

168 FERC ¶ 61,196
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Before Commissioners: Neil Chatterjee, Chairman;
Richard Glick and Bernard L. McNamee.

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC

Docket No. CP16-494-000

ORDER VACATING CERTIFICATE AUTHORIZATION IN PART

(Issued September 26, 2019)

1. On November 21, 2017, the Commission authorized Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco), under section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA),¹ to construct and operate three new compressor stations and a new pipeline interconnect, and modify two existing compressor stations in Southeast Texas (Gulf Connector Expansion Project).²
2. On August 1, 2019, Transco filed a motion requesting that the Commission vacate, in part, the certificate authorization issued on November 21, 2017, for portions of the project it no longer intends to construct. Specifically, Transco states it does not plan to perform valve and piping modifications at existing Compressor Station 35 in Harris County, Texas (Station 35), and associated modifications at mainline valve (MLV) 30-40.³

¹ 15 U.S.C. § 717f(c) (2018).

² *Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Co.*, 161 FERC ¶ 61,214 (2017) (2017 Certificate Order). On November 20, 2018, the Commission amended the certificate to reflect changes in the cost of service and to no longer phase-in the service of the Gulf Connector Expansion Project. *Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Co.*, 165 FERC ¶ 61,154 (2018).

³ Transco did not identify the need to modify MLV 30-40 until after the Commission issued the 2017 Certificate Order. Transco filed a variance request to perform the modifications on March 6, 2018, which Commission staff approved on March 15, 2018. *Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Co.*, Letter Order Approving Variance Request, Docket No. CP16-494-000 (Mar. 15, 2018) (delegated order) (March 15 Letter Order).

3. Because Transco does not intend to construct the modifications described above, we will vacate, in part, the authorizations granted in the 2017 Certificate Order and March 15 Letter Order.

The Commission orders:

The certificate authorizations issued to Transco in the 2017 Certificate Order and March 15 Letter Order are vacated, in part, as described above.

By the Commission.

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Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.