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### Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor." Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 2).<sup>4</sup> Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered.

### Environmental Mailing List

This notice is being sent to individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project. It is also being sent to all identified potential right-of-way grantors. By this notice we are also asking governmental agencies, especially those in appendix 3, to express their interest in becoming cooperating agencies for the preparation of the EA.

### Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1-866-208-FERC or on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance with eLibrary, the eLibrary helpline can be reached at 1-866-208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659, or at

[FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). The eLibrary link on the FERC Internet Web site also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission now offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries and direct links to the documents. Go to [www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm](http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm).

Finally, public meetings or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx> along with other related information.

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP04-12-000]

#### TransColorado Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Compression Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

November 12, 2003.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Compression Expansion Project involving construction and operation of facilities by TransColorado Gas Transmission Company (TransCo) in various counties in Colorado.<sup>1</sup> These facilities would consist of three new compressor stations, additional compression at one existing compressor station, and an upgrade at one existing compressor station, providing a total of 20,120 additional horsepower. The new compression facilities would provide TransCo the ability to transport an additional 125,000 dekatherms per day. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decisionmaking process to determine whether the

project is in the public convenience and necessity.

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

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" was attached to the project notice TransCo provided 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 ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)).

### Summary of the Proposed Project

TransCo seeks authority to construct three new compressor stations; install additional compression at one existing compressor station; and make an upgrade at one existing compressor station. All facilities would be in Colorado. Specifically, TransCo would:

- Construct one new compressor station (Whitewater) in Mesa County and install one 4,735-horsepower (hp) compressor;
- Construct one new compressor station (Redvale) and 692 feet of 10-inch-diameter pipeline in Montrose County, and install one 4,735-hp compressor;
- Construct one new compressor station (Mancos) in Montezuma County and install two 3,550-hp compressors;
- Install one 3,550-hp compressor at an existing compressor station (Dolores) in Dolores County;
- Re-wheel a compressor at an existing compressor station (Olathe) in Montrose County, with no change in horsepower; and
- Construct, modify, and operate certain ancillary facilities entirely within or immediately adjacent to TransCo's existing facilities or those proposed in this application.

The general location of all project facilities as well as more detailed locations of the proposed new

<sup>4</sup> Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.

<sup>1</sup> TransCo's application was filed with the Commission under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.