room CY-A257, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. or may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, ITS, Inc. (202) 857-3800. Oppositions to these petitions must be filed by November 14, 2000. See § 1.4(b)(1) of the Commission's rules (47 CFR 1.4(b)(1)). Replies to an opposition must be filed within 10 days after the time for oppositions have expired.

Subject: Implementation of 911 Act; Use of N11 Codes and Other Abbreviated Dialing Arrangements (CC